



SIR Branch 116 Trampas Topics Newsletter September 2019

Next Meeting: 11:30 am
Monday, Sept. 16, 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



We have at the August meeting elected our BEC (Branch Executive Committee) for 2020. In the next few months **Big SIR elect, Michael Barrington**, will be working to fill Department Heads and Committee Chairs and their Assistants. There are many tasks that need to be done for an interesting, fun, and successful SIR branch. The more members that we get to help out, the easier it is for all. Participation brings about better acquaintances and better acquaintances yield closer friendships. So when Michael and others ask for your help, say **YES!!!** Better yet, pick an area in which you would like to contribute and let Michael know. With your help, I can guarantee a successful Branch.

What is a successful Branch? If I had just one word, I would say "participation". To get participation our Branch offers many activities for you to choose. If we don't presently have an activity of your interest, begin a new one – you only need three to four others to join you. We also must have plenty of time to get together with your friends. This is done through our activities as well as our Luncheons. Luncheon social hours begin at 10:30 so get to our Luncheons early to socialize. We also have to offer interesting and educational speakers at our Luncheons. Michael's Committee has done an outstanding job this past year but if you have heard an interesting speaker that may appeal to our members, let the Little SIR know. We also need to bring spouses/significant others into many of our activities and we do a great job of that. Note that our new activity of Bocce is co-ed and Pickleball is just becoming co-ed. As a final thought, we do have a successful Branch and now we must let others know about us so they too can join the fun and friendship that we enjoy.

Speaking of Pickleball, it is the fastest growing sport across the country and is JPF (just plain fun). It's a paddle sport that combines the elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong hitting a plastic whiffle ball. It can be played by twosomes but foursomes are most enjoyable and are perfect for our age group. Your spouses will like it because one of the rules is to stay out of the "kitchen"! Try it – you'll like it.

Ed Solomon and Jim Seven, both new members this year, teaming with our Activities Coordinators began Pickleball and Bocce and deserve our **Thanks**.

Jerry Hicks, Big SIR



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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



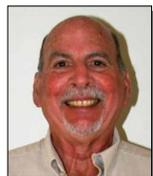
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2019 Activity Chairmen

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

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- 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

September 2019

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 	3 18-Hole Golf (10:30@ Las Positas GC) Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr.)	4 5 6 ----- Reno Golf Getaway -----			7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	10 Luncheon Bridge (11:30 Diablo CC)	11 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ East Parking Lot, Olympic Staging Area, Moraga) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	14
15	16 <u>SIR Br. 116</u> <u>Mtg.</u> (11:30 @ Boundary Oak)	17 18-Hole Golf (9:20@ Rooster Run GC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	19	20 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	21
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Metropolitan GC)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	26 Wine Appreciation (4:00@ Bob Wolf House) Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	27 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Arbolado Park Parking Lot) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	28 Walking Tour
29	30 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Eagle Vines GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	 September			Walking Tours (11:00@ Walt Disney Family Museum, SF)	



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	August 2019	2019 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,780.84	\$ 49,722.46
Disbursements	\$ (5,557.34)	\$ (50,064.16)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 223.50	\$ (341.70)
August 31st Cash Balance		\$ 7,759.59

September Birthdays

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

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Rich Black | 9. Allen Leschot |
| 2. Ken Coleman | 10. Mike Loughery |
| 3. Mike Corker | 11. Hank McDermott |
| 4. Chris Doan | 12. Terry Miller |
| 5. Jim Dugan | 13. Jim Nachtweih |
| 6. Alan Fitzgerald | 14. Leo Vardas |
| 7. Warren Garrison | 15. Carlos Xavier |
| 8. Henry Hauge | |



Meeting Attendance

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



August 19, 2019 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	211
Guests/Visitors:	2
Transfers & Inductees:	3
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	62
Excused due to long term illness:	6
Members NOT excused:	12
Total Attendance:	140
% of Active Members in Attendance	65%

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

September Lunch Menu



THE CLUBHOUSE
AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIRS 116 Luncheon
September 16, 2019

Salad

Spinach Strawberry Salad

Baby Spinach, Strawberries, Feta Cheese
Poppy Seed Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Oven Beef Eye Round

Herb Dijon Marinated Roast Beef, Brown Gravy
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Baked Salmon

