



SIR Branch 116
Trampas Topics
 Newsletter
 August 2019



Next Meeting: 11:30 am
 Monday, August 19, 2019
 Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley
 Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2019 Big Sir Jerry Hicks



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An item has arisen that needs clarification and cooperation. We have lost some money this year from no-shows (unexcused absences) from our Luncheons. Our Attendance Secretary must give a final estimate to Boundary Oak **NLT the Thursday** prior. He and our Treasurer record no-shows through name badges which are not picked up. If your badge remains you will get a letter requiring you to pay the \$25.00 Luncheon cost. Please pay promptly. It is unfair to put your payment obligation on our membership. Much easier and a common courtesy: **call in on time if you cannot attend.**

As a reminder, we urge every member to bring a minimum of one guest this year. You can invite the guest to an activity as well as to our Luncheon. Our Recruitment Dept. and Greeters are doing a fine job of extending a warm welcome and in giving your guests the information they need to become members. I appreciate the renewed care and enthusiasm that our sponsors are giving to successfully integrate new members into our excellent Branch.

August, we begin organizational plans for **2020**. Marty Katz and his nominating committee have been busy filling the positions for our Officers and Directors. The slate must be approved by vote of our membership and this will be done at our August Luncheon. Of course, nominations can be made from the “floor”, but we would hope that those interested in running for an office would have already volunteered through our Nominating Committee. The slate for your vote is presented later in this Newsletter.

Your BEC (Branch Executive Committee) is comprised of 13 members, seven Officers and six Directors. The positions have a one year term, and the Directors only are term limited – a maximum of three consecutive years. However, it is desirable to share the work and duties that our 200+ member Branch requires. Please look forward to becoming a BEC member in 2021!

“Hawaiian” shirts are still the raging style. It’s just that the younger generation hasn’t yet figured that out. In keeping with the style and to help you wear them out, **August is Hawaiian Shirt Day**. Wear them proudly!

I’m having a great time with our recently added Pickleball activity. Also I’m looking forward to the start of our co-ed Bocce activity this month. Team “Magnifico’s” is yet undefeated!

Jerry Hicks, Big SIR

PLEASE CALL 322-1318
 or email to
luncheon116@gmail.com
 by the Monday prior to
 the meeting to cancel your
 standing reservation or to
 bring a guest.

2019 SIR Branch 116 Officers



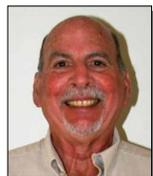
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Jerry
Hicks



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Michael
Barrington



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2019 SIR Branch 116 Directors



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Alberts



Gary
Boswell



Peter
Coggiola



Roger
Craig



David
Harris



Marty
Katz

2019 Activity Chairmen

Activity	Chairman	Asst. Chairman
• Bocce	Jim Seven	
• Book Group 1	Rich Black	Steve Bort
• Book Group 2		
• Book Exchange	John Fraser	Dick Kauffman
• Bridge	Jon Dickson	Bob Wolf
• Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	Phil Goff
• Dine-O-SIR	Alex Lutkus	Socolich, Katz
• Duplicate Bridge	Conrad Robertson	Tom Henry
• Fishing	Harry Sherinian	Terry Miller
• Golf-18 Hole	Bernie Wroblewski	Jim Johnson
• Golf-9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	D. Mclaughry
• Golf - Reno	Paul Ramacciotti	Harris, Katz
• Golf - Carmel	Jim Barstow	JJ, Harris, Eller
• Hiking & Walking	John Riordan	Joel White
• Mexican Train	Richard Madden	Alex Lutkus
• Parties	Alan Fitzgerald	Marty Katz
• Pickleball	Ed Solomon	
• Poker	Lou Sandor	
• Saturday Tours	Greg Hughes	
• \$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	
• Travel	Don Murry	
• Wine-O-SIR	Lou Meylan	

2019 Support Chairmen

RAMP Department Heads:

- Recruitment Don Schroeder
- Activities Fred Wachowicz
- Member Relations Sam Beret
- Publicity Jim McCormick

Support Chairmen:

- Audit Committee Ron Armijo
- Nominating Committee Marty Katz
- Sunshine Committee Matt Arena

Luncheon Support:

- Attendance B. Chaney & J. Flessner
- Audio Visual Neil Schmidt
- Chaplain Committee Doug Aalders
- Greeters Committee Terry Grummitt
- Raffle Committee Ben Bryce
- Speakers Committee Michael Barrington
- Storytellers Committee Mac Mcloughlin

