



SIR Branch 116
Trampas Topics
 Newsletter
 July, 2019

Next Meeting: 11:30 am
 Monday, July. 15, 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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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.

I just returned from a fishing trip to Ontario, Canada. Caught a few fish and shot many more mosquitoes. I had forgotten from my days in the upper Midwest how big those pests are! That’s another good reason for living here.



It has been sad to have had several of our members pass away recently. Thanks to Matt Arena and our Sunshine committee, sponsors and friends who reach out to the families during these sad times, whether in illness or death.

These vacancies in our membership are but one of the reasons we need to spread the word about SIRs and Branch 116. Long term illness of member or spouse and moving from the area are also reasons that we lose members. An alarming statistic is for the past three years is that we have lost an average of 27 members per year. We began 2016 with 239 active members and we are now down to 205.

Previously I have written of the many facets of our Branch that make it so good. Besides many interesting and varied activities, we have great people, many of whom take an active interest in helping our organization. We need to let others know the benefits that await them for joining us.

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life.

Don Schroeder and his membership committee are providing incentives for bringing in new members. You may remember the pictures of the two Jero-boams of wine to be awarded to the member who brings the most guests and also for the member who converts the most guests to members. Also Don has arranged for additional raffle tickets to the sponsor of new members. Rewards aside, we need the help of all to bring guests either to our activities and/or Luncheons. Each and every one of us is **strongly encouraged** to invite at least one guest this year and introduce them to the fine members of our Branch. They will be impressed. And their wives will be thankful that you are getting them out of the house and into good activities!!

A reminder - you can now pay for your luncheons electronically using the app Venmo. Try it; it works well.

Our nation celebrates its 243rd birthday July 4. Put your flag  out and have a wonderful holiday.

Jerry Hicks, Big SIR

2019 SIR Branch 116 Officers



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Hicks



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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	

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RAMP Department Heads:

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

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- Nominating Committee Marty Katz
- Sunshine Committee Matt Arena

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- Chaplain Committee Doug Aalders
- Greeters Committee Terry Grummitt
- Raffle Committee Ben Bryce
- Speakers Committee Michael Barrington
- Storytellers Committee Mac Mcloughlin

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

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- 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

July 2019

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	2 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr.)	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	4 	5 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	6
7	8 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	9 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	10 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	11	12 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Inspiration Point, Tilden Park) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	13
14	15 SIR Br. 116 Meeting (11:30@ Boundary Oak)	16 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ San Ramon GC)	17 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	18 Computer & Tech (9:30@ WC Elks Lodge)	19 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	20
21	22 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Poppy Ridge GC) Book Group 1 (10:15@ Orinda Books)	23 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	24 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Legends Restaurant, Diablo Creek GC)	25 Book Group 2 (10:00@ Ygnacio Vly Library) Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ Jon Dickson home)	26 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ West end of Lafayette Reservoir Parking Lot) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	27
28	29 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Chardonnay GC)	30	31		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Walking Tour (10:00: Preservation Park, Oak.) </div>	28

Walking Tour



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	June 2019	2019 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,837.90	\$ 37,867.72
Disbursements	\$ (7,317.71)	\$ (37,721.02)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,479.81)	\$ 146.70
June 30th Cash Balance		\$ 8,247.99

July Birthdays

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

1. Michael Barrington	12. Brad Lee
2. Don Benioff	13. Vito Magliano
3. Meade Bernard	14. Don Miller
4. Gary Boswell	15. Tom O'Brien
5. Steve Cherepy	16. Hal Redsun
6. Bill Clark	17. John Takacs
7. Dick Frankel	18. Tim Tinnes
8. Garrett Girvan	19. Chuck Vanoncini
9. Al Hutchko	20. Bob Vetro
10. Paul King	21. Jim Videle
11. Dick Krieger	22. Bernie Wroblewski



Meeting Attendance

Brent Chaney & Jim Flessner
(luncheon116@gmail.com)



