



Trampas Topics

September, 2017

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, September 18, 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

What I did on My Summer Vacation

Paris, Positano (Amalfi Coast) and Venice: That's it in a nutshell! No words or pictures are going to do justice to the three weeks of wonder and enjoyment that Donna and I experienced, along with Donna's older sister, Adele Dolansky of Fairfax, Virginia, and her best friend, semi-retired travel agent extraordinaire, Anne Thompson of Springfield, Virginia. Thank you, ladies, for an awesome trip!!



But, a funny thing happened in the course of our travels that I would like to share with all of you. As we're leaving Naples and pulling onto the freeway in our Mercedes Limo SUV, I happened to glance to my right into the outskirts of a refugee camp. For the few seconds it was in view, I noticed a woman standing in front of a tent, looking directly at me, or so it seemed she was. And in those few seconds, I couldn't help but wonder if she was wondering the same thing I was wondering, "How is it that you are there and I am here"?! That few seconds of "whatever" allowed me to reflect on words that our departed SIR brother Wayne Smith voiced years ago while we were attending the AT&T Golf Tournament at Pebble Beach, "how fortunate are we to be whom we are and where we are". Yes, how fortunate are we!! I would like to think that I thank God every morning for what we have, and I think I do, but for some reason that just doesn't seem to quite be enough, because I could so easily have been the one standing in front of that tent. Bottom line.....be grateful every day!!

Lots of Military: In a newsletter a couple of months ago I mentioned not having any "terrorism worries" about traveling overseas. Easy thing to say when you haven't been there yet. But, having now been there and back, I can confirm those initial feelings. We were fortunate to be in Paris for the finish of the Tour de France, and except for patrolling groups of military, and numerous security check points, the thought of a terrorist episode was never an issue. In fact, once out of Paris, the military pretty much vanished.

Paul Ramacciotti, Big SIR

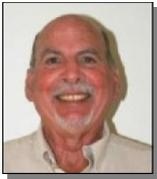


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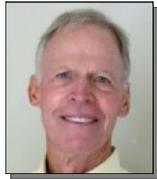
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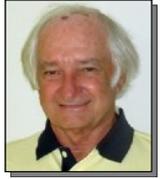
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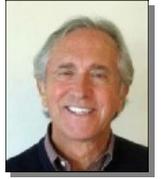
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Poker	Lou Sandor	944-1634
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Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256

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
Digital Photo.	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	254-8338
Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (174)	376-8140

2017 Support Chairmen

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Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Travel	Don Murray	837-9402
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

September 2017

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Diablo Creek GC) Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr.)	----- Carson City Getaway -----		Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Arbolado Park, WC)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Cjchurch of Christ, WC)			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30 @ Boundary Oak)	18-Hole Golf (10:12@ Rancho Solano GC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)		Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Community Center Parking Lot)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	18-Hole Golf (9:36@ Paradise Valley GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books) Hiking & Walking (8:30@ Lafayette Reservoir)	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD) Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)		





Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	August 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,401.90	\$ 46,971.76
Disbursements	\$ (4,985.78)	\$ (47,952.87)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (583.88)	\$ (981.11)
August 24th Cash Balance		\$ 7,690.22

September Birthdays

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

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Michael Barrington | 9. Allen Leschot |
| 2. Rich Black | 10. Mike Loughery |
| 3. Dave Butner | 11. Hank McDermott |
| 4. Mike Carpenter | 12. Terry Miller |
| 5. Mike Corker | 13. Jim Nachtweih |
| 6. Jim Dugan | 14. Mel Williams |
| 7. Alan Fitzgerald | 15. Carlos Xavier |
| 8. Warren Garrison | |



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members: 215
 No New Members in August
 Resigned:
 Herman Walden, deceased on 7/18
 Transfer Out:
 Bill Turnquist – Transfer to Rossmoor
 Active to Inactive:
 Kent Cremolini – Health issues
 Mark Nollsch – Consulting Opportunity

**Want a Free \$25 Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !**

Sept. Meeting Lunch Menu



THE CLUBHOUSE
AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 116 Luncheon

September 18, 2017

Salad

Sunburst Salad

Butter Lettuce, Seasonal Berries, Blue Cheese Poppy Seed Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Roast Beef Eye Round