Recruitment Committee

- Guest Packet TBA
- New Member Orientation Dave Williams
- Recruitment Materials TBA
- Letters TBA

Membership Relations Committee

- Membership Secretary Phil Goff
- Computer Support Neil Schmidt
- Membership Roster George Pryhuber
- Webmaster Phil Goff
- Awards/Recognitions TBA
- Sponsor Program TBA
- Letters TBA

Publicity Committee

- Newsletter Editor Neil Schmidt
- Internal Communications TBA
- Outreach TBA
- Slideshow Presentations Neil Schmidt

**A Thank You to all Br. 116 SIR Who
Volunteer to be Leaders**

Some Other SIR Area 16 Activities

Apple User Grp.	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947
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

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

August 2019

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	3
4	5 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	6 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr.)	7 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	8	9 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Museum of San Ramon Valley, Danville)	10
11	12 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak CC)	13 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ The Brass Door, San Ramon) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	14 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	15 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	16 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	17
18	19  SIR Branch 116 Meeting (11:30@ Boundary Oak) 	20 18-Hole Golf (9:56@ Rancho Solano GC)	21 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	22 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	23 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Iron Horse Trail near Buchanan Field Airport, Concord)	24
25	26 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Diblin Ranch GC) Book Group 10:15@ Orinda Books)	27 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ The Brass Door, San Ramon) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	28 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Legends at Diablo Creek GC)	29	30 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	31



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer

(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	July 2019	2019 YTD
Contributions	\$ 56,073.90	\$ 32,941.62
Disbursements	\$ (6,785.80)	\$ (44,506.82)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (711.90)	\$ 146.70
July 31st Cash Balance		\$ 7,536.09

August Birthdays

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

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow | 8. Paul Freitas |
| 2. Steve Bort | 9. Terry Grummitt |
| 3. Dick Breitwieser | 10. Kirk McVean |
| 4. Peter Coggiola | 11. Don Murray |
| 5. Frank Crua | 12. Roger Smith |
| 6. Jim Dawe | 13. Randy Welker |
| 7. Bob Donohue | 14. Joel White |

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



Meeting Attendance

Brent Chaney & Jim Flessner

(luncheon116@gmail.com)



July 15, 2019 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	208
Guests/Visitors:	6
Transfers & Inductees:	3
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	58
Excused due to long term illness:	6
Members NOT excused:	10
Total Attendance:	147
% of Active Members in Attendance	67%

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

July Lunch Menu



THE CLUBHOUSE
AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIRS 116 Luncheon

August 19, 2019

Salad

Green Apple Salad

Butter Lettuce, Baby Greens, Apples, Toasted Almonds, Sesame Seed Vinaigrette

Entrees

BBQ Beef Brisket

Slow Braised Beef Brisket, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables

Or

Tilapia

Herb Marinated Tilapia, Fresh Tomato & Avocado Relish, Confetti Rice Sautéed Vegetables

Vegetarian

Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms
Stuffed with Seasonal Vegetables, Dried Chili
Tomato Sauce

Dessert

Chocolate Truffle Cake

Vanilla Whipped Cream, Raspberry Sauce

SIR Website Addresses

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

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Computer and Technology
a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



Meeting Speaker
Little SIR Michael Barrington
 (majb7016@gmail.com)

Bob Fish: "USS Hornet's Role in Astronaut Program"

Bob Fish is responsible for all programs on the Hornet. He will speak to us about the activities and events that were arranged to celebrate the 50 years of Hornet's role with the astronaut program

USS Hornet was selected in 1969 to serve as the Prime Recovery Ship (PRS) for the Apollo 11 Moon mission. Hornet led the recovery of the first astronauts to land on the Moon following their splash-down back on Earth. Four months later, Hornet recovered the all-Navy crew of Apollo 12. The USS Hornet Museum has the largest Apollo Program exhibit on the West Coast of the United States. equipped with American-built tanks and vehicles.