June 17, 2019 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	205
Guests/Visitors:	3
Transfers & Inductees:	0
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	56
Excused due to long term illness:	6
Members NOT excused:	13
Total Attendance:	142
% of Active Members in Attendance	69%

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

July Lunch Menu



THE CLUBHOUSE
AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIRS 116 Luncheon
July 15, 2019

Salad

Spinach Watermelon Salad

Baby Spinach, Sweet Summer Watermelon, Feta Cheese
Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrée

Lemon Baked Chicken

Honey Lemon & Herb Marinated Chicken Breast, Garlic Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables, Cream Butter Sauce

Or

Baked Pacific Dory

Chili Rubbed Marinated Pacific Dory, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Avocado Tomato Salsa

Vegetarian

Vegetable Wellington

Sautéed Spinach, Mushrooms, Roasted Bell Peppers, Ricotta Cheese Wrapped In Puff Pastry, Red Pepper Coulis & Balsamic Reduction

Dessert

Italian Rum Cake

Vanilla Sponge Cake, Chantilly Cream, Caramel 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/

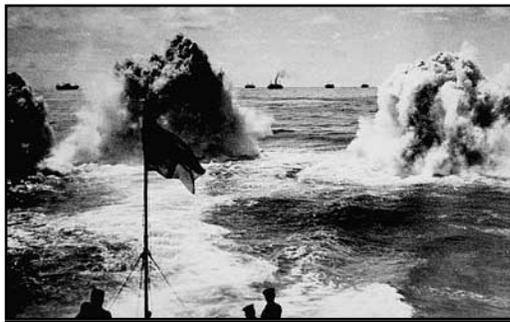


Meeting Speaker
Little SIR Michael Barrington
 (majb7016@gmail.com)

Tony Elkington: "Battle of the Atlantic"

Tony is an amateur historian with a special interest in World War II. His presentation covers the Battle of the Atlantic where he will touch on the use of submarines, radar, code breaking etc. Winston Churchill once wrote that, '... the only thing that ever really frightened me during the war was the U-boat peril'. In saying this, he correctly identified the importance of the threat posed during World War Two by German submarines (the 'Unterseeboot') to the Atlantic lifeline. This lifeline was Britain's 'centre of gravity' - the loss of which would probably have led to wholesale defeat in the war.

If Germany had prevented merchant ships from carrying food, raw materials, troops and their equipment from North America to Britain, the outcome of World War Two could have been radically different. Britain might have been starved into submission, and her armies would not have been equipped with American-built tanks and vehicles.



Battle of the Atlantic Photo



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



Membership
Phil Goff
 (philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is **205**

Active Member Changes:

Mike Carpenter	Passed Away June 7, 2019
Bob Nichols	Resigned
Lonny Randall	Returned from Inactive to Active
Stephen Reid	Resigned due to health issues
Jeffery Smith	Returned from Inactive to Active

Note: The State SIR organization has eliminated the "Inactive" Status. We contacted each of our In-active members and the following have resigned:

Francis Bird	Robert Keldgord
John Braun	Harry Kinney
Kent Cemolini	Sheldon Lawrence
Joesph Dieh	Robert Mathews
Robert Farmer	Thomas Williams
Nicholas Fokas	Mark Nollsch
Ross Gordon	Don Roberts
Plato Grivas	Robert Sada
Jack Hagler	Al Serafino
Paul Harris	Peter Shea
Ivan Hendrick	Charles Walsh
Thomas Hickey	John West
Gary Howard	Robert Wilson
Mark Jordan	



Neil Schmidt receiving Branch Certificate of Appreciation award from Big SIR Jerry Hicks



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Mike Carpenter** passed on June 8, 2019 of congestive heart failure. Mike survived 3 open heart surgeries and a cardiac arrest and a stroke. He dealt for aphasia which made it difficult for him to communicate. He enjoyed his friends in SIR and he will be missed.

