



Trampas Topics

June, 2017

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, June 19, 2017
Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley
Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2017 Big Sir Paul Ramacciotti

Carmel Valley Ranch; SIR in Need; That Mule, Old Rivers and Me



Carmel Valley Ranch: As I begin to write this, we have just completed the second day of the Carmel Valley Ranch SIR golf outing, and I'm searching for inspiration. What better place than Carmel, "Paradise by the Sea", even though my view right now is of three air conditioners and one swamp cooler on the roof below our hotel room. But, you get my drift!! I can't begin to say enough, and I will stick my neck out and speak for others as well, when I say what an exceptional job Jim Barstow, and his group of merry men, did in organizing, orchestrating, and choosing one of the most enjoyable and challenging golf venues. But this goes beyond just playing golf. It gave those of us who attended two plus days to spend time with friends in one of the world's most beautiful settings, unobstructed by life's everyday demands. Just plain fun with friends. Priceless!!!

SIR in Need: I struggled with how to title this section because I didn't want to sound morose. On Friday, May 12, Little Sir Marty Katz and I attended a District 2 meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the reorganization of SIR districts and leadership. One item of discussion stuck out: membership has declined from a high of 30,000+ in 1997 to just over 14,500 members today. This is not to say that SIR is in a death spiral, because membership has actually picked up in the last year or so. This was a natural segue into a discussion of membership and the importance of recruiting new members. As is true of any organization, membership is the lifeblood, not only membership in itself, but participation of members in events sponsored by the organization, such as the Carmel Valley Golf Tournament. Just belonging won't necessarily inspire anyone to do anything, but attending and participating in events will.

That Mule, Old Rivers and Me: In the late 50's, Walter Brennan recorded a song by that title. He did not have a good singing voice, but like some songs Jimmy Durante sang, it just worked. I never forgot the lyrics because they remind me of friendship, where we all strive to go some day, and how quickly time goes in our quest to get there. YouTube it. Simple song worth listening to.

Paul Ramacciotti, Big SIR

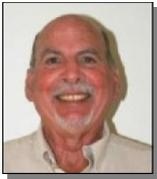


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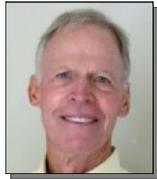
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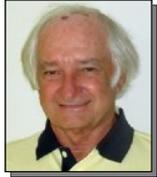
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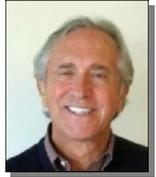
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2017 Activity Chairmen

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\$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Walking Tours	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256

Some Other SIR Area 2 Activities

Apple User Grp.	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947
Bocce	Bob Barnes (Br.8)	686-0106
Bowling	Dan Weller (Br. 8)	935-5510
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Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (174)	376-8140

2017 Support Chairmen

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Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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"	Gary Boswell	673-3545
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Raffle	Don Schroeder	837-6005
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Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Travel	Marty Katz	484-0122
Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

June 2017

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	6 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Mly. Bridge Ctr)	7 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	8	9 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Panera Bread, Country Wood Shopping Ctr)	10
11	12 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	13 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	14 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, Walnut Creek)	15	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Walking Tour (10:30@ Filoli Gardens, Woodside) </div> 	17 Walking Tour
18 Father's Day	19 SIR Br. 116 Mtg. & Sports Car Photo Shoot (11:30@ Boundary Oak)	20 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Napa Kennedy GC) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Massimo Ristorante) Poker Group #2 (1:00@ Diablo Country Club)	21 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	22 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	23 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Osage Park, Danville)	24
25	26 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Cyn GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	27 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Massimo Ristorante) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	28 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood CC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	\	30	



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	May 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 30,710.0606
Disbursements	\$ (1,654.77)	\$ (30,511.26)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 2,797.23	\$ 198.80
May 26th Cash Balance		\$ 8,870.13