Lemon Pepper Marinated Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal
Vegetables, White Wine Butter Sauce

Vegetarian

Stuffed Cannelloni

Stuffed Pasta with Spinach & Ricotta Cheese, Tomato
Basil Sauce

Dessert

Pineapple Coconut Cake

Vanilla Cake, Caramel Sauce, Chantilly Cream



Membership

Phil Goff

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is 211

New Members

- Leo Vardas (Sponsor Dick Savage)
- Jamie Watson (Sponsor Art Donaldson)
- Darrel Dummett (Sponsor Fred Savage)



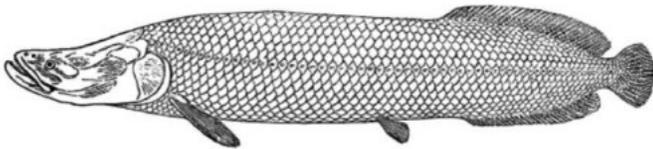
Meeting Speaker
Little SIR Michael Barrington
 (majb7016@gmail.com)

The September meeting speaker will be Alan Blavins talking about his worldwide search for famous "River Monsters"

Alan was born in London where he started in advertising. He did the same when he moved to Hong Kong and then New Zealand.

He taught his son to fish when he was five. His son stayed in England to complete his doctorate and they would meet up once a year somewhere in the world to fish.

They decided it would be fun to try and catch the featured "River Monsters" and they have caught nine of them. They went to Bolivia to try to catch the allusive Arapaima. The show is about our success? And the amazing surroundings they found themselves in,. I hope you will enjoy.



New Branch 116 Members



New Member Jamie Watson with Sponsor Art Donaldson



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



New Member Leo Vardas with Sponsor Dick Savage



New Member Darrel Dummett with Sponsor Fred Schafer



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



Golf Lessons: Golf lessons are continuing and we are currently working scheduling with Wayne Cavazza for September lessons after the Labor Day weekend.

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.

If you are already on the Golf Lessons List, Jerry will call you with scheduling information. If you are not already on the list just give Jerry a call (925-820-0881) to connect and get scheduled for an upcoming lesson.

Bocce: Enjoy Bocce at the Clayton Courts. Contact Jim Seven (925-672-7598) for details

Book Club Two: The next session for Book Club Two is the 4th Thursday of Sept (Sept 26th) at the Ygnacio Valley Library on Oak Grove at 10:00 am. The Book for this month is: "Tangled Vines" by Francis Dinkelspiel

Pickleball: for you former tennis players check out Pickleball at Heather Farms where new courts are available and where Ed Solomon has organized a great SIR activity. The pressure is much less than of tennis; however, the competitive lure of the game matches tennis for sure.

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.



Sunshine Report
Matt Arena
 (marena@astound.net)

SIR **Bob Kinser** passed on August 21, 2019 while on Hospice Care. Bob enjoyed his golf with our Branch members. He played as long as his health allowed. There was no finer gentlemen in our membership and he will be missed. He was a member for 17 years.

SIR **John Fraser** is home following heart surgery and he is making excellent progress . John may miss the next luncheon but is planning to be with us the following month.

SIR **Jim Nachtweih** continues to recover from his leg fracture. Jim now has stainless steel in his hip and leg. He is in excellent spirits especially since his wonderful children are caring for him. Hope to see you soon at the luncheons . You are missed.

SIR **Allan Chasnoff** is recovering nicely following his back surgery . He says he is pretty much out of pain. We look forward to your return to the Branch luncheons. You have been missed.

SIR **Lou Meylan** in my last report was progressing nicely. He made a trip to Oregon to attend a family wedding. The family had a wonderful time. Hoping you are healing and will join us at the next luncheon.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS TO LIVE YOUR LIFE

ONE IS AS THOUGH NOTHING IS A MIRACLE

THE OTHER IS AS THOUGH EVERYTHING IS A MIRACLE

ALBERT EINSTEIN

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

SIR Website Addresses

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

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

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

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus

(alutkus@yahoo.com)

In August, the Dine-O-SIR Dinner Group had two fantastic evenings of socializing and dining at the Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon with 110 guests in attendance.