Parties
Alan Fitzgerald
 (galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

Holiday Christmas Party

Hold the date of **December 11** for the Holiday Party to be held at Boundary Oak. The committee is starting to work on the Party plans



New Member Ken Coleman with Sponsor Peter Coggiola



Membership
Phil Goff
 (philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is **208**

New Members

- James Carden (Sponsor is Alex Lutkus)
- Ken Coleman (Sponsor is Peter Coggiola)
- Mike Howard (Sponsor is Hank McDermott)

New Branch 116 Members



New Member Mike Howard with Sponsor Hank McDermott



New Member James Carden with Sponsor Alex Lutkus



Activity Chair

Fred Wachowicz & Mike Ward
(fredwach@pacbell.net)



Golf Lessons: Golf lessons are continuing; however, there are a few complications for us to manage.

- To maintain our rate at \$30.00 per lesson per person we need to have a minimum of 4 members per lesson. This means that if 4 members do not sign up for a given lesson or if a member who signed up becomes unavailable, we are not able to hold the lesson as scheduled.
- Our PGA Pro maintains a flexible approach for the lesson as he wishes to ensure that the lesson accommodates the interests of the golfer. This means that it is not always possible to pre set the lesson for one of the skill areas (i.e. putting, chipping, irons, drivers, etc.). This is especially true in that we need 4 members to sign up for the lesson and each member may have a different interest. Our instructor will accommodate more than one discipline per session and the sessions have normally exceeded 1.5 hours.
- In order to sort out all of these details ahead of the session we ask that you contact Jerry Zampino at least one week ahead along with your check for \$30.00. Jerry can then optimize the schedule and handle the money without the need to attend every lesson himself.
- Golf lessons so far have been great and our guys are getting really helpful tips and suggestions for improving their game.

Bocce: The Clayton courts are currently being renovated and will be available beginning in Sept. We have booked the 1st Thursday and 3rd Friday thru November. Jim Seven will publish details upon return from vacation on our Bocce e-mail list. Our plan is to set up 4 initial teams with 4 team leaders (Capos) and get Bocce underway on a regular schedule of twice per month during the season. We are finalizing the 4th team at this point.

Book Club Two: Apologies to a couple of members who did not receive our e-mail on

change of location for the July meeting. We had a great discussion on the Blood curdling story of Elizabeth Homes and Theranos. We were all more than perplexed at how it was that this young person was able to convince seasoned US Leaders that her product was real and able to achieve the innovative goals that it was designed to achieve. Some day the concept will be realized not unlike that used by Doctor Bones in Star Trek.

Special Thanks to Mike Ward, Jim Seven, Jerry Zampino, and Ed Solomon for getting our new activities under way.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena
(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Jim Nachweih** found himself in the hospital to repair a fracture tibia. He is now recuperating at MANOR CARE on Tice Valley Blvd near Rossmoor. He was enjoying himself in the garden when he injured himself. Jim, have a speedy recovery.

SIR **John Frasier** has been going through some tests to see if he is in a position to have surgery on his heart. If he passes the next test he will have surgery for a stent on August 21. He tells me that he is in fine spirits and is ready for the surgery. He thanks those who have called to let John know of their concern for him.

SIR **Lou Meylan** is recuperating at home and is pleased with the results of the back surgery but he is experiencing pain in one of his legs. He gets about on a walker but on the last time I visited him he was completely immersed in his finances. His mind is as sharp as ever.

There is a saying in Tibetan. "Tragedy should be used as a source of Strength"

No matter what sort of difficulty, how painful the experience, if we lose our hope, that's our real disaster.

Dalai Lama. XIV



Hiking & Walking

John Riordan & Joel White

(gcriordan@com, zp2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday, June 28 walk was along a pretty stretch of the Contra Costa Canal Trail between Bancroft Road and Oak Gove Road. Art Donaldson led the walk and was joined by his wife Mary Alice, Al Farbman, Dick Frankel, Paul and Anna Freitas, Essie Naddaf, John Riordan, and Joel and Susan White. The post-walk gathering was at the Countrywood Panera Bread.

The Friday July 12 walk was along the Nimitz Trail from Inspiration Point under beautiful blue skies and a few wispy clouds. David Geary led the walk and was joined by Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Dick Frankel, Essie Naddaf, and John Riordan. Colleen Geary joined us for the post-walk gathering at Geppetto's Café in Orinda.

Weather was perfect for the Friday July 26 walk around the Lafayette Reservoir. Al Farbman led the walk and was joined by Richard and Donna Black, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Dick Frankel, David and Colleen Geary, Dan and Andrea Green, John Riordan, and Joel and Susan White. The post-walk gathering was at Tutu's (formerly Chow) in Lafayette.