June Birthdays

When you see these members, wish them a Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Matt Arena | 13. Bill McCallum |
| 2. Andy Benz | 14. Charlie McInnis |
| 3. Sam Beret | 15. Dirk Meyer |
| 4. Dick Bergamini | 16. Lou Meylan |
| 5. Dave Carlson | 17. Troy Powell |
| 6. Bob Carter | 18. Don Schroeder |
| 7. Rog Craig | 19. Harry Sherinian |
| 8. Kevin Donahue | 20. Dave Tullus |
| 9. Phil Goff | 21. Fred Wachowicz |
| 10. Jerry Hunter | 22. Mike Ward |
| 11. Jerry Kaplan | 23. Jai Yee |
| 12. Alex Lutkus | |



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	219
Inactive Members:	25

State 'SIR Happenings'

Enjoy reading *SIR Happenings* and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website located at:

sirinc.org/sirhappenings



Meeting Speaker

Little SIR Marty Katz
(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

For June 19th meeting. I will be presenting Dr. Hopkins, MD, Board Certified in Urology. With his expertise in the surgical treatment of Genitourinary (urinary and reproductive organs). He also specializes in prostate, bladder and kidney cancer. These surgeries are all done by Robotics.

Let's all find out why we get up at 3am in the morning.



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 116 Luncheon

June 19, 2017

Salad

Baby Mixed Green Salad

Artichoke Hearts, Orange Segments, Garlic Croutons
Parmesan Cheese, Tarragon Vinaigrette

Entrees

Chicken Parmesan

Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables
Tarragon Butter Sauce
Or

Alaskan Cod

Chili Marinated Cod, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables,
Roasted Tomato Chili Butter Sauce
Or

Vegetarian Option

Stuffed Peppers

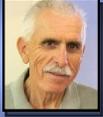
Roasted Peppers, Zucchini, Eggplant, Mushrooms, Spinach
Tomato Basil Sauce

Dessert

Bailys Irish Cream Cake

Crème Anglaise, Chantilly Cream

**Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !**



Meeting Attendance

Sam Beret

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

After a break in May, we will have our June meeting on June 19, 2017 at Boundary Oak Golf Course.

We have our monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for May and December.

There are no lunch meetings in those two months. For each monthly meeting, all Branch 116 members have a standing reservation and they are expected to attend. They are welcome to bring guests if they wish.

We meet at the Boundary Oak Golf Course located in Walnut Creek on Valley Vista Road. The meeting room is open beginning at 11:00 and attendees are free to buy drinks in the bar area. Lunch is served at 12:00.

Our luncheons are served at the table and members have a choice between two entrees. Lunch cost is \$25.

Next luncheon will be on **Jun 19, 2017**. If you are not going to attend the meeting, please notify me by **no later than June 12, 2017**, preferably by email at luncheon116@gmail.com. You can also call Attendance Hot Line 925-806-8874; however email is preferred. We have to pay for members who do not attend without notifying me one week in advance. These members will be charged \$25 lunch fee.

If you are bringing a guest to the meeting, also notify me by email [preferred] or by calling the Attendance Hotline by no later than June 12, 2017. Please spell out the full name of your guest and your name and badge number.



Poker

Jerry Kaplan

(mgkaplan@astound.net)

Poker Group plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. Low stakes, good times and fun. To play, contact Jim Shurr (925-937-9142) or Jerry Kaplan (925-938-1037) at least 24 hrs. before the game.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The Dine-O-Sirs should be out in full force on our scheduled two night events, **Tuesdays June 20 and 27**. The Dine-Out events will take place at "MAS-SIMO RISTORANTE" located 1604 Locust Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This is one of the East Bay's Premier Restaurants and is noted for its fine food, drinks and Service. We will have our own private room which will accommodate about 40 people each evening. Reservations will be limited, so get your's in ASAP. Price for dinner, inclusive of tip & tax will be \$35 PP. House red and white wines will be \$20 per bottle and \$5 per glass. House drinks will be \$5.

Start--Organic Mixed Green Salad,--aged balsamic vinaigrette, honey glazed walnuts, goat cheese Crostini and warm bread

ENTREE CHOICES:

1. Grilled Hanger Steak- Bordelaise Sauce, Gorgonzola butter
2. Pan Seared Filet of Salmon,- fresh spinach risotto, red pepper coulis, lemon sauce
3. Chicken Parmigiana- Cavatappi Pasta, Marinara Sauce, seasonal fresh vegetables; served as appropriate.

