



SIR Branch 116  
**Trampas Topics**  
 Newsletter  
 January 2020

**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

**Message from Michael**



As we begin this New Year it's an opportunity to really remind ourselves of what the mission of the SIR organization is all about: Fellowship.

This past year with the help of our amazing Activity Department, we introduced additional opportunities for friendship and fun based on what you have asked us to develop. There is still much more we can do, just keep asking us. Pickle Ball, Bocce Ball and the new book club all got off to a good start in 2019 and hopefully will raise to even greater heights in 2020. We have also begun to rejuvenate the Travel Club/Group and you will be hearing more about this as the year progresses.

We have so many golfers in our Branch and so many opportunities to be together. However what struck me quite forcibly when I joined the SIR group four years ago, was that there was rarely a 19th hole! In almost every golfing group to which I belong, this is an integral element in helping to build solid friendships. Based on my observations at other 116 events, I cannot believe that our branch is made up completely of teetotalers. Perhaps in this coming year we can remedy this deficiency and make it an essential part of our game.

Thanks to all of the Department Heads, Activity Chairs and Support Chairs who have willingly agreed to support our Branch again this year with the generosity of their time. We are always looking for and need additional help to run the organization. Please do not wait to be asked: **YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU!**

Have a great year and spread the good news about what a fabulous Branch we have at 116.

Blessings to you all,

*Michael*



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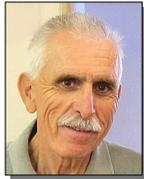
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 by the Monday prior to  
 the meeting to cancel your  
 standing reservation or to  
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## 2020 SIR Branch 116 Officers



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## 2020 SIR Branch 116 Directors



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Farberman



David  
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Henry  
Haugse



Jerry  
Hicks

## 2020 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	TBD	
• Wine-O-SIR	Lou Meylan	

## 2020 Support Chairmen

### RAMP Department Heads:

- Recruitment Don Schroeder
- Activities Fred Wachowicz
- Member Relations Tom O'Brien
- Publicity Jim McCormick

### Support Chairmen:

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

### Luncheon Support:

- Attendance Mike Scheneider
- Audio Visual Neil Schmidt
- Chaplain Committee Doug Aalders
- Greeters Committee Terry Grummitt
- Raffle Committee Ben Bryce
- Speakers Committee Sam Beret
- 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

## January 2020

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	2	3  <b>Book Group</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts)	4
5	6  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC ) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@Heather Farms Tennis Courts)	7  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Center)	8  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Mexican Train</b> (10:00@ TBD)	9	10  <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (8:15@ Iron Horse Trail, Alamo) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts)	11
12	13  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC ) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@Heather Farms Tennis Courts)	14  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	15  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	16  <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:30@ Elks Club)	17  <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts)	18
19	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">                         Dine-O-SIR                          (10:00@ Crow Cyn CC)                     </div> <b>SIR Br.116 Meeting</b> (11:30 @ Boundary Oak)	21  18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Canyon GC)	22  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Brentwood GC) <b>\$ums Investment</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	23  <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) <b>Book Group 2</b> (11:00@ Ignacio Valley Library, WC)	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">                         Walking Tour                          (10:30@ 11 White Horse Ct., WC)                     </div> <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (8:15@ Pleasant Hill Rd. & Olympic Blvd., Lafayette) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ Heather Farms)	25
26	27  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:36@ Blue Rock West GC) <b>Book Group 1</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts)	28  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	29  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ TBD)	30	31  <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts)	

Dine-O-SIR

Walking Tour



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

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

	Dec. 2019	2019 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,888.00	\$ 77,708.16
Disbursements	\$ (8,964.79)	\$ (75,963.63)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(4,076.79)</b>	\$ 1,744.53
Dec. 31st Cash Balance		\$ 9,845.82



## Computer & Technology

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

The next SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge (1475 Creekside Dr., WC) on **Thursday, January 16, 2020** starting at 9:30 am. SIR from all branches and their guests, including spouses, are welcome and invited to attend. Plan to come a little early and for coffee, goodies and to chat.

The presentation topic for the January meeting will be "Using VPN for Security" by Frank May. A VPN (Virtual Private Network) is a piece of software that keeps your internet activity private and secure. It stops Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and authorities from tracking what you do online. It also protects you from hackers looking to intercept your traffic. No matter your web browsing habits, or where you're using the internet from, a VPN is a powerful solution to stay private and secure online.

