



# SIR Branch 116 Trampas Topics Newsletter December 2019

**Next Meeting:** 11:30 am  
Monday, Jan. 20, 2020  
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



Greg Hughes just led the Saturday Tours in San Francisco with a well-spoken and knowledgeable docent who showed us several of the Art Deco buildings and spoke to us about the history behind the Art Deco movement of the twenties and thirties. It was most interesting and enjoyable and we capped it off with a very good lunch. These Saturday tours have been interesting and educational with a wide variety of Bay Area destinations. It's worth your time to join Greg's Saturday Tours.

Fred Wachowicz and Mike Ward, our Activity Coordinators, conducted a meeting of the Activity Chairs and other interested members in October. They're minutes were 2 ½ pages of ideas and recommendations which will make our Branch even stronger. They will have an Activity information survey at our November luncheon. We want all of you to participate and we'll begin our Luncheon at 11:25 to give a little time for your ideas. Write in if you have any ideas for new activities, including those open to spouses.

Our new leadership crew, the Officers and Directors (BEC), for 2020 will be installed at the November Luncheon. Their term will begin on January 1. Michael Barrington is also busy filling the Department Head (RAMP) and support positions. Should you have an interest in joining in to help with any of the areas, let Mike know. It's a good way to get to know other members and you'll find it rewarding. The Activity Coordinators and Chairs also will be filling our Activity leader and assistant positions.

Do you remember the video that Neil put together for last year's Veterans Day? He will be adding to that for our Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Luncheon. If you served in any of the branches of the Armed Services – especially fellow Navy guys – please send him the information as well as a picture of you way back then!

Holiday season is underway beginning with a late Thanksgiving this year. I hope all can be with and having an enjoyable holiday with their families or friends. The day reflects the many things that we can be thankful for. Two weeks following, Alan Fitzgerald's Committee will put on for us our annual Christmas Dinner Dance. See the attached flyer and send in your reservation now. It's a fun evening at Boundary Oak, always decorated well during the Christmas season. I hope to see all our members and spouses there.

*Jerry Hicks, Big SIR*



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*or email to*

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*by the Monday prior to the meeting to cancel your standing reservation or to bring a guest.*

## 2019 SIR Branch 116 Officers



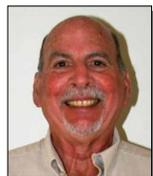
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Jerry  
Hicks



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## 2019 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Norm  
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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

## December 2019

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC ) <b>Book Group 1</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	3 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr.)	4 <b>Holiday Party</b> <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@Buchanan Fields)	5	6	7
8	9 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC )	10 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	11 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Field GC)	12	13 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Inspiration Point Trailhead, Tilden)	14
15	16 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:36@ Diablo Creek GC )	17	18 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Brentwood CC) <b>Mexican Train</b> (10:00@Church of Christ)	19 <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	20	21
22	23 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Brentwood CC )	24 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	25  <b>Christmas</b>	26	27 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Inspiration Point Trailhead, Tilden)	28
29	30 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:06@ Hiddenbrooke CC )	31				



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

**Jim Nickels, Treasurer**  
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	October 2019	2019 YTD
Contributions	\$ 6,160.90	\$ 61,954.26
Disbursements	\$ (6,248.80)	\$ (62,792.51)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (87.90)	\$ (838.25)
October 31st Cash Balance		\$ 7,263.04

## November Birthdays

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

1. Norm Alberts	10. Bill Hayes
2. Bob Anderson	11. JJ Johnson
3. Bob Campbell	12. Jim McCormick
4. James Carden	13. John Mulgrew
5. Brent Chaney	14. Phil Perrelli
6. Bill Clarke	15. Lonny Randall
7. Bob Conlon	16. Neil Schmidt
8. Steve Croshal	17. Bob Testa
9. Art Donaldson	



## Meeting Attendance

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



### October 21, 2109 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	212
Guests/Visitors:	5
Transfers & Inductees:	3
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	47
Excused due to long term illness:	5
Members NOT excused:	18
Total Attendance:	153
% of Active Members in Attendance	69%