SIR **Lou Meylan** is at home recovering from the consequences of his third back operation. A bathroom remodel on the first floor will really come in handy as he rehabilitates. He is in good spirits and he looks forward to handling his chairmanship of the WINE TASTING GROUP.

SIR **Dave Heck** is recovering from a stroke. He can't drive but is walking a bit. His speech was affected and is improving.

SIR **Roger Smith** had a heart attack but is up and around doing his cardio rehab. He got 2 stents and a pacemaker for his trouble. He hopes to be back at lunch in August.

SIR **Lloyd Plank** is going strong at 93. He is still dealing with his bone cancer. There is no resolution for his home in Lafayette which slid off his property. He spends time dealing with the law suites as a result of this 2 million-dollar fiasco. He lives in Sacramento and sends his regards.

SIR **Allan Chasnof** nine weeks ago had a back injury. He can't walk but gets relief reclining. He is following up on all the treatment prescribed for his injury and we hope for a total recovery.

THERE IS ONLY ONE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LONG LIFE AND A GOOD DINNER: THAT, IN THE DINNER THE SWEETS COME LAST

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

In Memoriam
Michael S. Carpenter
September 2, 1947—June 7, 2019



Activity Chair

Fred Wachowicz & Mike Ward

(fredwach@pacbell.net)



Get on board for our summer activities and have fun!

Bocce: Thanks to Mike Ward and our new Bocce Ball Chairman, Jim Seven, Bocce Ball is rolling! Our first event was held on June 13th at the Clayton Courts and a good time was had by all. If you are not yet on the e-mail list get in touch with Jim Seven (jseven@me.com, 925-672-7598) to sign yourself and spouse up for the fun. Plans are now being finalized for a permanent reservation at the Clayton courts.

Golf Lessons: Lessons are back on line as our instructor is back from vacation and the Ryder Cup. See the Golf Lesson column and call or e-mail Jerry Zampino at 925-820-0881, jzam40@yahoo.com to reserve a spot. Jerry will also be sending out an e-mail to those already on the golf lesson list with further details.

Pickle: Pickle Ball is on and in play at **Heather Farms**. Get in touch with Ed **Solomon** to sign up and get on the Pickle Mail List. **Call Ed at 415-215-2684** to sign up if you are not already on the list.

Book Club Two: has been officially launched and the group met on 27 June to review "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan. **Book Club Two** meets the Ygnacio Valley Library on 2661 Oak Grove Rd in Walnut Creek. Call or e-mail Fred (fredwach@pacbell.net, 925-640-4594) to sign up for the club and offer to lead the new group if you can take on this role. The next session will be on **Thursday, July 25th, 10:00 am** at the Ygnacio Valley Library to review "Bad Blood" by John Carreyrou. This is the story about Elizabeth Homes and Theranos, a Bio Tech startup and fraud in Silicon Valley.

Get on board with SIR activities for a great summer!



Hiking & Walking
John Riordan & Joel White
 (gcriordan@com, zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

A cool, grey marine layer covered us for the Friday, June 14 walk along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail south from the Lafayette Christian Church. Richard Black led the walk and was joined by Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Al and Nancy Farbman, Dick Frankel, Paul Freitas, Dan and Andrea Green, Essie Naddaf, and John and Gail Riordan. Anna Freitas joined us for the post-walk gathering at the Lafayette Starbucks.

The June 28 walk will be included next month's report.

David Geary will lead the **Friday, July 12** walk. We will meet at 8:15 at Inspiration Point in Tilden Park and walk north along the paved Nimitz Trail. The post-walk gathering will be at Geppetto's Cafe, 87 Orinda Way in Orinda. RSVP to David at dsgeary@comcast.net.

