



Trampas Topics

May, 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

April Showers bring May Flowers: What is it about the month of May?? Could it be that the month of May is to the rest of the year, as night is to day. In other words, the passing from darkness to light, as the gloom of winter gives way to the warm sunny days of summer. Finally, golf can be played, not only once again but also under conditions that don't hinder golfers, which is the perfect segway to remind everyone of two May events: 1) the Spring Fling luncheon (aptly named) to be held on May 11th at the Crow Canyon Country Club and, 2) the Carmel Valley Ranch Golf Outing scheduled for May 17th and 18th. For those of you who have never played Carmel Valley Ranch, you're in for a treat. The beauty of Carmel, just minutes from the ocean..... Lastly, a reminder to everyone, there is no Monday luncheon in May.



I Don't Get It! As I write this, I'm vacationing in Palm Desert where the weather is a balmy 96 degrees. I'm sitting on the deck overlooking the plushness of the Marriott Valley Golf Course extending to the black and brown colors of the Tahquitz Mountains, both beautiful in their own right. So, as I soak in this beauty, what I don't get is why some people around the world are so willing to consider destroying what God has given us to enjoy. I suppose the term "Human Nature" is a good enough explanation, because that term encompasses a whole slew of good and bad things about people. I know things are what they are, and that some things, attitudes, views and personal agendas will never change. But, as I believe, and as most of us were told, it's easier to smile than it is to frown.

I Get It! Travel is one of the many activities offered through SIR Branch 116. Many partake of this activity. My wife, Donna and I are returning to Venice through Paris come this July. The reason I bring this up is that many of our fellow members and spouses/families are also vacationing overseas this summer. The question was posed to me recently, "Aren't you afraid of terrorist attacks"? I quickly responded, "No". To the best of my knowledge, no one else that I know who is traveling has voiced any apprehension. Interesting, isn't it?? I guess the possibility of enjoying the beauty of what God has given us outweighs any fear in pursuing it. I do get this!!

Paul Ramacciotti, Big SIR

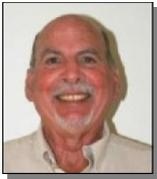


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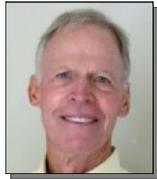
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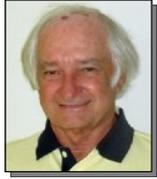
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Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

May 2017

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	2 Duplicate Bridge (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	4	5 	6
7	8 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Hiddenbrooke GC)	9 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Contra Costa Bridge Center)	10 Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, Minert Rd., WC) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	 (12:30@ Crow Canyon CC)	12 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Stone Valley Rd. Trailhead)	13
14	15 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Delta View GC)	16	17  9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	18 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21	22 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Tilden GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	23 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	24 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	25 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	26	27
28	 MEMORIAL DAY	30 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Blue Rock GC)	31			



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	April 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 7,305.90	\$ 26,258.06
Disbursements	\$(10,098.85)	\$ (28,856.49)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (2,792.95)	\$ (2,598.43)
Apr. 27th Cash Balance		\$ 6,072.90



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	219
This Month's Inductees:	1
• George Glass	
Active to Inactive:	1
• Larry Johnson	
Active Members Resigned:	0
Inactive Members:	25

May Birthdays

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

1. Doug Aalders	11. Bob Huck
2. Ron Banducci	12. Greg Hughes
3. Ben Bryce	13. Bob Kinser
4. Larry Cannon	14. George Kohut
5. Tom Conroy	15. Darrell McClaughry
6. Joe Diehl	16. John Riordan
7. Jim Flessner	17. Robbie Robinson
8. Rudy Gebert	18. Tony Rohrs
9. Chuck Gilliam	19. Al Serafino
10. Jerry Hicks	20. Al Zavattono

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



Carson City Golf Getaway 2017

Save the Date: Sept. 6, 7 & 8 2017

This 3 day event includes: 2 rounds of golf with cart at Silver Oak and Eagle Valley (East course for women, West course for men), a choice of lodging for 3 nights, 3 nightly banquets preceded by hosted cocktails, tee gift and sleeve of balls for each golfer, many raffle prizes, coupon book for food, drinks and gaming, several games for non-golfing women - Mexican Train, bridge etc. All inclusive for one very reasonable price. Friends and relatives are always welcome.