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

## November Lunch Menu



THE CLUBHOUSE  
AT BOUNDARY OAK

### SIRS 116 Luncheon November 19, 2019

#### Salad

Spicy Carrot Salad  
Baby Greens, Carrots Pineapple, Citrus Segments  
Champagne Vinaigrette

#### Entrees

Holiday Turkey Dinner  
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Gravy,  
Sautéed Vegetables

#### Or

Pan Seared Pacific Dory  
Roasted Tomato Caper Sauce, Rice Pilaf &  
Seasonal Vegetables

#### Vegetarian

Roasted Vegetable Napoleon  
Layered & Served with Melted Plum Tomatoes &  
Fresh Basil

#### Dessert

Pumpkin Cheesecake  
Crème Anglaise, Whipped Cream



## Membership

**Phil Goff**  
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is: **212**

#### New Members:

- Salem Attiga (Sponsor Don Schroeder)
- Tony deGrassi (Sponsor Garrett Girvan)
- John Mulgrew (Sponsor David Harris)

#### Passed Away:

- Jerry Bennett (October 10, 2019)



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

Our speaker for November will be Michael Houston.

After earning his degree at Cal. State Sacramento he was accepted into the US Air Force commissioning and aviation program. After nearly two years of specialized training he was assigned to a B-52 H flight crew as part of the cold war deterrent force. As an instructor, navigator-bombardier he flew 60 Vietnam combat missions. He will share with us some of his experiences and memories of that seminal period in US history.

**2020 SIR Branch 116  
 Officers & Directors**

**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](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com)

**New Branch 116 Members**



New Member Tony deGrassi and Sponsor Garrett Girvan



Sponsor David Harris and New Member John Mulgrew



Sponsor Don Schroeder and New Member Salem Attiga



## Parties

Alan Fitzgerald  
(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

### Holiday Christmas Party

November will be the LAST MEETING BEFORE our annual Christmas/Holiday Dinner/Dance. You can pick up a registration form at the November Luncheon. **Registration deadline is December 2nd.** The program will be a little different this year: 5:00 to 6:00 social hour with an ice breaker for the ladies; 6:00 to 7:00 will be Welcoming comments, Branch Business, Entertainment, and Raffles; enjoy a nice dinner at 7:00 while visiting with your friends and you can stay and enjoy Dancing until 10:00.



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena  
(marena@astound.net)

Due to scheduled power outages (and some home reconstruction), Matt was unable to provide a Sunshine Report this month.

### In Memoriam

**Plato Grivas**

May 24, 1928– July 1, 2019

### In Memoriam

**Donald E. Peckham**

January 31, 1927– July 14, 2019

### In Memoriam

**Gerald J. Bennett**

April 27, 1937– October 10, 2019



## Activity Chair

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



Welcome aboard to our new Book Club Two Activity Chairman, Alan Pope. Thank you Alan for your help in managing this activity. See Alan's note for our next session.

**Activity Chairmen Breakfast:** The second annual Activity Chairman Breakfast Meeting was held on October 8th at Denicas in Walnut Creek. Over 20 members were in attendance and a healthy agenda of Activity Improvements was brought forward.

- We will take a survey prior to the start of the next lunch meeting re activity preferences. Please help us with your input for activities you would like to see or participate in
- We will do a better job to calendar activities to reduce time conflicts between scheduled activities
- We will work closely with other branches to develop and or share new activities
- We will be working with membership relations, recruiting, and publicity to keep members better informed about activities and their individual interests in participation

**Recreational Vehicle Travel and Cycling with Branch 146:** If you are interested in group RV travel or Cycling group activity contact Bob Lucido at 925-899-0974. SIR Branch 146 invites us to join them in enjoying either one of these activities.

Happy Halloween.