Al Farbman will lead the **Friday, July 26** walk. We will meet at 8:15 at the west end of the Lafayette Reservoir parking lot and walk counter-clockwise around the reservoir. The post-walk gathering will be at the Coffee Shop, 50 Lafayette Circle in Lafayette (across from Chow). Bring quarters or a credit card for the parking meters at both locations. RSVP to Al at allanfarbman@aol.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

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



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.



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group
Alex Lutkus
 (alutkus@yahoo.com)

Last month, the Dine-O-Sir Dinner Group had a most wonderful, two night, dining event at Massimo Ristorante in Walnut Creek. Both evenings were a sellout with, unfortunately, those on the waiting list unable to be accommodated. So, sign up early to assure your reservation at the next dining event, which will be announced, very soon, for a date in August. If you are not getting notifications prior to each of our upcoming dining events, send your request to get on our email list to Alex Lutkus at alutkus@yahoo.com.

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)

The Book Group met on Monday, June 24, 2019 to discuss "Bad Blood" by John Carreyrou, the story of Elizabeth Holmes and Theranos, her company to do multiple blood tests from a pinprick of blood. It's a story of misrepresentation, intimidation and fraud by a company with a board composed of the likes of George Schultz, Henry Kissinger and General James Mattis. WSJ Reporter John Carreyrou gets a tip and eventually a story that leads to Federal indictments which are only now going to trial.

John Riordan recommended the book while Richard Black led the discussion with Bob Wolf, Alan Pope, Mike Schneider, Richard Frankel, John Kopchik, Jim Flessner, Mac McLoughlan, Joel White, Garrett Girvan, Dick Kauffman and Nick Bowles

The group awarded this account of secrets and lies in a Silicon Valley startup a whopping 4.4 stars. Read this book.

Let it be noted that although Book Club leadership cancelled the June 3 meeting because Orinda Books was not available, John Kopchik, Paul Freitas and Dick Frankel were undeterred and met to discuss the chosen book, *Leadership in Turbulent Times* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. The group met at Civic Park, Walnut Creek, and wandered to La Scala for coffee and a lively discussion of leadership qualities of Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson. Were the historical circumstances that which made each a leader? Or was each president destined for leadership? The consensus is that no matter the conclusion to the question, the same leadership skills are appropriate today. While the normal rating (zero to 5) was not meaningful because of the small sampling, the group concluded the book is worthwhile and recommended reading if for no other reason than a reminder that the country has faced turbulent times in the past and we are still here to talk about it.

The group entire Book Group agreed to meet next on **Monday, July 22** to discuss "The Promise of the

Grand Canyon" by John F. Ross.

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

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$UMS in Retirement meets next on **Wed July 24 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 Kevin Gahagen of Mosaic Financial Partners, San Francisco. He will talk about possible signs of recession in current financial statistics and indicators.

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



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.



SIR Br. 116 Members playing in the inaugural Pickleball event



Walking Tours

Alan Fitzgerald

(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

Saturday Walking Tours - On Saturday, **July 27** the SIRs will visit Preservation Park in downtown Oakland, and the Pardee Home Museum located in the same neighborhood. Preservation Park contains 12 Victorian homes that were relocated to the Park during the construction of the 980 freeway. The Pardee House is the Governor Pardee's family home. The museum has a remarkable collection of the family's original furniture and objects of art. Both tours will be lead by docents. The tour begins at 10:00, at the front gate entrance to Preservation Park. Entrance fee will be roughly \$10 per person. This is a great activity for spouses. Please feel free to call Greg Hughes to clarify access issue and parking options, (925) 998-5650.



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.



Home of Br. 116 Bocce Courts in Clayton

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Bocce
BALLS



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The next meeting of the SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology Group will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge (1475 Creekside Dr., WC) on **Thursday, July 18th** starting at 9:30 AM. SIR from all branches and their guests, including spouses, are welcome. Plan to come a little early for coffee, goodies and to chat.