Joel White will lead the **Friday, August 9** walk. We will meet at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (aka Railway Museum) in Danville and walk north along the Iron Horse Trail. The post-walk gathering will be the Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon in Danville. RSVP to Joel at zp2mrz@gmail.com.

Brad Lee will lead the **Friday, August 23** walk north along the Iron Horse Trail near the Buchanan Field Airport. We will meet at Sam's Club, 1225 Concord Ave in the last row of the parking lot and proceed east along Concord Ave to the trailhead and footbridge across the creek. The post-walk gathering location is to be determined. RSVP to Brad at misterbbl@yahoo.com.

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 gathering even if they are unable to participate in a particular walk.

Anyone, including those from other SIR branches, wishing to join this mellow group, or to be added to the e-mail contact list, should contact John Riordan at gcriordan@comcast.net or 925-284-3394.



Hiking Group at Lafayette Reservoir



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's bridge meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month for lunch & bridge at Diablo Country Club. If you have any interest in playing bridge, please join us for the afternoon. Play is Chicago Style, changing partners every 4 hands, with small prizes for the high total scores. Very relaxed and low key!

We usually have 5 or 6 tables for the game and you get to meet & play with a whole new group of SIR's. Do join us for bridge!

There is also a duplicate game every first Tuesday of the month at the Bridge Center in Concord. Contact Conrad Robertson for details on this game.

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



Br. 116 Book Group 1

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 met on Monday, July 22, 2019 to discuss "The Promise of the Grand Canyon: John Wesley Powell's Perilous Journey by John F. Ross. Powell's hardscrabble childhood leads improbably from an amateur collector to respectable geologist and ethnographer, even though he suffered the loss of his right arm in the Battle of Shiloh. That said, he is best known as the first American to lead a successful 1000-mile expedition down the Green and Colorado rivers through the Grand Canyon, a feat he did not once but twice, first in 1869, just four years after the Civil War and again in 1872.

Steve Bort recommended the book while Richard Black led the discussion with Bob Wolf, Richard Frankel, John Kopchik, Jim Flessner, Mac McLoughlan, Garrett Girvan, Richard Rosslund, Jerry Christopherson, and Tim Tinnis.

The group awarded this account of a self-taught man, accomplished artillery officer, courageous explorer and prescient hydrologist a commendable 3.5 stars.

The group will meet next on **Monday, August 26** to discuss "Where the Crawdad's Sing" by Delia Owens.

It is the custom of Book Group #1 to meet at 10:15 am at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda.



Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

(greghughes505@gmail.com)

On Saturday, July 27 the SIRs Walking Tours activity visited Preservation Park and the Pardee Home Museum. The docent lead tours at both venues were very interesting and entertaining. An informal lunch was enjoyed at the Swan Market food court.

The next event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 28**. On this date the group is visiting the Disney Family Museum located in the Presidio in San Francisco. Tour details will be provided in next month's newsletter.

2020 SIR Branch 116 Officer & Director Nominations

OFFICERS

Big Sir: Michael Barrington
Little Sir: Sam Beret
Treasurer: Alan Fitzgerald
Treasurer #1: Al Satake
(No treasurer #2)
Secretary: Fred Shafer
Assistant Sec.: Paul Ramacciotti
Membership Sec.: Phil Goff

DIRECTORS

Roger Craig (returning)
Gary Boswell (returning)
Al Farbman (new)
David Harris (returning)
Henry Haugse (new)
Jerry Hicks (new)

Trampas Topics Submissions



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

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$UMS in Retirement meets next on **Wed August 28** at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4.

The presenter will be Mike Frazier of Bedell, Frazier Investment Counselors in Walnut Creek. Mike will talk on the conflicting signals from the bond market about a possible recession. The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Ladies are welcome.



Member Relations

Sam Beret
(snb49@Outlook.com)

The primary mission of Member Relations committee is to ensure that branch is meeting expectations of its members. The committee is implementing programs to improve member integration, satisfaction and retention..

This month, we conducted a third survey to solicit member feedback regarding luncheon meeting seating, food, speakers, and audio. The survey with five simple Yes/No questions was sent to twenty randomly chosen members right after the July 15 meeting. The participation rate was 80%.