Our next, and final dinner event for the year, is planned for Tuesday, October 15, starting at 6 PM, in the new TAPHOUSE located at Boundary Oak Golf Course in Walnut Creek. The cost, including tax and tip, is only \$32. This will be a fun and frolic evening, celebrating Oktoberfest with a variety of no host beers, wines and other spirits along with a buffet of Bavarian delights including various sausages, chicken schnitzel, sauerkraut, salads, desserts, etc. for your dining pleasure. See the sign up form below...



Hiking & Walking

John Riordan & Joel White

(gcriordan@com, zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

John Riordan will lead the **Friday September 13** walk along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. We will meet at 8:15 in the east parking lot of the Olympic Staging Area and proceed west along the trail towards Moraga. Post-walk gathering will be at the Lafayette Starbucks, 3343 Mt. Diablo Blvd (next to El Charro). RSVP to John at jriordan730@gmail.com (note new email address).

Art Donaldson will lead the **Friday September 27** walk along the Ygnacio Canal Trail. We will meet at 8:15 in the lower parking lot of Arbolado Park and walk southwest along the canal toward Walnut Ave. The post-walk gathering will be at Deinca's in the Citrus Shopping Center on Oak Grove Rd. RSVP to Art at dnldsn@sbcglobal.net.

All walks are with or without significant others. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even when the member is unable. Also, members and/or spouses are invited to join the post-walk 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 or 925-284-3394

Oktoberfest Buffet

at

The TAPHOUSE, Boundary Oak G.C., Tuesday October 15, 2019

NAME: _____ EMAIL _____

NAME: _____ NO. ATTENDING: _____ x \$32=\$ _____

Please make check to: SIR Branch 116 Dining

Mail to: Dick Socolich, 416 Kingsford Dr., Moraga CA 94556

Call or e-mail Dick if you have questions. 925-376-3090 – dsoc1954@gmail.com



Br. 116 Book Group 1

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 met on Monday, August 26, 2019, to discuss "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. This extravagantly narrated tale takes us out on the marsh and swamp of coastal North Carolina for a tale of an abandoned girl who must overcome isolation, and hostility, in coastal North Carolina before facing a murder trial before those who dismiss her as "The Swamp Girl."

Nick Bowles recommended the book while Richard Black led the discussion with Bob Wolf, Mac McLoughlan, Richard Rossland, Jerry Christopher-son, Paul Freitas, Dick Kauffman, John Riordan, Art Donaldson, Mike Schneider, Richard White, Joel While, and Tim Tinnés.

The group awarded this murder mystery plus cou-rageous bootstrap novel 4.4 stars, the highest rating of the year so far.

The group will meet next on Monday, **September 23** to discuss "*Midnight in ChernobyI*" by Adam Higginbotham.

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



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

All bridge playing members and other bridge play- ing men are welcome to play bridge the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Diablo Country Club. Lunch and bridge starting at 9:30 AM. Please do join us.

Our semi-annual LADIES DAY BRIDGE day will be the 5th Tuesday of October this year on Tues- day, October 29th, lunch & bridge at Diablo Coun- try Club, starting at 11:30 AM. Find a partner, male or female, and join the bridge session. We play Chi- cago Style bridge and you keep your same partner all day.

There is also a duplicate bridge game at the Bridge Center in Concord on the 1st Tuesday of the month headed by Conrad Robertson, that is open to all. Partners are assigned each game.

Do join your fellow SIR's in bridge games.



2020 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors

L-to-R: Phil Goff, Henry Haugse, Al Satake, Gary Boswell, Marty Katz, Fred Shafer, Sam Beret, Jerry Hicks, Alan Fitzgerald, Roger Craig, Paul Ramacciotti, Al Farbman, David Harris (Missing: Michael Barrington)



Big SIR Jerry Hicks presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Phil Jenkins



Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

(greghughes505@gmail.com)

SATURDAY WALKING TOURS - WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM -

On September 28, the Saturday Walking Tours Activity will visit the Walt Disney Family Museum located at the Presidio in San Francisco.

We are visiting the 10 Galleries that comprise the Permanent Exhibit. See how the Walt Disney Studios created the photographs, artwork, special effects and animations. Learn how the films Bambi, Dumbo, Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs, Pinocchio, Cinderella, Peter Pan, Lady & the Tramp, and Treasure Island were made. This is an extremely nice museum and it is highly recommended for a fun excursion.