DESSERT: Choice of Apple Tart w/Ice cream OR Tiramisu (Tell your server)

Coffee & Tea included in dinner price. These should prove to be outstanding dine out events---so don't miss out.

Easy parking on the street or just across the street in Public parking facility next to the Civic Theater. Send your reservation request to Ben Smith, 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA 94507-- e-mail bjsssmith@aol.com



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be **Thursday, June 22nd**, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am, come early.

Trout are our spring target, and Terry Miller, Bob Stein, Paul Dubow, Ken Konzak, Thom Watkins, Carl Moyer, Bob Lively, Ross Abbot, and Lee Clark all enjoyed some nice weather, but had mixed catches from limits to nothing. Ernie Wong and Ken Konzak travelled to Pyramid Lake in Nevada for fly fishing for the big native cutthroat trout there with very productive days fishing from their ladders. Hal Tatro caught nice trout while camping at Collins and Pardee lakes. He, Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, Brad Hatcher, Dick Thomson, and Jack Waddell did very well with stripers from a guided trip to New Hogan Reservoir. The ocean has been dangerous, and unproductive. Stan Wong has been busy at Lake Berryessa assisting with trout planting, and catching bass and bluegill; in the bay catching halibut on a party boat; and in the delta for striped bass. Ralieg Davis went to Alaska for some good rock fish and halibut, but no salmon. Rich Fiscina caught a halibut in the bay. Carl Moyer's backyard spring fish fry was well attended, the fellows got to get together and tell all their fish stories while eating couples amounts of fried fish. Carl does this twice a year and everybody who attends has a great time. everyone got to tell their stories, and eat their fill.

Contacts are Paul Dubow, Big Fish (415-495-6504) and Harry Sherinian Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator (925-846-7067).



Fish Fry at Carl Moyer's House



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



The book exchange table will be in the room adjoining the bar. Please take advantage and take a book or books that you think you might enjoy. We are always grateful for your contributions of books that you have read and enjoyed. No Rules!



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"The Winter Fortress" by Neal Bascomb

The Book Group met on Monday, 22 May, 2017 to discuss "The Winter Fortress" by Neal Bascomb, a work of nonfictional work detailing two acts of sabotage by the Norwegian resistance which twice frustrated Hitler's efforts to develop an atomic bomb. The first was within a heavy water plant and the second was aboard a ferry which sunk with its precious cargo to the depths of lake. The resistance fighters survived horrific winter conditions, scaled sheer cliffs, and showed extraordinary preparation to achieve their objectives. John Kopchik recommended the book and Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Paul Freitas, Garrett Girvin, Mac McLoughlin, Jerry Christopherson, Joe Cain, John Riordan, Mike Schneider, Dick Kauffman, and John Frazier. The group awarded the book a superlative 4.5 stars. If you haven't read it, get a copy.

On **Monday, 26 June**, the group will meet to discuss "A Man Called Ove," by Fredrik Backman. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, California.



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

There is no June meeting of the Area 2 Computers & Technology group. We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday July 20, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive (title to be announced later). We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies - but some months are free, so come and see if our May meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Max Nunan from ITKid talking to the Computer & Tech Group



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's bridge is every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, played at Diablo Country Club, with lunch and bridge starting at 11:30. It is Chicago style so all bridge players are welcome.

We had a bit of a bump in May, as Diablo CC could not accompany us on the 2nd Tuesday due to a club event, but we are back on schedule for the balance of the year.

If you have any interest in bridge, so come join us. We are basically harmless and play at all levels of bridge. Call Jon Dickson, 837-1178 if you are interested.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Bob Wolf** had hip replacement surgery and was pleased to learn that he was able to get out of bed the same day. His recovery has been excellent. Bob is completely recovered with an occasional little twinge.

SIR **Larry Johnson** continues with his routine at the gym Monday Wednesday and Friday. Considering the number of conditions he is dealing with how many of us can keep up with Larry? He admits that he has slowed down a bit but we can all admire his courage.

SIR **Tim Dorr** has found a happy home with his walker. If this device prevents future falls he is way ahead of the game. Tim's spirits are good and that is a blessing.