Q1- Were you satisfied with the food and food service? 92.9 % Yes

Q2- Were you able to hear the speakers at the podium? 78.6 % Yes

Q3- Were you able to find a seat where you wanted to sit? 92.9% Yes

Q4- Did you enjoy the meeting speaker and topic? 85.7% Yes

Q5- Do you enjoy coming to monthly SIR branch meetings? 86.7% Yes

You can draw your own conclusions from the results. Audio/noise issue that was identified as major a problem area before seems to be improving. Few members also left comments on various aspects of the meeting. These comments were very valuable and informative. We will continue these surveys periodically throughout the year.

Committee members are: Sam Beret, Bob Donohue, Garrett Girvan, Bob Huck, Tom O'Brien, Phil Perrelli and George Pryhuber. During monthly meetings or any time, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the committee with any ideas, comments, and feedback on branch activities.



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt
(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The next meeting of the SIR Area 16 Computer and Technology Group will be on **Thursday, August 15** at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge (1475 Creekside Dr., WC) starting at 9:30 am. SIR from all branches and their guests, including spouses, are welcome and invited to attend. Plan to come a little early and for coffee, goodies and to chat.

The presentation topic for the August meeting will be "Cutting the Cord for Better Television Viewing" by Phil Goff. Streaming services are growing rapidly and more and more people find them to offer better content than the traditional cable and satellite providers. New services such as Hulu, YouTube, Disney & T-Mobile Vision are disrupting the way we normally view television. Phil will give an overview of the streaming services available and show you how and why you may want to use them. It's a topic of interest to everyone who watches television.

This presentation will be and past presentation notes are available on the CAT Web page (a2cat.sirinc2.org). Note that we ask for a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. We look forward to seeing you on April 18th.



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



Bocce
Jim Seven
(jseven1@me.com)

If you are interested in playing (or just learning about) Bocce, contact the new Branch 116 activity leader Jim Seven.



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, August 22nd** in 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, have breakfast and shoot the breeze with fellow fisherman. Contact Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator, 510-207-7067.

Salmon and Halibut continue to be the headliner in the bay area, and almost everyone in the group caught many. Joe Miscione, Richard Bal, Paul Dubow, Alex Go, Phil Scimonelli, Chuck Cornell, and Ed Djikman went to Alaska and got halibut to 100 lbs. Brion Beetz, Ron Lew, Bob Stein, Stan Wong, and Carl Moyer got rock fish from the ocean. Tom Kostik, Harry Sherinian and Mike Corker caught striped and black bass from the delta. Ernie Wong and Don Mittlestaedt caught many shad at the Yuba and Sacramento Rivers. Mike Corker, Harry Sherinian and Ron Lew got sharks and rays in the bay. Pete Gates caught trout on the Feather river, and he and Stan Wong got Kokanee salmon at New Melones. Paul Dubow got his Kokes at Oroville lake.



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The July 25th Wine-O-Sir tasting was hosted by Lou Sandor. Featuring Wente and Kendall-Jackson Chardonnays, a GSM from J. Lohr and Cabernet Sauvignons from Kendall-Jackson and Benziger provided a wine to please all palates. Zora Sandor's meatballs made famous by Sir Larry's infatuation starred on the extensive hors d'oeuvre spread. The next WINE-O-SIR tasting is scheduled to be held by Bob Wolf on **Thursday, September 26**. To attend please RSVP to Bob Wolf by phone: 925--935--5439 or email: bob.wolf@nmconsult.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 had six players who attended the June Mexican Train meeting held at our regular meeting place.

We meet at 10:00 AM on the second Wednesday of the month, except when we have conflicts, at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek.



Big SIR Jerry Hicks presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Phil Goff



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus
(alutkus@yahoo.com)

Our August Dine-O-SIR event is all set for a choice of two evenings (either Tuesday, August 13 or Tuesday, August 27) at the well known Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon. For only \$35 you'll receive a three course dinner with all the social atmosphere the Dine-O-SIR Dinner Group is note for. Details are described on the following page "flyer", which includes a reservation slip which I encourage you to send in without delay.



Pickleball

Ed Solomon
(edsolomon@gmail.com)

Let's Play PICKLEBALL , every Friday 8 to 9 am, @ Walnut Creek Tennis at Heather Farms. We have the paddles and balls, try to wear tennis sneakers & bring water. Have 12 SIR's signed up. \$5 per player. It's a FUN hour as we all learn together!! No need to rsvp, just show up!! Ed Solomon (415) 215-2684.