We will meet at the Museum Entrance at 10:00. Our docent tour begins at 11:00. The senior discounted rate is \$16 per person. The docent fee will be roughly another \$5 per person. Informal lunch will be at Museum Cafe.

We need to purchase the Group tickets by September 13, and you should send me an email if you plan to participate (greghughes505@gmail.com). Questions - Call Greg (925) 998-5650.



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

There will be no meeting of the SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology Group in September. The next meeting will be on **October 17th**.

The Computer & Technology meetings typically cover a wide variety of topics such as using personal computers, smartphones, photography, new technology, etc. Many attendees to these meetings are novices to new technology and we also always have several "experts" in attendance to answer specific questions and provide assistance. SIR from all branches and their guests, including spouses, are welcome and invited to attend.

Checkout the CAT website at sirinc2.org/a16cat/ for list of past presentations.

See everyone in October...



Big SIR Jerry Hicks fishing at Pyramid Lake
(Does it look like he has his line tangled?)



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be **Thursday, September 26th** 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. Contact Harry Sherinian 510-207-7067, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator.

A great Salmon season is winding down, but too many of us caught them to list here. Halibut in the bay is remarkably still going strong, and this has been a spectacular year for that, again too many caught them to list. The bay is chock full of smaller halibut, and the future looks magnificent. Pete Gates, Harry Sherinian, and Chuck Vanoncini fished lower Sac on a drift boat. Ron Lew fished the bay with Mike Corker, Brion Beetz, Ken Fisher, and Mario Moritorio for halibut, rockfish, and sharks. Mike Corker, Tom Kostic, and Harry Sherinian got stripers and black bass in the delta. Harry, Karl Dorese, Terry Miller, Ken Konzak, Paul Dubow, and Stan Wong went to Stampede Reservoir for Kokanee and got limits. All in all, a great month of fishing.



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 seven players at our meeting on August 7th. We had a first-time winner as Brent Chaney came in first with the low score of 308. WAY TO GO BRENT. Brent's win was fiercely contested by Al Lutkus and Kirk McVean who tied for second at 314. John Riordan was not that far behind in third with 331. In fourth place with 352 was Bob Wolf. The remaining two players were Richard Madden, 433 and Harry Sherinian with 489. 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. Our next meeting is on September 11th.

We have not had Couples Train for several months but hope we were able to get one in in August. I'll let you know next month.

The next Couples Train will be scheduled a week early on **September 18th** as I will be traveling.

I will be sending out notices. Let me know if you would like to be put on our list.

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

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

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$UMS in Retirement meets next on Wed **September 25** 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 Greg Vogel of GKV Capital. His topic is finding special situations during highly uncertain times.

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



Mexican Train gang taking a break between games



Members trying out the new Bocce activity at Heather Farms



Parties

Alan Fitzgerald

(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

Holiday Christmas Party

December 11th is the date for our Christmas/ Holiday Dinner/Dance Party for 2019. 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 welcome, Branch Business, Entertainment, Santa and Raffles; Dinner at 7:00 until around 8:00 and Dancing until 10:00. The Committee is still working on the details and hope to see as many of you and your significant other at the party. Registration deadline is December 2nd.



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.



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.



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 our of Boundary Oaks, just grab a box. I would be big help



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

Name: _____ Steak Fish Pasta

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:



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.

September 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
Wed. 25	10:00	Brentwood	D.McClaughry

September 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Tues. 03	10:30	Las Positas	Neil Schmidt
Mon. 09	9:32	Boundary Oak	Neil Schmidt
Tues. 17	9:20	Rooster Run	Neil Schmidt
Mon. 23	9:30	Metropolitan	C. Robertson
Mon. 30	10:00	Eagle Vines	C. Robertson

18-Hole Results

Dublin Ranch, August 26 2019

Alex Lutkus - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st David Harris	56 3	1st Bernie Wroblewski	56 3	1st Richard Madden	57 3	1st Fred Schafer	56 3
2nd Jim Johnson	57 2	2nd Jim Barstow	57 2	2nd Kevin Donahue	58 2	2nd Bill Hemmelsbach	59 2
3rd Don Schroeder	59 1	3rd Al Hutchko	60 1	3rd Dave Carlson	63 1	3rd Terry Sherman	60 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
David Harris	71	Jim Barstow	77	Kevin Donahue	82	Fred Schafer	87
<u>Closest to #4</u>		<u>Closest to #4</u>		<u>Closest to #4</u>		<u>Closest to #4</u>	
Don Schroeder		Don Benioff		Alex Lutkus			