The presentation topic for July will be "**Windows 10 Tricks**" by Neil Schmidt. Neil will introduce several new and different ways to expand the functionality of your Windows 10 computer. These techniques are useful for both Windows 10 novices as well as useful for more experienced users. Members will also be encouraged to contribute their own "tricks" as well.

Note that we ask for a \$5 no nation to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. We look forward to seeing you on July 18.

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



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, July 25th** 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. Contacts are Harry Sherinian 510-207-7067 and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243.

The year for salmon is proving to be as good as we hoped. Almost everyone in the group has caught some. Bob Fieber won the pot with a 30lb salmon. Halibut fishing has also been amazing, and again, most of the group caught some of these tasty flatfish from San Francisco Bay. Ron Lew caught a monster 29 pound catfish at San Pablo Reservoir. Phil Scimonelli, Pete Gates, Paul Dubow, and Jack Waddell caught kokanee at New Melones lake. Bob Stein, Brion Beetz and Carl Moyer got rockfish from the ocean. Dick Thompson, Ray Pixton and Chuck Vanoncinni fly fished the lower Sacramento river for wild trout. Tom Kostik 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.



Dick Thomson & Chuck Vanoncinni
on the Sacramento River



"Mexican Train" Dominos

Richard Madden

(maddenram@sbcglobal.net)

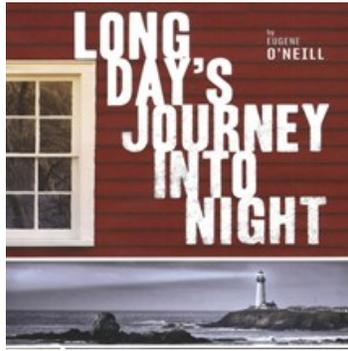
"Mexican Train" is a domino game which uses a set of Double Twelve Dominoes. From 2 to 8 can play. Each player draws 11 to 15 dominoes. The number of dominoes each player draws depends on the number of players. The object of the game is to play all your dominoes. When you draw your hand, you set it up 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.

Scores ranged from 201 to 427. Richard Madden scored 201 with John Riordan coming in second at 246. Next were Harry Sherinian at 316, Gary Bonfigio at 325, Bob Wolf at 356 and Kirk McVean with 427.

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.

We will be at our regular meeting place on **July 10th**.





Joint Theater Party

With SIR Branches 8, 116, 128 & 146
Thursday, September 19, 7:30 p.m
The Old Barn Theater, Tao House
at the Eugene O'Neill National
Historic Site in Danville

Here's an opportunity to see playwright Eugene O'Neill's most notable play – Long Days Journey into Night -- in the setting where it was written. Join your friends from SIR Branches 8, 116, 146 and 128 for a memorable evening in the theater.

Eugene O'Neill was America's first great playwright, and the only American playwright to be honored with the Nobel Prize for Literature. He lived at Tao House in the hills above Danville from 1937-1944. It was here that O'Neill wrote his greatest and final plays, including Long Days Journey into Night, The Ice-man Cometh, and A Moon for the Misbegotten, among others.

Long Days Journey is a memory play about the playwright's family when he was growing up in New London, CN. His father, James O'Neill, was a prominent actor; his mother – a former convent girl addicted to morphine after childbirth; and his carousing brother Jamie. All have dreams, ambitions and secrets that impact younger brother Eugene (named 'Edmund' in the play). Long Days Journey into Night is considered one of America's greatest dramas.

A limited number of reduced price seats have been reserved for SIR members and guests for this special event sponsored by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation.

Reservations at \$35.00 per person are available with a check payable to SIR146 and mailed to Sir Gary Schaub, 1400 Canyonwood Ct., #8, Walnut Creek 94595. Deadline is August 16. (Please include your SIR Branch Number & e-mail address so we can confirm your reservation.)