"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you" -Elbert Hubbard

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

Our next meeting is **Wed June 28** at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant in the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

Our speaker will be Tom Kopas of Pring Turner. He always has an interesting presentation and will talk about how the current political climate affects the market. The Legends opens at 7 AM.

Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

Chair: tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.net

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

September 6, 7 & 8, 2017

It's time to start thinking about signing up for this year's golf outing in Carson City. This event has something for everyone: golf, bridge, banquets, hosted cocktails, prizes, gambling, shopping and lots of socializing.

The Getaway includes: 3 nights lodging (a choice of hotels), 2 rounds of golf with cart, 3 banquets which includes a hosted bar and wine on each table, ladies events, \$1,000 worth of raffle prizes, golf balls, tee gift and bar, food & gaming coupons **all for one reasonable price.**

We will be playing Silver Oak and Eagle Valley West (the women will play the East course). Golf carts will be provided both days. There will be 3 flights for men and 2 for women. The mens' 3rd flight will hit from the red tees. Format will be shot gun. Couples will play together on the first day. Several prizes will be awarded to both men and women for lowest net scores in each flight, closest to the pin and most improved from the first day to the second.

A group of ladies will be playing Mexican Train or bridge and other games both days: or if one chooses they can play bridge one day and golf the next. There are also many things for the ladies who do not golf to do in the Carson City, Reno and Tahoe area. In addition to the Casino, a beautiful shopping center is nearby, there are many good restaurants, and sight seeing trips and tours are available.

There is always lots of socializing before, during and after our cocktails and banquets each night.

If you have never attended this 3 day event, we suggest you sign up and find out what a fun time we have every year. This Getaway is also open to friends and family. Bring them as we always have space for all fun loving people. Several join us each year and always have a great time.

The **Entry Form** is available in this issue of the "Trampas Topics" and also on the Branch golf web-site www.branch116.org/116-golf Early sign ups

opportunity to get more rooms should it become necessary. If you would like more information contact Tim Hubbard (925) 357-8273 or e-mail tthubbs@astound.net.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

For a change our Wine Event took place before the Trampas Topics deadline.

Nineteen of us met yesterday, May 25th at the home of Jerry and Kathy Hicks. It was a very pleasant day but a bit on the cool side so we stayed inside for the most part, except for picture taking and admiring Jerry's vineyard.

The theme was 'Wines From Spain'. There were colored maps available that showed the various wine growing regions of Spain with ours highlighted.

Jerry met everyone at the door with a glass of sparkling Cava from the Catalonia area.

There were 4 more selections that were enjoyed for the rest of the afternoon with frequent breaks to visit Kathy's delicious hors d'oeuvres table. The food was paired to compliment the Spanish wine theme and featured some very nice empanadas.

The next wine was a white Albarino from the Rios Baixas region of northwest Spain.

This was followed by a red Priorat from Catalonia, a very nice Grenache blend. Then came two Tempranillos from the region north of Madrid. One a 100% Tempranillo from Vecordia. The other a blend with 10% Mazuelo from Valserrano. My personal preference was for the blend.

Our next event will be on July 27th.

Contact Jack Bevis for more information at

Sports Car Photo Shoot

The Sports Car Photo Shoot will be immediately after our June 19th Meeting at Boundary Oak and we will meet in the Northern parking lot near the golf course fence. Don't forget to bring your car!

Carmel Golf Outing

May 17-18, 2017





Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

Relatively new members will lead the June walks. Step up folks, everyone needs to volunteer. SIR is an organization that thrives on everyone contributing.

The **Friday, June 9**, walk, will be led by JOE CAIN and will meet at 8:15am in front of Panera Bread in the Country Wood shopping center, corner of treat and Bancroft. Please RSVP to Joe:

<jlcain45@yahoo.com>

The **Friday, June 23**, walk will be led by Don Murray. Meet at 8:15 am at Osage Park, 816 Brookside Dr, Danville, CA 94526 (This is near the Charlotte Woods middle school, off Sycamore Valley Road). Coffee and conversation will be at Black Bear Diner. Please RSVP to Don:

<dmurray721@comcast.net>

All walks are with or without significant others. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even when the member is unable. Also, members and/or spouses are invited to join the post walk convocation even if they are unable to participate is a particular walk.