## 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](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings)



SIR BRANCH 116 – WALNUT CREEK

# HOLIDAY PARTY DINNER DANCE!



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019 – 5:00 TO 10:30 PM**

## **The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak**

3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek 94598

5:00 – 6:00 Registration and Social Hour with No Host Bar

6:00 – 7:00 Changing of the Leadership Team, Entertainment, Door Prizes

7:00 – 10:30 Dinner and Dancing

### **CHOICE OF ENTRÉE @ \$57 PER PERSON:**

Grilled Marinated Bistro Filet, Potato Gratin, Caramelized Shallot Jus  
Pan Seared Salmon, Corn Coulis with Lemon, Rice Pilaf and Braised Leeks

Butternut Squash Ravioli, Brown Butter & Sundried Cranberries

*Includes Wedge Salad, Seasonal Vegetables and NY Cheese Cake*

**Corkage fee: \$15.00**

– **Holiday Party Dinner Dance** – Boundary Oak – 12/11/2019

Reservations must be received **NO** later than **December 2nd, 2019**

Make checks payable to: SIR Branch 116 (Circle entrée choice)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Steak    Fish    Pasta

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Steak/Fish/Pasta dinner: \$57 X \_\_\_\_\_ guests = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail checks to: Gary Boswell, 2 Rachel Ranch Court, Clayton, CA 94517-2126

I WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A TABLE (tables of 10) WITH THE FOLLOWING:



## Br. 116 Book Group 1

**Rich Black**

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 met on Monday, 28 October, 2019, to discuss "Before the Fall" by Noah Hawley, an action thriller which follows the intersecting destinies of an artist, a news network head, a red meat anchor, a financier who deals in embargoed funds, and a host of other characters involved in one way or another in a private jet crash.

Nick Bowles recommended the book while Richard Black led the discussion with Bob Wolf, Jerry Christopherson, Paul Freitas, Dick Kauffman, John Kopchik, John Riordan, Mike Schneider and Steve Bort.

The group awarded this whodunit with philosophical underpinnings (e.g. is what we see on a screen as real as what we see in front of us?) a rating of 3.8 stars.

The group will meet next on **Monday, December 2** [ NO NOVEMBER MEETING] to discuss "The Girl With Seven Names" by Hyeonseo Lee.

It is the custom of Book Group #1 to meet at 10:15 am at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda although this month, in view of the uncertainty occasioned by the P G and E blackout, the group gathered at some tables outside the Walnut Creek Senior Center in Civic Park. Apologies to any who had difficulty in locating the venue.



## 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



## Bocce

**Jim Seven**

(jseven1@me.com)

### BOCCE PROGRESS

Our four bocce teams have completed two weeks of play. We have witnessed some dramatic improvement from week 1 to week 2. The two pictures (below) show that improvement.

The goal of bocce is for the red and green balls to snuggle up close to the pallino, with a point awarded for each ball inside your opponents best throw. Week 1 shows a lonely pallino, while Week 2 shows a closely surrounded pallino.

The next two Bocce gatherings will be November 7 and 22 at 10 AM at the Clayton Bocce Courts.



## Bridge

**Jon Dickson**

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Sorry to report our SIR's Ladies / Couples Lunch & Bridge at Diablo Country Club on October 29th was cancelled due to a power outage at Diablo Country Club. One would think a large organization like Diablo would pay their electric bill! But Mother Nature and her winds caused us to cancel our game. Do plan on joining us for our next Ladies /Couples Day Lunch & Bridge next April 21st. Mark your calendars.

We still have our regular lunch & bridge games every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of tiger month at Diablo Country Club, when electric power is on! Join us for an afternoon of bridge.



## Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

(greghughes505@gmail.com)

On Saturday, October 26, the Walking Tours Group completed the Downtown Deco Walking tour which covered SF Financial District buildings that were constructed in the 1920's and 1930's. The tour began at the old Pacific Telephone Headquarters on New Montgomery St. and ended at the Dental Office Building at 450 Sutter St. Rory O'Connor, our SF Walking Guide, provided detailed discussions of the Art Deco features in each building, and he also recounted the historical events at the times of constructions. After the tour the Group enjoyed an excellent lunch at nearby restaurant that specializes in Asian-Fusion.

Walking Tours are scheduled for the last Saturday of the month. There are no tours conducted during the Holidays, and the next Walking Tour date is January 25, 2020. Information for this tour will be provided in the December's Trampus Topics.