Access to the O'Neill National Historic Site is by National Park Service shuttle departing from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave, Danville. (No private car access.) Details for shuttles, beginning at 6:00p.m., will be provided to attendees in advance of performance date.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@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



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

Our **July 26th** Wine Appreciation get together was at the home of Jon Dickson. It featured wines from the Grgich-Hills Cellars of Rutherford, CA. The wines sampled were Fume Blanc, Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon.

The next get together will be **September 27th** at the home of Bill McCallum. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Bill McCallum at 925-939-5045.

2019 Reno Golf Getaway

September 4-5-6

Golfers & Non-Golfers

“Enjoy the Excitement of Reno”

Everyone:

- 3 Nights Deluxe Accommodations at the Silver Legacy
- Opening Night “New York Deli Buffett” Dinner
- Closing Night Banquet
- A “free” night to do what you want (Sept. 5)
- Raffle Prizes, Gaming and Bar Coupons

Golfers:

- Play two of Reno’s Signature Golf Courses: Wolf Run and Arrow Creek
- 36 Holes of Golf with Cart and Range Balls, Golf Prize Money

Golfers and Non-Golfers:

- A three-day getaway to enjoy what the “Biggest Little City in the World” has to offer
- Shopping, Gambling, Live Shows, Great Restaurants, Museums and more....

Registration Forms Available at the July Luncheon



Golfers Enjoying Reno 2018

Branch 116 Golfers! State Individual Championship

Each year the State Individual Championship is the biggest “Major” for SIR’s members. Last year Al Zavattero made it to the Championship and reports that it was a great golf experience – he placed 2nd in his Flight and enjoyed meeting SIRs from other Branches.

The road to the State Individual Championship starts with the Region 5 Individual Qualifier in Manteca on Wednesday, August 7. Cost is \$48 which includes all fees, a cart and prizes. It will be played as an 8:30 AM shotgun start at Manteca Park Golf Course. It is open to all SIRs members with a NCGA Index, and we can put together our own foursomes.

The Region 5 Qualifier on August 7 will have seven flights divided according to Index – the top two finishers in each flight will receive a free entry in the State Individual Championship to be played at Hiddenbrook Golf Club in Vallejo on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

The registration and \$48 payment for the August 7 Qualifier must be received at Region 5 by Monday, July 22.

Interested or want more information? Please contact Hank McDermott at HankMcDermott@sbcglobal.net or (925) 330-0817. He has the entry form and other information.





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.

July 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	D.McClaughry
Wed. 31	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Marty Katz

July 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:32	Boundary Oak	Greg Hughes
Mon. 08	9:32	Boundary Oak	Greg Hughes
Tues. 16	9:30	San Ramon.	Greg Hughes
Mon. 22	9:30	Poppy Ridge	Greg Hughes
Mon. 29	9:00	Chardonnay	Greg Hughes

18-Hole Results

Redwood Canyon, June 24, 2019

David Harris - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Tie 1st Phil Goff	68 3	1st Gary Boswell	68 3	1st Dave Carlson	65 3	1st Terry Sherman	58 3
Tie 1st David Harris	68 3	2nd Al Zavattero	70 2	2nd Jim Clizbe	73 2	2nd Bill Hemmelsbach	66 2
3rd Alan Fitzgerald	70 1	3rd Bernie Wroblewski	72 1	Tie 3rd Sam Beret	75 1	3rd Conrad Robertson	72 1
				Tie 3rd Alex Lutkus	75 1		
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	83	Gary Boswell	90	Dave Carlson	94	Terry Sherman	90
<u>Closest to #3</u>		<u>Closest to #3</u>		<u>Closest to #3</u>		<u>Closest to #3</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald		Al Zavattero				Terry Sherman	