Herb Dijon Marinated Eye Round of Beef, Brown Gravy, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes & Roasted Corn

Or

Blackened Tilapia

Dry Rub Marinated Tilapia, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Tomato Paprika Butter Sauce

Or

Vegetarian Option

Stuffed Cannelloni

Stuffed Pasta with Spinach & Ricotta Cheese, Tomato Basil Sauce

Dessert

German Chocolate Cake

Caramel Sauce, Whipped Cream

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

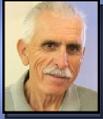
Trampas Topics Submissions



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



Meeting Attendance

Sam Beret

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

August 21, 2017 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	215
Guests/Visitors:	1
Transfers & Inductees:	0
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	55
Excused due to long term illness:	7
Members NOT excused:	3
Total Attendance:	152

Members not excused will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's bridge is every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club for lunch & bridge. All are welcome for an afternoon of Chicago Style bridge. Please do join us if you have any interest in playing bridge. Contact Jon Dickson for information.

Keep Tuesday, October 19th open for our semi-annual LADIES DAY or COUPLES BRIDGE. It is lunch & bridge at Diablo CC where you bring a partner to play with and join a room full of bridge players. "Couples" can be any two playing bridge as partners, two women, two men or the usual man & woman, just showing up to enjoy an afternoon of bridge, after a very nice lunch. This too is Chicago Style, but keeping the same partner all day. We welcome all partners!

There is also duplicate bridge at the Bridge Club in Concord every first Tuesday of the month, awarding Master Points to the winners. Contact Art Donaldson for more information on duplicate



Meeting Speaker

Little SIR Marty Katz

(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

September 18th speaker will be Michael Barrington a SIR Branch 116 member. With Michael's unique background and vast experience and education he will give a unique perspective with something fun and interesting on "Marriage Customs" based on our favorite magazine as kids, National Geographic. Remember all those wonderful pictures. Everyone get ready for October when "Fumble Fingers the Astonishing Magician" will be making a special appearance.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The Dine-O-SIR group had a fantastic social gathering and meal at the Three Bros. from China Restaurant in Pleasant Hill on August 23. The next Dine-O-SIR event will probably be in October.

To get on the Dine-O-SIR mailing list for future event announcements, send email to Ben at the address above.



Poker

Lou Sandor

(lsandor@astound.net)

Contact Lou Sandor at 925-944-1634 or lsandor@astound.net if you are interested in joining the Poker group



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, September 28th**, 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.

SALMON! We are in the midst of the best salmon fishing in years. Bob Stein, Carl Moyer, Raleigh Davis, Phil Scimonelli, Bob Fieber, and Gordon Linebaugh all had red fish for dinner. Bob Stein and Carl caught some rockfish and ling cod on another adventure. Mike Corker and Tom Kostik caught black bass in the delta, but Tom tried for salmon on the Klamath River to no avail, no salmon there yet. Mike Corker caught a really nice Striper in the Delta. Paul Dubow and sons caught Mackinaw trout from Lake Tahoe. Ernie Wong fished Lake Crowley with his fly rod for some nice trout. The wind has kept us off our normal summer inland fishing for catfish and sturgeon, but we have high hopes for a calm future. Party boats going for salmon out the gate have been fully booked as much as 5 days ahead for weekdays, more for weekends. If you want to enjoy this bonanza book early.

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

Have you checked out our new Branch Web Site?

Give it a test drive at: branch116.org



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Everyone is invited to take advantage of the book exchange. We have a wide variety of books for you to borrow or keep. We welcome your contributions of books you have read and enjoyed. For you avid readers, please consider joining our book club which meets the Monday after our luncheon at Orinda Books at 10:15 We are located in the room adjacent to the bar.



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

“The Brothers: John Foster Dulles, Allan Dulles, and their Secret World War” by Stephen Kinzer

The Book Group met on Monday, 28 August, 2017 to discuss “The Brothers: John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles...” by Stephen Kinzer, an explication of the role these two brothers, one Secretary of State, the other the head of the CIA, in American foreign policy and foreign intervention in the 1950’s. The group came away with a greater knowledge of opportunities missed during the Eisenhower administration and their tragic consequences as well a better understanding of the background and motivations of these two brothers. John Riordan recommended the book while Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Mac McLoughlin, Jerry Christopherson, Bob Wolf, Joel White, Al Farbman, Tim Tinnes, Garret Girvin, Joe Cain, Richard Rossland and John Kopchil. The group awarded the book a sliver under 4 stars.