Those from other SIR branches wishing to join this mellow group, or to be added to the e-mail contact list, should contact Joel White (zpz2mrz@yahoo.com, 925-964-0994)



"Mexican Train" Dominos

Richard Madden

(maddenram@sbcglobal.net)

"Mexican Train" is a domino game which uses a set of Double Twelve Dominoes. From 2 to 8 can play. Each player draws 11 to 15 dominoes. The number of dominoes each player draws depends on the number of players. The object of the game is to play all your dominoes. When you draw your hand you set it up so that the adjacent dominoes match. During the play of a round there are things that can derail your train so that you cannot play. This can make the game very interesting and a lot of FUN!

We had five players so the group was larger than last month. We were happy to have Kirk McVean back after his time away in Palm Springs. Harry Sherinian, Robbie Robinson, Bob Wolf and Richard Madden were also in attendance. Richard was the winner just beating out Harry by 24 points. Third and fourth place went to Kirk and Robbie with Kirk edging out Robbie by one point. The scores ranged from 208 to 528.

We meet at **10:00 AM on the second Wednesday** of each month at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek. Our next meeting is on June 14th.

We had Couples Train on April 20th. Three couples and a half played and everyone had a good time. Couples Train is scheduled for June 28th. I will send out an announcement to the regular Train List. Let me know if you would like to be added to this list.

You can contact Richard Madden, e-mail above or 925.788.4223



Mexican Train in Action

(Gary Bonfiglio, Kirk McVean, Harry Sherinian and Robbie Robinson)

Trampas Topics Submissions



We need your contributions and suggestions for Trampas Topics. Please send photos, news items, SIR activities, and Letters to the Editor to:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com

SIR BRANCH 116

2017 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 6-7-8, 2017



Sept. 7 at Silver Oak 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept. 8 at Eagle Valley West (Men) 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept. 8 at Eagle Valley East (Ladies) 8:30 Tees
 36 holes of golf, including cart



Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast
 Golfer..... \$391.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer.....\$283.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single.....\$491.00

Staying at City Center Motel

Golfer..... \$351.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer.....\$243.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single..... \$411.00

ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights
 Golf balls, tee gift and raffle prizes
 Food, gaming and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 collected upon arrival

Entry deadline is August 23



Mail to: Tim Hubbard
 1744 Carriage Drive
 Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Non-Golfers
*Ladies Bridge or Mexican Train
 are being planned
 Please indicate your interest below***

Please complete the form and circle your selections
Hardman House or City Center Motel

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. _____ 2. _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to *SIR Branch 116 Golf*

Your e-mail address: _____

**** I'm Interested in Playing Mexican Train or Bridge- One Day or Both Days (circle choice)**

For Questions: e-mail Tim at tthubbs@astound.net or call (925) 357-8273



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next Branch 116 Walking Tour is scheduled for **Saturday, June 17**, at the Filoli Gardens in Woodside. This docent lead tour will cover both the estate and formal gardens. The tour starts at 10:30 am, and last approximately 2 hours. Cost of the tour is \$10 per person.

The formal gardens are composed of various flower collections, orchards, greenhouses, terraces, and much more. The country estate, designed by San Francisco architect, Willis Polk, and built for William Bourn, overlooks the gardens.

The Filoli Gardens are located at 86 Canada Road in Woodside. From the Walnut Creek area go over the San Mateo Bridge and continue on Hwy 92 until it intersects I-280. Go south on I-280 to the Edgewood Road exit. Turn left on Edgewood Rd. and continue until it ends at Canada Rd. Turn right on Canada and go about 1 1/4 miles. Turn left into the Filoli entrance and proceed to the guardhouse.

Travel time for from Walnut Creek to the Filoli Gardens will be approx. 1 hour. Carpools are encouraged. An optional lunch to follow. For further information, or to participate, please contact Bernie Wroblewski at (925) 820-3274 or e-mail bbwroblewski@comcast.net.