Blue Rock Springs East, June 18, 2019

Jim Barstow - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Phil Goff	69 3	1st Jim Barstow	65 3	1st Alex Lutkus	70 3	1st Greg Hughes	75 3
2nd Don Schroeder	70 2	2nd Gary Boswell	72 2	2nd Richard Madden	71 2	Tie 2nd Bill Hemmelsbach	78 2
3rd David Harris	71 1	3rd Harry Oberle	75 1	3rd Jim Clizbe	76 1	Tie 2nd Fred Schafer	78 2
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	85	Jim Barstow	87	Richard Madden	100	Greg Hughes	112
<u>Closest to #8</u>		<u>Closest to #8</u>		<u>Closest to #8</u>		<u>Closest to #8</u>	
Michael Barrington		Harry Oberle		Alex Lutkus		Conrad Robertson	

Boundary Oak, June 10, 2019

Harry Oberle - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Phil Goff	68 3	1st Gary Boswell	65 3	1st Alex Lutkus	69 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	73 3
Tie 2nd David Harris	75 2	2nd Bernie Wroblewski	70 2	2nd Jim Clizbe	70 2	Tie 2nd Phil Jenkins	83 2
Tie 2nd Jim McCormick	75 2	3rd Alan Pope	73 1	Tie 3rd Sam Beret	71 1	Tie 2nd Greg Hughes	83 1
				Tie 3rd Charles McInnis	71 1		
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	85	Gary Boswell	89	Sam Beret	99	Bill Hemmelsbach	113
				Charles McInnis	99		
<u>Closest to #12</u>		<u>Closest to #12</u>		<u>Closest to #12</u>		<u>Closest to #12</u>	
Ron Radakovich		Alan Pope		Dave Carlson			

Boundary Oak, June 3, 2019

Jim Johnson - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st David Harris	60 3	1st Jim Videle	68 3	1st Charles McInnis	70 3	Tie 1st Greg Hughes	64 3
Tie 2nd Jerry Hicks	69 2	2nd Jim Barstow	69 2	Tie 2nd Alex Lutkus	71 2	Tie 1st Fred Schafer	64 3
Tie 2nd Jim Johnson	69 2	3rd Frank Portillo	73 1	Tie 2nd Jai Yee	71 2	3rd Bill Hemmelsbach	72 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
David Harris	80	Jim Barstow	92	Charles McInnis	98	Greg Hughes	103
						Fred Schafer	103
<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>	
Jim Johnson		Han McDermott		Dave Carlson			

18-Hole Leaderboard

2019 First Half Leaders (as of Redwood Canyon June 24, 2019)

<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>
Don Schroeder	26	Gary Boswell	31	Alex Lutkus	24	Bill Hemmelsbach	33
Phil Goff	24	Jim Barstow	28	Dave Carlson	24	Greg Hughes	23
Jim Johnson	23	Harry Oberle	26	Kevin Donahue	14	Fred Schafer	21
David Harris	23	Dirk Meyer	10	Richard Madden	13	Terry Sherman	16
Jerry Hicks	11	Al Zavatiero	8	Charlie McGinnis	10	Conrad Robertson	15
Alan Fitzgerald	8	Bernie Wroblewski	7	Sam Beret	8	Robbie Robinson	4
Denny Giambastiani	6	Frank Portillo	4	Jim Clizbe	8	Matt Arena	3
Michael Barrington	3	Al Hutcho	3	Tom O'Brien	7	Wayne Cook	3
Warren Garrison	3	Katz, Marty	3	Bob Testa	6	Phil Jenkins	3
Jim McCormick	2	Jim Vedele	3	Bob Donohue	3		
Bill McCord	1	Al Zavatiero	2	Dick Chaffee	3		
		Hank McDermott	2	Ron Armijo	3		
		Don Benioff	1	Jai Yee	2		
		Alan Pope	1	Randy Welker	2		

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>
July 16	San Ramon	July 5	\$36
July 22	Poppy Ridge	July 11	\$49
July 29	Chardonnay	July 21	\$47
August 20	Rancho Solano	Aug. 14	\$45
August 26	Dublin Ranch	Aug. 20	\$32

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



FIRST CLASS MAIL

RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5805

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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.

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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.