Branch 116 Dine -O-SIRs Tuesdays, August 13 & 27, 2019 Dining Events

The Brass Door

2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon, CA

SOCIAL HOUR WILL START AT 6:00 PM and Dinner will be served at 6:45 PM

No Host Bar: House Wine -bottle \$24, glass \$7, corkage \$14; Well Drinks \$6

Cost, just \$35.00 per person, tax and tip included

Dinner Menu

STARTER: Mixed green house salad with Italian or Blue Cheese dressing

ENTREES

- Choice of: 1. Roast Prime Rib – served with au jus, horseradish sauce, vegetables & baked potato
- 2. Chicken Piccata – served with lemon butter sauce & capers, veggies, and mashed potatoes
- 3. Filet of Salmon –Chef's choice sauce of the day, fresh veggies and mashed potatoes

DESERT: Vanilla Ice Cream
(Coffee, decaf or tea on request)

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The Brass Door Restaurant

Attending: Tues Aug 13____ OR Tues Aug 27____ OR Either is OK____

NAME: _____
Entrée Selection: Prime Rib____ Chicken Piccata ____ Salmon ____

NAME: _____
Entrée Selection: Prime Rib ____ Chicken Piccata ____ Salmon ____

E-Mail _____ No. Attending: ____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Please make check to: SIR Branch 116 Dining

Mail to: Alex Lutkus, 4054 Castlewood Court, Concord, CA 94518

Call or e-mail Alex if you have questions. 925-827-2828 – alutkus@yahoo.com



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Everyone is invited to take advantage of the book exchange in the rear of the dining room, a wide variety of topics, fiction and non fiction. Spring Cleaning? Bring books that you have enjoyed, they are always welcome. We do need help in moving the books out of Boundary Oaks, just grab a box. I would be big help



Walking Tour group at Preservation Park

SIR BRANCH 116 2019 RENO GOLF GETAWAY SEPTEMBER 4-5-6, 2019

Sept. 5 – Wolf Run Golf Course 8:00 AM Shotgun
Sept 6 – Arrow Creek Golf Course 9:00 AM Shotgun

Silver Legacy

-Prices Per Person-

Golfer.....\$462.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)

Non-Golfer...\$316.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)

Golfer.....\$653.00 Single Occupancy (K)

Non-Golfer...\$523.00 Single Occupancy (K)

Includes:

3 Nights Deluxe Lodging, 36 Holes of Golf (with cart and range balls)

Golf Balls, \$25 each person food coupons,

Raffle prizes, Golf Prize Money, Gaming and Bar Coupons

Sept. 4 - Reception, New York Deli Buffet

Sept. 5 – Open Night

Sept. 6 - Sit Down Prime Rib Dinner

Golfers/Non-Golfers: Enjoy what the “Biggest Little City in the World” has to offer: Shopping, Gambling, Live Shows, Great Restaurants, Museums and more...

Entry Deadline: August 11, 2019

Please Complete the form and **circle your selections**

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer Smoking: Y or N

2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer Smoking: Y or N

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 _____

Mail Checks to: Paul Ramacciotti, 436 Ridgeview Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

For questions: e-mail Paul at dagobuildr@comcast.net or call 925.207.3762



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)

The SIR Branch 116 Nine Hole Golf Club plays every Wednesday morning. First tee time is 10:00am. Golfers of all levels are welcome. All events are scored on a handicapped basis. An NCGA index is not required. You may use your NCGA index if you have one. If not, we will compute an index for you based on your SIR 9 hole scores. To sign up for an event, please call the SIR Branch 116 Golf Club Hot Line, 925-906-5355. State that you want to sign up for the 9 hole event on (give the date). Or, if you receive our 9 hole golf e-mail announcements, reply to the e-mail.



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:

- 2018 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.