On **Monday, 25 September**, the group will meet to discuss “City of Thieves” by David Benioff. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, California.



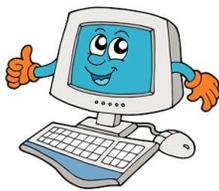
Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group [formerly A2CAT] will be on hiatus in September (no meeting). The next CAT meeting will be on Thursday, October 19.

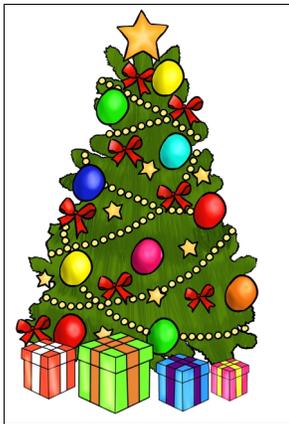
We are always looking for individuals lead a discussion on computer and technology developments. If you are willing to make a presentation to the group or know someone who will, please contact me at the email address above.



Activity Chair

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)



IT'S COMING FAST...

We're working on the plan for this year's **Christmas Party**. It will be on **Wednesday, December 13** at **Boundary Oak**.

More details will be forthcoming in the next few months, but in the meantime

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Dennis Perry** passed away following a long illness while in Hospice. Dennis was an avid Bridge player and enjoyed the players from Branch 116. He will be missed by his many friends in SIR.

SIR **Lee Dulac** has developed a debilitating illness and is a fall risk. His wife Mary Ann tells me he has fallen more than once so she has to be on the alert to help him. Here's hoping that these falls will be at a minimum.

SIR **Tim Dorr** continues to manage getting around with his walker. Tim is in good spirits and keeps up the fight. SIR Larry Johnson would like to report improvement in his condition but as it stands he keeps up his exercises and wishes for the best.

SIR **Lloyd Plank** is in residence at his daughter's home in Sacramento since his Lafayette home is partially down an embankment. He has no idea what will become of his home. His health is stabilized with cancer treatments and his attitude is amazing.

BRANCH 116 extends our appreciation to the members who have made presentations to the families of our deceased SIR' with THE CERTIFICATE OF REMEMBRANCE.

- PAST BIG SIR Art Donaldson to the family of SIR Will Schneider
- SIR Dick Breitwieser to the family of SIR Carl Cline
- SIR Bob Vetro and Mike Corker to the family of SIR HermanWalden

Friendship is born at the moment when one man says to another : What! You too? I thought that no one but myself.....

C.S.Lewis

In Memoriam
Dennis Perry
 ? — August 20, 2017



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday July 28 walk, led by **Rich Black**, commenced at the **Inspiration Point** trail head in Tilden Park. In the midst of a heat wave, this walk was perfect with its spectacular views and natural habitat, plus perfect weather. Starting in the early morning marine layer, coolness pervaded with warming and full sun commencing as the walk concluded. Richard Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David Geary, Dan Green, Joel and Susan White, and Richard and Aase White all enjoyed this beautiful walk followed by amiable convocation at Geppeto's Café in Orinda.

The Friday August 11 walk was led by past Big Sir Art Donaldson. We met at **8:15 am** at the Panera Bread in Countrywood mall. Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Joel and Susan White, and Richard and Aase White walked Briskly west on the Contra Costa Canal trail and then right on the Iron horse trail onto the Treat bridge before returning for coffee and conversation at Panera Bread.

The Friday August 25 walk was led by John Riordan at the Lafayette Reservoir. Following the walk, we adjourned to Chow restaurant in Lafayette.

The **Friday September 8** walk will be led by **Joel White**. Meet at 8:15am At Arbolado Park in Walnut Creek, at the lower parking lot near the play equipment. We will convene following the walk at Denica's Walnut Creek. **RSVP** to Joel at zpz2mrz@gmail.com.