Book Group at Their May Meeting



SIR Travel

By Marty Katz, Travel Chairman

(mctkatz@pacbell.net)

Some of the many SIR Travel Opportunities

Aug 14-22, 2017: US & Canadian National Parks. Explore 7 spectacular including Glacier National Park, Banff National Park, Kootenay National Park, Waterton National Park. You'll also visit Lake Louise, Emerald Lake, Silverado Silver Mine, and Spokane. Cost of \$3250 includes RT Air, Tour Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Taxes and Gratuities. Tom Duncanson, Br.20, 831-662-8605.

Aug 14-18, 2017: Ashland, Shakespeare Festival. 5 day tour featuring the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Jacksonville Belle Fiore Winery, Harry & David's Dinner Cabaret Show, Country Village, and Kitchens of Harry and David before returning to Ashland for a visit the Oregon Cabaret Theatre. Cost of \$1450 includes Deluxe Motorcoach, 4 nights lodging, 9 meals, 3 performances and Tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521. (*This trip is now waitlisted*)

Also checkout SIR Area 2 Web Site for many other travel opportunities (<http://area2.sirinc2.or>).

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Trampas Topics
branch116.org/trampas/

Computer and Technology
a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman
(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

The 18-hole group plays once a week in a Tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away.

In addition to the Tournament format, Special Events such as Match Play, Best Ball, Scramble, and others are also periodically scheduled.

Those playing in the 18-hole group must be members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and establish a handicap index. You may join the NCGA through our SIR club or through another club.

Foursomes in both the 18-hole and 9-hole groups are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch.

All our events are listed in the Trampas Topics and on our web site at branch116.org/116-golf. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great courses with reasonable prices.



Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman
(rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)

SIR 116 9-Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields-Concord, Diablo Hills-Walnut Creek, and other 9 hole courses in the area.

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2nd place 2 and 3rd place 1. The 2016 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

In December, we will again hold our 9 Hole Golf Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be 3 rounds of golf. One round at each of the courses we play. The Tournament Champion will be the golfer with lowest net total for 2 rounds. If a participant plays all 3 rounds, he can choose which 2 rounds will count.

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website is: branch116golf.org

Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

- 2016 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.
- 18-Hole Pairings: Shows captains, teams, start-

ing times & handicaps for next event.

- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Shows results from recent events and leaders in each group.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Shows checks that have been received for the next 3-4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Shows who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions.

June 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 07	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 14	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 21	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 28	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

June 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:32	Boundary Oak	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 12	9:32	Boundary Oak	Phil Jenkins
Tue. 20	10:00	Napa Kennedy	Art Vogl
Mon. 26	9:30	Franklin Canyon	Art Vogl

18-Hole Results

Tilden Park, Mon, May 22, 2017

David Harris, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Phil Goff	67 3	1st	Don Schroeder	64 1	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	66 1	1st	Art Vogl	68 3
2nd	Mel Williams	69 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	65 2	2nd	Bob Testa	68 2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	70 2
3rd	Jim Johnson	70 1	Tie 3rd	Jim Barstow	66 1	Tie 3rd	Dave Carlson	72 1	3rd	Matt Arena	76 1
			Tie 3rd	Gary Boswell	66 1	Tie 3rd	Alex Lutkus	72 1			
						Tie 3rd	Terry Sherman	72 1			
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Phil Goff	82		Don Schroeder	85		Bernie Wroblewski	92		Phil Jenkins	104
<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>		
	Al Zavattero						Bob Testa				

Delta View, Mon, May 15, 2017

Phil Jenkins, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Tie 1st	Mel Williams	67 3	Tie 1st	Don Schroeder	68 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	66 3	1st	Art Vogl	64 3
Tie 1st	Al Zavattero	67 3	Tie 1st	Carlos Xavier	68 3	Tie 2nd	Richard Madden	70 2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	70 2
3rd	Jim Johnson	68 1	3rd	Gary Boswell	70 1	Tie 2nd	Bob Testa	70 2	3rd	Robbie Robinson	71 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Jim Johnson	86		Don Schroeder	89		Bernie Wroblewski	92		Art Vogl	101
	Mel Williams	86									
<u>Closest-to #13</u>			<u>Closest-to #13</u>			<u>Closest-to #13</u>			<u>Closest-to #13</u>		
							Bob Testa				