Walking Tour Group in Downtown SF on October 26, 2019



## 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

## New Golf Handicap System

Starting January 1, 2020, USGA (& NCGA) will be adopting a new handicap system. One of the big changes will be the maximum hole scoring.

- The maximum hole score for each player will be limited to a **Net Double Bogey**. The calculation is simple: Par +2 + any strokes you receive for the hole based on your course handicap. Example: A Course Handicap of 18 receives one stroke per hole for 18 holes; the player's max score is triple bogey on any hole, which equals a **Net Double Bogey**.

Other changes include:

- Handicap will be based off your 8 best scores out of the past 20. (It was based on your best 10). Maximum handicap that can be issued will increase to 54 (It was 36).
- Slope Rating and now Course Rating and Par will be used to determine your Course Handicap, allowing you to play from different sets of tees without any adjustment.
- Daily handicap revisions, taking account of the course and weather conditions calculation.

Our SIR Golf Leadership team will try to figure out how we will implement this new handicap system.



Fred Wachowicz and Mike Ward (not present) receiving "Certificate of Appreciation" award from Big SIR Jerry Hicks



## 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, November 21st 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.

REMEMBER, THE NOVEMBER MEETING IS THE 21<sup>st</sup>!!!!!!!

Well, summer is officially over. Many salmon and halibut were killed and eaten. Now we seek trout, sturgeon, and striped bass. The Lake Almanor foray had mostly limits at Eagle Lake but wind prevented the group from fishing on the second day at Almanor; camaraderie, food and hospitality were the real winners. San Pablo reservoir was not as kind to Rich Fascina, Ed Barney, Phil Scimonelli, and Carl Moyer who fished twice for only two trout each day. Carl, Ron Lew, and Thom Watkins had even worse luck with sturgeon, catching only a few small ones. Ron, Carl, Brion Beetz, and George Vogt did catch rockfish, cabezone, and ling on the ocean blue. Tom Kostik got limits of trout at Pinecrest Lake, and salmon from the Klamath river. Paul Dubow, and Don Arington went to Nevada's Pyramid lake for big cutthroat trout.



## "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 and one observer in attendance. Our observer was John Mulgrew and we hope to see him at our next meeting. We had three scores in the 200's. Richard Madden had 241 followed by Harry Sherinian at 289 and Paul Freitas with 295. Kirk McVean had 380, James Carden had 427 with Gary Bonfiglio at 519.

On October 23rd we had couples Mexican Train. Nancy and Kirk McVean, Donna and Richard Madden and Harlan Krusemark and Maryann played. Low for the evening was Kirk McVean with Donna Madden coming in second.

The next Couples Train is scheduled for **November 27th**. Since that is the day before Thanksgiving it might be cancelled.



## 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, November 21st** 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.

November presentation topic will be "Organizing Your Photos" by Neil Schmidt. What do you do with all your photos? Most of us have a large collection of old slides and prints and, with today's smartphones, we now have a massive collection of new digital images. Neil will explore several different techniques for managing your entire photo collection.

Checkout our CAT website at "a2cat.sirinc2.org" for a list of past presentations. 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 November 21st.



## Pickleball

Ed Solomon

(edsolomon@gmail.com)

Please join us to learn Pickleball every week at Walnut Creek Tennis Club, Health Farms:

- Mondays from 8 am to 9:30 am
  - mixed doubles play
- Fridays from 8 am to 9:30 am.
  - SIR's only

Just bring Tennis Sneakers, and we have the paddles & balls

**Let's grow this SIR's activity! It's easy & fun!**

No need to call and confirm, just show up.

If there is a possibility of a weather challenge just text either, Ed or Dennis to confirm:

- Dennis 925-788-7508 c
- Ed 415-215-2684 c



## We Want Your Photos!

We are collecting "old time" photos of our veteran members in their uniform. These photos will be used in a special **Veteran's Appreciation Slideshow** to be shown at our **November Meeting**. If you haven't already submitted a photo, you are a veteran and want to be included in the slideshow, send a photo or two to [trampastopics@gmail.com](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com). Include the approximate year and location of each photo.

## \$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$UMS in Retirement meets next on Wed November 20 at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4. Note this is the 3rd Wednesday due to Thanksgiving - not our usual.