Rancho Solano, August 20 2019

Jim Barstow - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Don Schroeder	65 3	1st Al Hutchko	67 3	1st Richard Madden	68 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	65 3
2nd Phil Goff	67 2	2nd Al Zattero	68 2	2nd Alex Lutkus	69 2	2nd Greg Hughes	72 2
3rd Alan Fitzgerald	72 1	3rd Jim Barstow	69 1	3rd Kevin Donahue	70 1	3rd Fred Schafer	76 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	83	Jim Barstow	91	Kevin Donahue	97	Bill Hemmelsbach	106
<u>Closest to #15</u>		<u>Closest to #15</u>		<u>Closest to #15</u>		<u>Closest to #15</u>	
David Harris		Al Zattero		Terry Grummitt			

Boundary Oak, August 12 2019

Wayne Cook - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Phil Goff	66 3	Tie1st Jim Barstow	65 3	1st Alex Lutkus	65 3	Tie1st Wayne Cook	70 3
Tie 2nd Bill McCord	70 2	Tie1st Al Zattero	65 3	2nd Sam Beret	66 2	Tie1st Terry Sherman	70 3
Tie 2nd Don Schroeder	70 2	Tie 3rd Alan Pope	66 1	3rd Richard Madden	67 1	3rd Greg Hughes	73 1
		Tie 3rd Mike Howard	66 1				
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	82	Jim Barstow	88	Sam Beret	94	Terry Sherman	96
<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #3</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>	
Carlos Xavier		Jim Barstow		Charles McInnis			

Boundary Oak, August 5, 2019

Davis Harris - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st David Harris	66 3	Tie1st Jim Barstow	66 3	1st Sam Beret	68 3	1st Terry Sherman	65 3
Tie 2nd Jerry Hicks	86 2	Tie1st Harry Oberle	66 3	Tie 2nd Charles McInnis	71 2	2nd Bill Hemmelsbach	68 2
Tie 2nd Jim Johnson	68 2	3rd Jim Vedele	69 1	Tie 2nd Alex Lutkus	71 2	3rd Fred Schafer	72 2
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
David Harris	83	Harry Oberle	88	Sam Beret	96	Terry Sherman	100
<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #3</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>	
Jim McCormick		Alan Pope		Charles McInnis			

18-Hole Leaderboard

2019 Second Half Leaders (as of Dublin Ranch, August 26)

<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>
Phil Goff	8	Jim Barstow	14	Alex Lutkus	13	Bill Hemmelsbach	15
David Harris	8	Harry Oberle	8	Kevin Donahue	12	Greg Hughes	11
Alan Fitzgerald	7	Al Zattero	8	Richard Madden	10	Terry Sherman	11
Jim Johnson	7	Bernie Wroblewski	8	Sam Beret	5	Wayne Cook	7
Jerry Hicks	6	Alan Pope	6	Ron Armijo	4	Fred Schafer	7
Bill McCord	6	Hutchko, Al	4	Jai Yee	3		
Don Schroeder	6	Don Bennioff	1	Charles McInnis	2		
Michael Barrington	3	Jim Vedele	1	Jim Clizbe	1		
Denny Giambiastini	1	Mike Howard	1	Dave Carlson	1		



SIR Branch 116 is Now on Facebook

Checkout our new Facebook page by selecting the Facebook link at the bottom of our Branch website (www.branch116.org). It contains several photos of our members enjoying themselves. Note that you don't have to be a Facebook member to view the site. If you are a Facebook member, we encourage members to "Like" our page, post comments and post their own Branch 116 photos to the site.

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>
September 17	Rooster Run	Sept. 6	\$46
September 23	Metropolitan	Sept. 15	\$36
September 30	Eagle Vines	Sept. 15	\$47
October 22	Roosmoor	Oct. 6	\$54 Ride/ \$40 Walk
October 28	Napa Kennedy	Oct. 12	\$35

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.
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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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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.