The **Friday September 22** walk will meet **8:15am** at the Lafayette Community Center rear parking lot. **Richard White** will lead the group North on the Moraga-Lafayette Trail. The post walk convocation will be at the Starbucks on Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Note: if the Starbucks lot is full, we are allowed to park at the next door El Charro until 11 AM. **RSVP** to Richard: toytrain@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 sirs 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)

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

Our next meeting is **Wed, September 27 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 Kyle Shealer of QST Capital in San Francisco. QST has developed a series of algorithms to predict the probability of a market shift. They follow these to raise or lower a client's cash / equity levels.

The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

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Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.net

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site (With new design)
branch116.org

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branch116golf.org

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SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Our next wine appreciation event will be held on **September 28th**.

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.

Contact Jack Bevis for more information at [Jackb435@comcast.net](mailto:jackb435@comcast.net) or call 925-254-7256.



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next Branch 116 Walking Tour is scheduled for October. Details will be forthcoming in the October Trampas Topics.



Let me think for a second

A little old lady was running up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say "Supersex."

She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair. Flipping her gown at him, she said, "Supersex."

He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, "I'll take the soup."



"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 six players in attendance. Alex Lutkus was the winner with 254 points. It was a pretty tight game with the spread from 254 to 364. Bob Wolf came in second with 280 points. The remaining group of guys, Gary Bonfiglio, Richard Madden, Kirk McVean and Robbie Robinson all had scores in the 300's. The scores ranged from 254 to 364.

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 **September 13th**.

We had Couples Train on August 2nd (a make-up for July since I was out of town). Harry Sherinian and his friend Darne, Kay and Troy Powell and my wife and I played.

We had our regularly scheduled session on August 23rd at our home. Harry Sherinian and Darne, Harlan Krusemark and Maryann Mosher (non sir member) and my wife and I played. Donna Madden came in first with a score of 183. She blew the field away as Harlan was second with 251. The rest of the group ranged from 307 to 368 (Richard). Way to go Donna.



Jim Johnson, Kevin Donahue & Bernie Wroblewski enjoying the 4th hole at Eagle Vines from the replica of the Swilcan Bridge at the Old Course in Scotland



Walking Tour Group at the East Bay Regional Parks Coyote Hills Visitor Center on August 19th.



Mike Corker with a nice Stripped Bass



Who is that masked man?
(Ernie Wong with a beautiful trout)



Mexican Train Ladies Day
(Maryann Mosher, Harlan Krusemark, Harry Sherinian, Darne and Donna Madden)



Dine-O-SIR enjoying themselves at "The Three Bros. from China Restaurant" in Pleasant Hill on August 23



Mell Williams, Art Vogl and Richard Madden posing at Eagle Vines GC



Don Schroeder, Alex Lutkus and Ron Armijo enjoying the weather at Chardonnay GC



SIR Travel

By Don Murray, Travel Chairman
(dmurray721@comcast.net)

Some SIR Travel Opportunities Include:

Oct 5-13, 2017: Sicily in Depth. Escorted Tour of Catania, Syracuse, Ragusa, Agrigento, Palermo, Erice, Cefalu, Taormina, Giardini, Naxos, Mt Etna, and Savoca.

Cost of \$1913 pp for land only, add approx \$950 for Air. Henry Puccinelli, Br. 22, 415-897-2364.

Oct 20-Nov 5, 2017: Panama Canal Cruise. 15 day cruise from SF with 20 stops including Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Chiapas, Puerto Quetzal, Puerto Corinto, Puerto Caldera, Panama Canal, Cartagena and Ft Lauderdale. Cost include home pickup and return and Airfare from Ft Lauderdale. Cabins start at \$3099 to \$4575. Larry Yarberrry, Br 8, 925-890-9245

Oct 22-29, 2017: Coastal Cruise R/T from SF. The 7 day cruise starts in SF and ends in SF aboard the Grand Princess. Stops will include Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Ensenada and San Diego. Price of \$1220 to \$1695 depending on cabin includes bottle of wine, port tax, group protection plan, and porter tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521.

Nov 2-9, 2017: Branson, Bentonville & Beyond. Wine, Dine and Yacht with Branson entertainers and see the beautiful scenery and historic sites of the Northwest Arkansas.