The presenter will be our own Jamshed Gandi, CPA, updating us on income taxes.

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



## Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The Wine O Sirs September get together was at the home of Bob Wolf. He featured wines from Spain. Our November meeting will be at the home of Dick and Jayne Savage on **November 21st** from 4 to 6pm. Note this is a week earlier because of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Dick at 925-378-7834 or [jaynesavage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jaynesavage@sbcglobal.net)



Big SIR Jerry Hicks presenting Urs Christen "Twenty-five Years Membership" award



## "Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus  
(alutkus@yahoo.com)

The Dine-O-SIR Dinner Group had a fun evening in October at the TAPHOUSE at Boundary Oak Golf Course. At our "Oktoberfest" celebration, delicious Bavarian food, a variety of beers, all with background German waltz/polka music, were enjoyed by all.

October's event brings to an end the 2019 Dine-O-SIR dining schedule. The Committee is now planning for the 2020 dining schedule of events. If you have any suggestions for your favorite restaurant to be included, please contact Alex Lutkus by e-mail.

The Dine-O-SIR Committee wish you and yours all the best for the remainder of 2019.



Hiking & Walking Group gathering at the Black Diner after their October 11th hike



## Hiking & Walking

John Riordan & Joel White  
(gcriordan@com, zp2mrz@gmail.com)

Dick Frankel led the October 11 walk through Heather Farms Rose Garden and along the Contra Costa Trail. The post-walk gathering met at the Greenery. Don Murray led the October 25 walk along the Iron Horse Trail from Osage Station Park. The post walk gathering met at the Black bear Diner.

Paul Freitas will lead the Friday November 8 walk. We will meet at 8:15 at the trailhead on Stone Valley Road West and walk south on the Iron Horse Trail. The post-walk gathering will be at Panera Bread in the adjacent Alamo Plaza Shopping Center. RSVP to Paul at [pmfreitas@pacbell.net](mailto:pmfreitas@pacbell.net).

Allan Chasnoff will lead the Friday November 22 walk. Meet at 8:15 at the Sweet Affair Bakery in the Ygnacio Plaza Shopping Center, 1881 Ygnacio Valley Road. We will walk through Heather Farm Park to the Contra Costa Canal and then turn right and walk east along the canal. The post-walk gathering will be at Sweet Affair Bakery. RSVP to Allan at [allanchasnoff@gmail.com](mailto:allanchasnoff@gmail.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 [jriordan730@gmail.com](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com) or 925-284-3394.

## SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site (With new design)  
[branch116.org](http://branch116.org)

Branch 116 Golf  
[branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org)

Computer and Technology  
<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

SIR Happenings State Newsletter  
[sirinc.org/sirhappenings](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

State SIR Web Site  
[sirinc.org/](http://sirinc.org/)

## Some SIR Travel Opportunities

SIR Area 16 web site has many other travel opportunities. Check them out at: <http://area2.sirinc2.org/>



**SIR Branch 116 Golf**  
 By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman  
 (bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

**2020 Golf Membership Fees are Due**

It's that time of year again to renew our Branch 116 membership in NCGA. Beginning in October we will commence our 2020 NCGA membership campaign.

Our 2020 membership for Branch 116 will cost \$59. This includes NCGA membership (\$39), as well as membership in our Branch 116 Golf Club (\$20), for both 18 and 9 hole golf participants. A valid NCGA membership is required for 18 hole golf.

If you are a member of NCGA through another group, you only need to pay the \$20 for Branch 116 membership.

If you want to play only 9 hole golf, Branch 116 membership is \$15 and no NCGA membership is required.

You can either mail in your check to our golf P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549, or bring a check made out to SIR Branch 116 Golf to the October or November luncheon meetings. If you have any questions please contact David Harris (925) 6725543.



**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.

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

**Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site**

The Golf Website is: [branch116golf.org](http://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.