Entry forms will be available in late May with complete sign-up information. Until then put the dates on your calendar. If you want more information contact Tim Hubbard or David Harris.

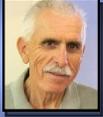
\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)
(tomh925@icloud.com)

We're working on getting a presentation for May, but don't have it locked in yet. If you need to publish now, here's a suggestion:

Our next meeting is **Wed, May 24 at 8 AM** at the Legends Restaurant in the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, ¼ mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

The program for May hasn't been confirmed yet, but we will email \$UMS attendees when this is known.



Meeting Attendance

Sam Beret

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

April 2017 Meeting

• Number of Active Members	218
• Number Guests/ Visitors in Attendance	1
• Number Transfers & Inductees in Attendance	1
• Number of Speakers	1
• Number of Members Excused from Meeting	48
• Number of Members not attending due to long-term impairment and/or mobility reasons	7
• Number of Members NOT excused from Meeting [These members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch]	15
• Total In Attendance	151
• Number of Members in Attendance	149
• Percent of Active Members in Attendance, %	68

Next luncheon will be on **June 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. 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.



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

SPRING FLING IS COMING!

Don't forget!! We have a new start time for our May 11th event at Crow Canyon Country Club.

Social Hour starts at 12:30 not 11:30

Time is running out, but you can still join us. Just clip the reservation form from our "Flyer " in this month's Trampas Topics, fill it out and mail it with your check.

ACT FAST.....

DON'T MISS THIS ONCE- A-YEAR EVENT!



SIR Travel

By Marty Katz, Travel Chairman

(mctkatz@pacbell.net)

I have made a special request for a Volunteer(s) for 2017 Travel Chairman. We all joined SIRS to participate. Your help is needed. Who will Step Up? Please contact me by email. There are rewards to this position.

Thank you

Marty Katz, Little SIR and Travel Chairman

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

Carmel Valley Ranch

Wednesday,

April 26, 2017



SIR Branch 116 Golf....

There are still a few spots available, register ASAP if you wish to join us. . The cost of Wednesday evening's Dinner (Carmel Valley Ranch) has been finalized, and guests will be required to pay an additional **\$5** at the door.

Room Reservation: Carmel Mission Inn, Phone (831) 624-1841

Further Contact Information: Jim Barstow (925) 938-274. (Also see page 11 for details).


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, May 25th**, 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.

Once again, our salmon season appears to be a bust. On opening day, April 1, almost everybody fishing from San Francisco, or Half moon bay got nothing. Carl Moyer fished with two friends from Moss Landing, and got a nice salmon each, but that was unusual. The season as it is now calls for a closure for us from April 30 to May 15, with changed length requirements. Meanwhile Ernie Wong and Don Mittlesteadt have done very well at Pyramid Lake in Nevada, fly fishing from their ladders. Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, and Carl Moyer caught some nice trout from San Pablo Reservoir between the rain storms. Joe Miscione and son Keith fished bass lake for 7 very nice trout. Mike Corker, Paul Dubow, and Carl Moyer fished for stripers in the delta for almost naught, but Mike did get some black bass on another outing. Rich Fiscina, Terry Miller, and Tom Boltz did not catch a keeper sturgeon. But Sal Constanza got some nice stripers from New Hogan Reservoir. Hal Tatro caught some nice trout to 4 pounds from Pardee Reservoir.


Book Exchange
 John Fraser & Dick Kauffman
 (wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)

Everyone is invited to take advantage of the book exchange. There are no rules, enjoy a book and donate a book that you have read and liked. You are of course welcome at the book club meetings.