This presentation will be, and past presentations are available, on the CAT Web page (a2cat.sirinc2.org). Note that we ask for a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. We look forward to seeing you on January 16th.



## Membership

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

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is: **213**

- Membership has increased by 8 in Year 2019

## Bring a Friend to SIR!

### January Birthdays

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

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ken Binning  | 9. John Maerzke     |
| 2. Dick Conger  | 10. Andy Myhr       |
| 3. Neil Desmond | 11. Jim Nickels     |
| 4. Tom Eller    | 12. George Pryhuber |
| 5. Jack Fucik   | 13. Lou Sandor      |
| 6. Bill Ginter  | 14. Dick Savage     |
| 7. Ed Klein     | 15. Dennis Snarr    |
| 8. "T" Legler   | 16. Dick Socolich   |



## "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!

# 2019 SIR Br. 116 Holiday Party





## Activity Chair

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



Happy New Year to all. I can't believe that the year is 2020! Remember all the fuzz about Y2K at the turn of the millennium? As I recall the World was going to fall in chaos and all of our wonderful computers would conspire against us to either fail or unleash pure havoc on us all!

The November Table Top Survey provided some truly interesting data on participation in our activities as well as new sign-ups. For Activity Chairmen, we will be forwarding the names of gentlemen who have signed up for various activities so that you can contact them to invite them aboard.

Note that our Dinner groups, Golf groups, Bocce, Book Groups, Bridge, Technology, Hiking and Walking Groups, and Financial Groups have high volume participation. We will work to continue to improve the appeal of these activities as well as building our new activities going forward.

Our Annual Online Survey has also been drafted and reviewed and will be issued shortly. This survey will seek out your interest in new activities, ask about your preferences for Golf Lessons, and solicit any thoughts that you have about Activity or Branch improvements that you would like to see. We really need you to respond to the on-line survey. It will only take a few minutes. I know, that is what they all say but this is true for the on-line survey. We will be working with membership relations, recruiting, and publicity to keep members better informed about activities and their

individual interests in participation

As reported last month the following objectives will be among our Activity Goals for 2020 and we will be reviewing these and others for acceptance by our Branch.

- We have taken a Table Top Survey at our November lunch meeting re activity participation.
- We will hold an Annual Online 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
- We will add a minimum of 3-to-5 new activities in 2020
- We will recognize that our high volume activities are primary and we should therefore make them even better than they already are.

Recreational Vehicle Travel and Cycling with Branch 146: If you are interested in group RV travel or a 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. We are also beginning collaboration with branch 146 on the possibility of a Table Tennis (Ping Pong) Activity.

Happy New Year 2020!

Response Groups	Bocce	Book Club I	Book Club II	Book Exchange	Bridge	Computer & Technology (Area)	Dine-O-SIR	Duplicate Bridge (Area)	Fishing (Area)	Golf 18 hole	Golf 9 hole	Golf Carmel (Co-ed)	Golf Lessons	Golf Reno (Co-ed)	Hiking and Walking (Co-ed)	Mexican Train	Parties (Co-ed)	Pickle Ball	Poker Group	Saturday Tours (Co-ed)	SUMS in Retirement (Area)	Travel Committee - (Area)	Wine Appreciation (Area)	Totals
Total Responses	28	19	13	25	27	35	74	9	14	69	39	35	19	19	22	12	36	5	15	21	27	5	23	591
Participating count	21	18	12	25	25	32	71	9	13	68	37	35	15	19	18	10	34	4	11	17	23	2	19	538
New Sign-Ups	7	1	1	0	2	3	3	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	2	2	1	4	4	4	3	4	53



## Meeting Speaker

**Little SIR Sam Beret**  
(snb49@Outlook.com)

We have two speakers from the Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) for our January 2020 Luncheon.

They will present a brief tour of the county's history, from the first Spanish and Mexican settlers, to statehood and on up to the present. The talk will touch on the county's government, economy, growth and development over its 169 years, as well as a brief description of the Historical Society and its rich collection of archives.