Tour includes: RT Air, 7 nights Deluxe Hotel, Professional Guide, Deluxe Motorcoach, 17 meals, admission to attractions and taxes and baggage. Tom Duncanson, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-662-8605.

Dec 29-Jan 2, 2018: Rose Parade New Years Making a difference. A way to honor and celebrate all of the people in our communities. RT air, 4 nights hotel, 7 meals, deluxe Motorcoach, Professional escorts. Reserved seating at the 129th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade with many tour options included. Joe Salamida, Br 54, 408-767-2838 or Archie Belogloviski, 408-253-3956.

Dec 29- Jan 2, 2018: New Year's in Memphis at New Graceland Guest House. Highlights include 4 nights at the New Graceland Guest House, Gala New Year's Eve Dinner, Tour of Graceland, Rock n Soul Museum, Memphis Music Hall of Fame, The Cotton Museum, Lorraine Motel & Nat'l Civil Rights Museum. Fabulous Memphis Farewell Dinner & entertainment. Tom Duncanson, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-662-8605.

Jan 12-22, 2018 Cruising the Mexican Riviera. A 10 night cruise from SF on the Grand Princess with ports of call in Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas and back to SF. Cost ranges from \$1565 to \$2375 depending on cabin and includes all taxes and fees, all tipping for drivers, pre trip orientation, home pick up and return and all shipboard meals. Rollo Parsons Br.141, 408-268-5245 or Bdrian Serpa, 408-227-7658.

Feb 8-16,2018: Tropical Costa Rica. Highlights of this trip include, air, insurance, 13 meals, gratuities and guides. You will vist the unique ecosystem of the Monteverde Cloud Forest, the Doka Coffee Estate, the Arenal Volcano The Cano Negro Nature Preserve and much more. Cost is \$3299. Jim Stoner, Br 114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson, 408-528-0746.

Apr 4-14, 2018: Tulip Time in Holland. A 7 night Cruise R/T to Amsterdam aboard AMA Waterways. Celebrate the beauty of the Netherlands and Belgium in the springtime. You will visit the legendary Keukenhof Gardens, and pass colorful row houses and houseboats, See Ann Franks home then indulge in culinary bliss via Belgium chocolates and stroopwafel. Cost ranges from \$4830.00 to \$6195.00 based on cabin choice and includes complimentary bikes, unlimited complimentary fine dining and wines, all guides, gratuities and taxes, R/T air, choice of excursions, and riverview state-rooms or suites. John Pletsch, Br.32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.



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.

September 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 06	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 13	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 20	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 27	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

September 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Tue. 05	9:30	Diablo Creek	Bill McCord
Mon. 11	9:32	Bounday Oak	Bill McCord
Tue. 19	10:12	Rancho Solano	Bill McCord
Mon. 25	9:36	Paradise Valley	Bill McCord

18-Hole Results

Chardonnay, Mon, Aug 28, 2017

Jim Johnson, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Denny Giambastiani	69 3	1st	Gary Boswell	69 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	71 3	1st	Matt Arena	76 3
Tie 2nd	Al Zattero	71 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	73 2	2nd	Terry Sherman	73 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	81 2
Tie 2nd	Alan Fitzgerald	71 2	3rd	Hugh Duggan	79 1	3rd	Richard Madden	74 1	Tie 3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	82 1
									Tie 3rd	Fred Schafer	82 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Denny Giambastiani	82		Gary Boswell	90		Alex Lutkus	99		Matt Arena	112
				Don Schroeder	90						
<u>Closest-to #12</u>			<u>Closest-to #12</u>			<u>Closest-to #12</u>			<u>Closest-to #12</u>		
	Bill McCord			Don Schroeder			Alex Lutkus			Conrad Robertson	

Eagle Vines, Tue, Aug 22, 2017

Neil Schmidt, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Jim Johnson	64 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	66 3	1st	Terry Sherman	70 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	73 3
2nd	Denny Giambastiani	70 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	71 2	2nd	Richard Madden	72 2	Tie 2nd	Wayne Cook	75 2
3rd	Phil Goff	71 1	3rd	Jim Barstow	76 1	3rd	Bob Testa	73 1	Tie 2nd	Mike Schneider	75 2
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Jim Johnson	81		Hugh Duggan	91		Richard Madden	99		Mike Schneider	107
<u>Closest-to #14</u>			<u>Closest-to #14</u>			<u>Closest-to #14</u>			<u>Closest-to #14</u>		
	Jim Johnson			Terry Grummitt			Marty Katz			Robbie Robinson	