An interesting array of books are read and discussed over a years period


Br. 116 Book Group
 Rich Black
 (blackrw41@comcast.net)

"Americanah" by C.N. Adichie

The Book Group met on Monday, 24 April, 2017 to discuss "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a novel detailing experiences in Nigeria, The United Kingdom and the United States. The book was part romance but mostly provocative explication of race in America presented in prose of dazzling precision and empathy. Mike Barrington recommended the book and Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Tim Tinnes, John Kopchik, Steve Bort, Richard White, Paul Freitas, Garrett Girvin, Richard Rossland, Mac McLoughlin, Bob Wolf, Joel White and John Frazier. The group awarded the book 3.9 stars.

On **Monday, 22 May**, the group will meet to discuss "The Winter Fortress, The Epic Mission to Sabotage Hitler's Atomic Bomb," by Neal Bascomb. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, California.

Sports Car Photo Shoot

The Sports Car Photo Shoot will be immediately **after our June 19th Meeting** at Boundary Oak. We will meet in the Northern parking lot near the golf course fence. Everyone needs to bring their sports car that day.

Neil Schmidt





Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group [A2CAT] announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday May 18, 2017 starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

This month, Frank May will be delivering us More Windows 10 Tips & Tricks. There's always something new and interesting to learn about Windows, and Frank is going to cover some of those things that we may find useful. A copy of Frank's notes should be available about a week before the meeting at: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday May 18, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. 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.

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/



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Bridge is played every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club. Chicago style bridge after lunch, making for a delightful afternoon of playing bridge. Our LADIES DAY LUNCH & BRIDGE happened last Tuesday when 44 players showed up for an afternoon of bridge after a delightful lunch. Cards were not great but a score of over 5,700 points finally won. Two men, Bob Wolf and Dick Chaffee were the top winners with the lofty point count. Remember, a "couple" can be two women (we have a lot of these), two men (have a few) and/or regular couples Chicago style with six rounds of 4-hands each for a total of 24 hands to play make the day. Our next "Couples Bridge" will take place at Diablo Country Club on Tuesday, October 17th, so mark your calendars. Or join its on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays to play with men.



The Lion King and Darth Vader playing at Las Positas.
(David Harris, Carl Langhorst and Bill McCord)

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !

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Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Tim Dorr** was looking good when I saw him last week. Tim continues to use a walker when he is out and about . He was cheerful as ever and we had a nice talk.

SIR **Larry Johnson** has chosen to go inactive due to his many health problems. He follows his gym routine to keep up his strength and you have to admire Larry as he is now 85 years old.

SIR **Will Schnieder** has been dealing with cancer for quite a while and has been through 2 courses of chemo and one course of immune therapy. I have spoken with his wife Sandy and she tells me they are both hanging in there. Another warrior from Branch #116

“FRIENDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF THE GREATEST PLEASURE AND WITHOUT FRIENDS EVEN THE MOST AGREEABLE PURSUITS BECOME TEDIOUS”

THOMAS AQUINAS



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

We just had a meeting on March 30th, 2017.

We meet every other month at the home of one of the members. The host decides on the theme of the event, secures the wine and the hors d' oeuvres. He is reimbursed by the group for expenses.

Our next event will be on **May 25, 2017**.

For information contact Jack Bevis,
jackb435@comcast.net or 925-254-7256.



Harry Miller with his 30" Striper



Ernie Wong sitting comfortably at Pyramid Lake



Meeting Speaker

Little SIR Marty Katz

(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

There will not be a Speaker for May. We will be having our Spring Fling.

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.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday, April 14th walk led by Dan Green gathered at 8:15am at the Lafayette Christian Church parking lot and walked north on the Lafayette/Moraga regional trail on a beautiful spring morning between storms. Donna Argenbright and Rich Black, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Paul and Anna Freitas, Joel and Susan White, and Richard and Aase White enjoyed the walk. After the walk Andrea Green, joined the group for coffee and conversation. We wished her well on her upcoming back procedure to correct a fractured vertebra.