Boundary Oak, Mon, May 1, 2017

Gary Boswell, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Tie 1st	Phil Goff	68 3	1st	Don Schroeder	66 3	1st	Dave Carlson	61 3	1st	Fred Schafer	67 3
Tie 1st	Jerry Hicks	68 3	2nd	Gary Boswell	68 2	2nd	Terry Sherman	62 2	Tie 2nd	Art Vogl	75 2
3rd	Denny Giambastiani	70 1	Tie 3rd	Jim Barstow	70 1	3rd	Phil Perrelli	65 1	Tie 2nd	Bill Hemmelsbach	75 2
			Tie 3rd	Bob Donohue	70 1						
			Tie 3rd	Hugh Duggan	70 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Phil Goff	84		Don Schroeder	88		Dave Carlson	92		Fred Schafer	103
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
	Phil Goff			Hugh Duggan						Phil Jenkins	

Slow SIR Br. 116 Golf Play?



Sirs Dave Carlson, Al Zavattero, Bernie Wroblewski, Sam Beret, Ron Armijo & Jim Barstow + photographer Wayne Cook backed-up, waiting for hole to clear at Hiddenbrooke!

On one par 5, a group was on the green, two other groups were in the fairway and a forth group on the tee box waiting to hit. **With four groups on the same hole it wasn't difficult keeping up with the group ahead, but it makes one wonder how many open holes were ahead?**

By Anonymous

18-Hole First Half Leaders, January-June, 2017 (As of Tilden Park, May 22, 2017)

<u>FLIGHT 1</u>		<u>FLIGHT 2</u>		<u>FLIGHT 3</u>		<u>FLIGHT 4</u>	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Al Zavattero	20	Don Schroeder	27	David Carlson	21	Art Vogl	25
Jerry Hicks	14	Jim Barstow	20	Bob Testa	20	Conrad Robertson	21
Jim Johnson	13	Gary Boswell	16	Bernie Wroblewski	20	Bill Hemmelsbach	12
David Harris	12	John Story	8	Richard Madden	7	Robbie Robinson	12
Phil Goff	11	Frank Crua	7	Terry Sherman	7	Carl Langhorst	11
Bill McCord	9	Carlos Xavier	7	Kevin Donahue	6	Phil Jenkins	6
Mel Williams	8	Al Hutchko	5	Alex Lutkus	5	Greg Hughes	5
Alan Fitzgerald	7	Bob Donohue	4	Jed Daniel	4	Fred Schafer	5
Denny Giambastiani	4	Dirk Meyer	3	Marty Katz	4	Jerry Christopherson	2
Michael Barrington	3	Frank Portillo	2	Pete Coggiola	1	Matt Arena	1
Warren Garrison	2	Randy Welker	2	Phil Perrelli	1		
		Hugh Duggan	2				
		Don Benioff	1				

Golf Hotline: The Golf Telephone Hotline can be reached at 925-906-5355.

You may leave a message to register for 9-Hole & 18-Hole tournaments, cancel a previous registration, make special requests for pairings, ask to be added to a waiting list after the deadline and check to see if a tournament has been cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons.

- If you are registering for Boundary Oak, please indicate whether you are Walking or Riding.
- If you are registering for Paid-in-Advance tournaments, please mail your check prior to the deadline to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P. O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683.

Electronic Signups and Cancellations

Please note that you may also signup for Boundary Oak & Paid-in-Advance tournaments on this website. Simply navigate to 18-Hole Group/Schedules & Signups and choose either Boundary Oak or Paid-in-Advance. You may cancel a previous signup either by using the telephone hotline or by sending an email to branch116golf@gmail.com.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, June 12	Napa Kennedy	June 10	\$35
Monday, June 26	Franklin Canyon	June 20	\$33
Tuesday, July 18	Rooster Run	July 10	\$42
Monday, July 24	Metropolitan	July 10	\$35
Monday, July 31	Redwood Canyon	July 10	\$37

Send checks made out to SIR Branch 116 Golf, PO Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

Did not attend one-half (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

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Checks for Trips

Trips of 2 days and 1 night or less may be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Trips in excess of 1 night must be made payable to the travel agency involved.