Crow Canyon, Mon, Aug 14, 2017

Wayne Cook, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Michael Barrington	65 3	1st	Gary Boswell	66 3	1st	Al Satake	68 3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	59 3
2nd	Bill Clark	66 2	2nd	Randy Welker	70 2	2nd	Pete Coggiola	69 2	2nd	Carl Langhorst	63 2
3rd	Mel Williams	69 1	3rd	Andy Benz	71 1	Tie 3rd	Marty Katz	70 1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	68 1
						Tie 3rd	Alex Lutkus	70 1			
						Tie 3rd	Kirk McVean	70 1			
						Tie 3rd	Terry Sherman	70 1			
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Michael Barrington	80		Gary Boswell	87		Pete Coggiola	98		Bill Hemmelsbach	97
							Marty Katz	98			
							Alex Lutkus	98			
<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>		
	Neil Schmidt			Don Schroeder			Richard Madden			Phil Jenkins	

Boundary Oak, Mon, Aug 7, 2017

Fred Schafer, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Jerry Hicks	62 3	1st	Jim Clizbe	68 3	1st	Jim Nickels	61 3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	65 3
2nd	David Harris	63 2	2nd	Randy Welker	70 2	Tie 2nd	Phil Perrelli	69 2	2nd	Fred Schafer	68 2
3rd	Phil Goff	71 1	Tie 3rd	Hugh Duggan	71 1	Tie 2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	69 2	Tie 3rd	Ron Armijo	70 1
			Tie 3rd	Carlos Xavier	71 1				Tie 3rd	Wayne Cook	70 1
			Tie 3rd	Jim Barstow	71 1				Tie 3rd	Phil Jenkins	70 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Jerry Hicks	78		Jim Barstow	91		Jim Nickels	93		Bill Hemmelsbach	103
							Bernie Wroblewski	93			
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
	Jim Johnson			Hugh Duggan			Marty Katz				
							Bernie Wroblewski				

18-Hole Second Half Leaders, July-December 2017 (As of Chardonnay Mon Aug. 28, 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
Phil Goff	11	Al Hutchko	11	Alex Lutkus	8	Robbie Robinson	14
Denny Giambastiani	8	Gary Boswell	9	Marty Katz	7	Bill Hemmelsbach	12
Jim Johnson	7	Terry Grummitt	7	Bob Testa	7	Matt Arena	6
David Harris	6	Don Schroeder	7	Bernie Wroblewski	6	Conrad Robertson	5
Mel Williams	6	Jim Clizbe	6	Terry Sherman	6	Jerry Christopherson	4
Michael Barrington	5	Hugh Duggan	5	Kevin Donahue	4	Phil Jenkins	3
Al Zavattero	4	Randy Welker	4	Pete Coggiola	4	Ron Armijo	3
Alan Fitzgerald	4	Jim Barstow	4	Dave Carlson	3	Wayne Cook	3
Jerry Hicks	3	Hank Mc Dermott	3	Jim Nickels	3	Fred Schafer	3
Harry Oberle	2	Carlos Xavier	3	Al Satake	3	Carl Langhorst	2
Bill Clark	2	Andy Benz	2	Richard Madden	3	Mike Schneider	2
		Sam Beret	1	Jim Videle	2		
				Dick Chaffee	2		
				Phil Perrelli	2		
				Kirk McVean	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, September 19	Rancho Solano	Sept. 11	\$42
Monday, September 25	Paradise Valley	Sept. 13	\$40
Monday, October 1	Blue Rock East	Sept. 17	\$39
Monday, October 9	Franklin Canyon	-	\$27
Tuesday, October 17	Rossmoor	Oct. 10	\$43 ride, \$30 walk
Monday, October 23	Tilden Park	Oct. 13	\$35

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
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94596-5805

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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.