The Friday April 28th walk was led by Richard White. We met at 8:15am at the Panerra Bread in Alamo Plaza off the Stone Valley Road west exit from HWY 680. Required deadline does not allow publication of participants, *but please note that Richard is a member of another chapter who enjoys the company of our amiable group.*

The **Friday, May 12** walk will meet at 8:15am, also at the Stone Valley Road Trailhead in the same location as Richard's walk, but will go in the opposite direction and meet afterwards at Cherubini's. This walk will be led by Paul Freitas. Please RSVP to Paul: pmfreitas@pacbell.net

This is a very welcoming and congenial group. New members are always welcome. This is a group activity with spouses, but members may come without their spouse if the spouse is otherwise occupied or unavailable, and vice versa (the spouse is welcome without the member).

By the way, it's okay to just come for coffee and conversation if that fits your schedule or current physical limitations. If you plan to do so, please RSVP to the walk leader so we can make sure we have enough tables saved to accommodate all. Anyone wishing to be added (or to add their spouse) to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@gmail.com .



"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 missed our regular meeting in February but we are all set for our game in March. 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 March 8th.

We plan to have couples train in March as well. I will send out a notice to our regular train members during the early part of March. If you are interested and not on my list please call or email me so I can add your name to the list.

You can contact Richard Madden, maddenram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The Dine-O-SIR group had their "Western Night at The Back Forty Road House" on March 29th. The next dining event will be probably be sometime in June. If you don't want to miss these extremely popular events, get on the Dine-O-SIR mailing list by contacting Ben Smith at the e-mail address above.

Also, don't forget to sign-up for the Spring Fling Luncheon on May 11th at the Crow Canyon Country Club.

2017 Carmel Golf Outing

Wednesday/Thursday May 17th & 18th

Branch 116 is going back to Carmel. Spouses and Significant others are invited.



Here are the details

Hotel -- Our Group Hotel is Carmel Mission Inn, Phone (831) 624-1841. We have a SIR Branch 116 Group Rate of \$139. Reservations must be made by **April 3, 2017** to guarantee this rate. Various Hotel on-line promotions look attractive, but when our dates are selected, I have found none better than our guaranteed rate.

Golf Course -- Our Course will be new this year, Carmel Valley Ranch. This is, an exceptional course/facility. Entry includes Two rounds of Golf (including Range Balls), prize money, and Dinner. It will be Medal Play on Wednesday (two flights), and a Scramble on Thursday. Thursday's Teams will be determined by blind draw at Wednesday's Dinner

Wednesday's Dinner -- We are working on arrangements to have our Wednesday's Dinner at Carmel Valley Ranch. Details on the dinner are not yet available, with their new Food and Beverage Manager starting February 27th. Dinner details will be presented at March's Luncheon.

Cost -- You will be responsible for your own Hotel reservations/payments. The cost is \$200 (\$130 for two days of golf/range balls, \$30 prize money, and \$40 Dinner). Non-Golfers are encouraged to attend Wednesday evening's Dinner, at a cost of \$40 each. The cost of the dinner is approximate, and refunds/assessment will be made once the final cost is determined. Mail your check payable to: SIR Branch Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette CA 94549-0683.

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Carmel Valley Golf Event, May 17 and 18, 2017

Name: _____

Name: _____

No. of Golfers x \$200: _____

Non-Golfers x \$40: _____

Total Amount: _____

Send Your Checks to SIR Branch 116 Golf - P. O. Box 683 - Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

Questions? Email Jim Barstow, jbarstow@aol.com

New Branch 116 Member



New member George Glass with Sponsor Kevin Donahue



Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !

2017 SIR State Golf Schedule

JUNE

Reno Tournament June 19th through June 22nd -
(Ladies Welcome)

At the Atlantis Resort and two great courses!

Both Scramble Tournaments!!