**December 9-Hole Schedule**

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 11	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee

**December 18-Hole Schedule**

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:32	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
Mon. 09	9:32	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
Mon. 16	9:36	Diablo Creek	Jim Johnson
Mon. 23	9:30	Brentwood	Jim Johnson
Mon. 30	10:06	Hiddenbrooke	Jim Johnson

# 18-Hole Results

Napa Kennedy, October 28, 2019  
Jim McCormick - Official Scorer

Cancelled due to Wind & Fire Danger

Rossmoor, October 22, 2019  
Jim McCormick - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Warren Garrison	64 3	Tie 1st Jim Barstow	69 3	1st Dave Carlson	70 3	1st Terry Sherman	74 3
2nd Michael Barrington	66 2	Tie 1st Ken Coleman	69 3	2nd Richard Madden	71 2	2nd Kirk McVean	75 2
3rd Jerry Hicks	69 1	3rd Harry Oberle	71 1	3rd Alex Lutkus	75 1	3rd	1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Warren Garrison	81	Jim Barstow	89	Richard Madden	99	Kirk McVean	104
Michael Barrington	81						
<u>Closest to #14</u>		<u>Closest to #14</u>		<u>Closest to #14</u>		<u>Closest to #14</u>	
Warren Garrison		Jim Barstow					

Boundary Oak, October 14, 2019  
Wayne Cook - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Alan Fitzgerald	65 3	1st Al Zattero	68 3	1st Jed Daniel	68 3	1st Fred Shafer	70 3
2nd Jim Johnson	70 2	2nd Alan Pope	70 2	2nd Alex Lutkus	69 2	2nd Greg Hughes	71 2
Tie 3rd Warren Garrison	71 1	3rd Harry Oberle	71 1	3rd Sam Beret	71 1	Tie 3rd Wayne Cook	75 1
Tie 3rd David Harris	71 1					<u>Tie 3rd Terry Sherman</u>	75
Tie 3rd Carlos Xavier	71 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald	82	Jim Barstow	93	Bob Conlon	97	Fred Schafer	106
		Harry Oberle	93				
		Al Zattero	93				
<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald		Jim Barstow		Sam Beret			

Boundary Oak, October 7, 2019  
Jim McCormick - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st David Harris	62 3	1st Jim Vedele	63 3	1st Tom O'Brien	64 3	Tie 1st Bill Hemmeslbeck	70 3
2nd Alan Fitzgerald	66 2	Tie 2nd Michael Howard	67 2	2nd Kevin Donahue	68 2	Tie 1st Greg Hughes	70 3
3rd Don Schroeder	69 1	Tie 2nd Al Zattero	67 2	3rd Dick Chaffee	69 1	3rd Wayne Cook	72 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
David Harris	78	Jim Vedele	89	Tom O'Brien	91	Greg Hughes	107
<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>	
Phil Goff		Al Hutchko		Kevin Donahue			

## 18-Hole Leaderboard

### 2019 Second Half Leaders (as of Rossmoor, October 22, 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>
Alan Fitzgerald	21	Jim Barstow	24	Alex Lutkus	20	Bill Hemmelsbach	23
David Harris	19	Al Zattero	15	Kevin Donahue	18	Greg Hughes	20
Phil Goff	14	Alan Pope	13	Richard Madden	16	Terry Sherman	20
Jim Johnson	14	Harry Oberle	13	Jim Clizbe	10	Fred Schafer	15
Don Schroeder	13	Bernie Wroblewski	10	Sam Beret	8	Wayne Cook	12
Jerry Hicks	7	Al Hutchko	9	Dave Carlson	6	Conrad Robertson	4
Bill McCord	6	Frank Portillo	8	Ron Armijo	5	Kirk McVean	2
Michael Barrington	5	Jim Vedele	4	Tom O'Brien	5		
Warren Garrison	4	Don Bennioff	3	Dick Chaffee	4		
Carlos Xavier	2	Gary Boswell	3	Jai Yee	3		
Denny Giambiastini	1	Mike Howard	3	Terry Grummitt	3		
		Ken Coleman	3	Jed Daniel	3		
				Charles McInnis	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](mailto:branch116golf@gmail.com).

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
December 16	Diablo Creek	Dec. 07	\$42
December 23	Brentwood	Dec. 15	\$35
December 30	Hiddenbrooke	Dec. 16	\$42

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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### **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.

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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.