August 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	D.McClaughry

August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:32	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 12	9:32	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Tues. 20	9:30	Rancho Solano	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 26	9:30	Dublin Ranch	Alex Lutkus

18-Hole Results

Chardonnay, July 29, 2019

Al Hutchko - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Alan Fitzgerald	67 3	1st Jim Barstow	62 3	1st Kevin Donahue	67 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	67 3
2nd Jerry Hicks	72 2	2nd Alan Pope	66 2	2nd Alex Lutkus	72 2	Tie 2nd Greg Hughes	74 2
Tie 3rd Denny Giambastiani	73 1	3rd Al Zavatiero	67 1	3rd Jim Clizbe	73 1	Tie 2nd Fred Schafer	74 2
Tie 3rd Bill McCord	73 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald	83	Jim Barstow	84	Kevin Donahue	97	Bill Hemmelsbach	106
<u>Closest to #3</u>		<u>Closest to #3</u>		<u>Closest to #3</u>		<u>Closest to #3</u>	
Bill McCord							

Poppy Ridge: Zinfandel & Merlot, July 22, 2019

Kevn Donahue - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Michael Barrington	62 3	1st Harry Oberle	68 3	1st Kevin Donahue	63 3	1st Wayne Cook	67 3
2nd Jerry Hicks	66 2	2nd Al Zavatiero	69 2	2nd Richard Madden	64 2	2nd Bill Hemmeslbach	68 2
3rd Jim Johnson	68 1	3rd Jim Barstow	71 1	3rd Alex Lutkus	65 1	3rd Terry Sherman	75 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Michael Barrington	78	Harry Oberle	89	Kevin Donahue	92	Wayn Cook	106
						Bill Hemmelsbach	106
<u>Closest to Merlot #8</u>		<u>Closest to Merlot #8</u>		<u>Closest to Merlot #8</u>		<u>Closest to Merlot #8</u>	
Phil Goff		Jim Barstow				Greg Hughes	

San Ramon, July 16, 2019

Jim Johnson - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Phil Goff	70 3	1st Bernie Wroblewski	69 3	1st Kevin Donahue	72 3	Tie 1st Terry Sherman	78 3
2nd Bill McCord	71 2	2nd Harry Oberle	70 2	2nd Alex Lutkus	73 2	Tie 1st Greg Hughes	78 3
3rd Jim Johnson	72 1	3rd Don Benioff	73 1	Tie 3rd Richard Madden	74 1		
				Tie 3rd Ron Armijo	74		
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	85	Harry Oberle	90	Kevin Donahue	100	Terry Sherman	110
<u>Closest to #7</u>		<u>Closest to #7</u>		<u>Closest to #7</u>		<u>Closest to #7</u>	
Phil Goff		Don Benioff					

Boundary Oak, July 8, 2019

Fred Schafer - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Alan Fitzgerald	66 3	1st Alan Pope	66 3	Tie1st Ron Armijo	66 3	Tie1st Bill Hemmelsbach	65 3
2nd David Harris	68 2	2nd Bernie Wroblewski	68 2	Tie1st Jai Yee	66 3	Tie1st Greg Hughes	65 3
Tie 3rd Jim Johnson	70 1	3rd Jim Barstow	71 1	3rd Alex Lutkus	68 1	3rd Wayne Cook	68 1
Tie 3rd Bill McCord	70 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald	83	Alan Pope	92	Jai Yee	98	Greg Hughes	103
<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>	
Phil Goff		Marty Katz		Terry Grummitt		Fred Schafer	

18-Hole Leaderboard

2019 Second Half Leaders (as of Chardonnay, July 29)

<u>FLIGHT 1</u>		<u>FLIGHT 2</u>		<u>FLIGHT 3</u>		<u>FLIGHT 4</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Alan Fitzgerald	6	Bernie Wroblewski	5	Kevin Donahue	9	Greg Hughes	8
Bill McCord	4	Harry Oberle	5	Alex Lutkus	6	Bill Hemmelsbach	8
Jerry Hicks	4	Alan Pope	5	Ron Armijo	4	Terry Sherman	4
Phil Goff	3	Jim Barstow	5	Jai Yee	3	Wayne Cook	4
Jim Johnson	3	Al Zattero	3	Richard Madden	3	Fred Schafer	2
Michael Barrington	3	Don Bennioff	1	Jim Clizbe	1		
David Harris	2						
Denny Giambiastini	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>
August 20	Rancho Solano	Aug. 14	\$45
August 26	Dublin Ranch	Aug. 20	\$32
September 3	Las Positas	Aug. 22	\$44
September 17	Rooster Run	Sept. 6	\$46
September 23	Metropolitan	Sept. 15	\$36
September 30	Eagle Vines	Sept. 15	\$47

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



FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Rules of Attendance & Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member shall be notified in writing and/or telephone by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership 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 of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.
- All legitimate alternatives to termination shall be explored. The member's response may suggest an alternative to termination such as inactive status.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12-month period.

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.