Red Hawk Golf and Resort

JULY

Individual Area Qualifying Period

Area Tournaments held between July 1 and July 31
(reports to Divisions by 8/7/17)

AUGUST

State Team Championship Tournament ("The
Chairman's Tournament")

Monday, August 14th at Rancho Solano GC - 8:30
Shotgun - in Fairfield

(See the State Golf Manual for handicap formula
and drive requirements)

Division Qualifying Tournaments held between
August 7 and September 7 (reports to State by
9/25/17)

Location of Division Tournaments will be posted
on the Division Information Page

See <http://golf.sirinc2.org/> for more information

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.



SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman
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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
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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.

May 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 03	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 10	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 17	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 24	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson
Wed. 31	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee

May 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:32	Boundary Oak	Neil Schmidt
Mon. 08	9:30	Hiddenbrooke	C. Robertson
Mon. 15	9:30	Delta View	C. Robertson
Mon. 22	9:00	Tilden Park	Neil Schmidt
Tue. 30	9:30	Blue Rock West	Neil Schmidt

9-Hole Leaders for 2017
As of Buchanan Fields, 04/19/2017

NAME	PTS	CNT	BALLS	CNT
Katz, Marty	12	5	2	1
McClaughry, Darrell	11	5	5	3
Chaffee, Dick	11	4	6	3
Christopherson, Jerry	7	3	5	2
Jordan, Mark	6	2	1	1
Banducci, Ron	5	3	6	2
Harris, David	5	2	4	2
Lee, Brad	5	2	4	3
Sherman, Terry	5	2	1	1
Boswell, Gary	4	2	1	1
Canane, John	3	2	0	0
Williams, Dave	3	2	0	0
Anderson, Bob	3	1	0	0
Ostler, Joe	3	1	0	0
Belten, Peter	2	2	1	1
Gillian, Chuck	1	1	3	1
Grummitt, Terry	1	1	0	0
Yee, Jai	1	1	0	0
Belden, Pete	0	0	3	1
Nachtweih, Jim	0	0	4	2
Schneider, Mike	0	0	6	2

18-Hole Two Man Low Net Tournament Results
Las Positas, April 24, 2017

Teams	Net Scores	Position
David Harris and Carl Langhorst	128	1st
Alan Fitzgerald & Art Vogl	129	2nd
Jim Barstow and Terry Sherman	130	3rd
Jerry Hicks and Bill Hemmelsbach	133	T-4th
Bernie Wroblewski and Al Hutchko	133	T-4th
Conrad Robertson and Denny Giambastiani	135	6th
Gary Boswell and David Carlson	136	7th
Dirk Meyer and Marty Katz	142	8th
Randy Welker and Phill Perrelli	152	9th

18-Hole Leaders

First Half Leaders as of Los Positas, Mon. Apr. 14, 2017

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Al Zavattono	17	Jim Barstow	18	David Carlson	18	Conrad Robertson	17
David Harris	12	Don Schroeder	16	Bob Testa	14	Art Vogl	16
Jerry Hicks	11	Gary Boswell	11	Bernie Wroblewski	13	Robbie Robinson	11
Bill McCord	9	John Story	8	Kevin Donahue	6	Bill Hemmelsbach	9
Jim Johnson	8	Frank Crua	7	Richard Madden	5	Carl Langhorst	9
Alan Fitzgerald	7	Carlos Xavier	4	Jed Daniel	4	Greg Hughes	5
Phil Goff	5	Al Hutchko	3	Marty Katz	4	Phil Jenkins	4
Michael Barrington	3	Bob Donohue	3	Terry Sherman	4	Fred Schafer	2
Warren Garrison	2	Frank Portillo	2	Alex Lutkus	1	J. Christopherson	2
Mel Williams	2	Randy Welker	2	Pete Coggiola	1		
		Hugh Duggan	1				
		Don Benioff	1				



18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, May 15	Delta View	May 05	\$27
Monday, May 22	Tilden Park	May 12	\$35
Monday, May 30	Blue Rock West	May 12	\$39
Tuesday, June 12	Napa Kennedy	June 10	\$35
Monday, June 26	Franklin Canyon	June 20	\$33

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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).

Non Responsibility Declaration

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

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.