John Greitzer is the President of the CCCHS Board of Directors. He retired in 2013 after first as a newspaper reporter and then a thirty-year career in transportation planning and water policy for local and regional agencies in northern California. His work for Contra Costa County ranged from pedestrian safety and traffic improvements, to advocating for federal funds to improve the John F. Baldwin Ship Channel along the County's northern coast. John plays guitar and bass in his spare time.

Scott Sattler is a member of the CCCHS Board of Directors. Scot worked for Bank of America for 26 years as an employee and a consultant. He moved from New York to San Francisco just in time for the Loma Prieta Earthquake in 1989. In his spare time Scott says he is chasing down living and dead relatives on the family tree which currently spans about seven generations and some 1,800 people.



## Parties

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

## Christmas Party Recap

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Holiday Party. We had the highest number of registrations since 2014, congratulations to all. We did things a little different this year, hopefully you liked the format. Any feedback would be appreciated.

Onward into 2020!!



## Walking Tours

**Greg Hughes**  
(greghughes505@gmail.com)

### Sufism Reoriented

On **January 25**, the Walking Tours Activity will visit the Sufism Reoriented sanctuary in Walnut Creek. Completed in 2017, the sanctuary is the permanent home of the Sufism Reoriented

(Sufism renewed) school of worship. Information regarding the Sufism Reoriented spiritual beliefs and organization is available at this web site.  
<https://www.sufismreoriented.org/sanctuary.html>

The sanctuary is located at 11 White Horse Court, Walnut Creek. Participants will meet at the main entrance at 1:45. Please note, we are doing an afternoon tour. The docent lead tours will start at 2:00. The full tour runs for approximately 90 minutes. During this time participants can expect to be standing for 30 minutes. The sanctuary has a wheel chair and walkers available. After the tour the participants will relocate to a local bar (TBD) for refreshments.

Please feel free to contact Greg if you have questions

## 2020 Newsletter Hardcopy Subscription Due

If you are receiving, or wish to receive, a hardcopy of the Trampas Topics newsletter mailed to your home each month, the 2020 subscription fee of \$20 is due. Send you check, made-out to "SIR Branch 116", to our new Treasurer: Alan Fitzgerald, 3350 Hillside Ter., Lafayette, CA 94549

## 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)



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

No Sunshine report this month due to Christmas Holiday



## 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

## \$ums Investment Group

**Tom Henry (Branch 174)**

(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$UMS in Retirement meets next on **Wed January 22** at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4. Back to our usual 4th Wednesdays.

The presenter will be Andrew Parrott of Edward Jones. He will be giving us his firm's outlook on investing in the election year.

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



## Br. 116 Book Group 2

**Alan Pope**

(pope451@gmail.com)

The group will meet next on **Thursday, January 23**, at 11am at the Ygnacio Valley Library, located at 2661 Oak Grove Rd. in Walnut Creek.

The group will discuss "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. We have room for more book club members, so If you are interested in reading good books, we hope to see you there.



## "Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

**Alex Lutkus**

(alutkus@yahoo.com)

Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 2020 New Year from the Dine-O-SIR Committee to all SIR Branch 116 members, their family and friends.

Our kick off dining event for the new year will be our famous annual Sunday Champagne Brunch to be held on **January 19, 2020**, starting at 10:00 AM (please note that earlier notices mistakenly said 10:30 AM) until 2:00 PM, at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. The cost is only \$40.00 per person - further details and the reservation slip may be found on page 11 of this issue of the Trampas Topics Newsletter.





## Br. 116 Book Group 1

**Rich Black**

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 met on Monday, 2 December, 2019, to discuss "The Girl with Seven Names" by Hyeonseo Lee, a memoir of life in and escape from North Korea.

Richard Black recommended the book and led the discussion with Bob Wolf, Jerry Christopherson, John Kopchik, Al Farbman, John Riordan, Kim Flessner, John Frazier, Garrett Girvan, Richard Rossland, Joel White, Mac McLoughlin, and Steve Bort.

The group awarded this tale of extraordinary courage, initiative and luck a rating of 4.17 stars.

Given enhanced recordkeeping since May, Book Group #1 is now able to rank the last seven titles for 2019. Book Group #1 can recommend all of the books it as read as books 116 Sirs will enjoy, but here is the list, from lowest rating to highest: "The Promise of the Grand Canyon" (Ross); "Before the Fall" (Hawley); "The Girl with Seven Names" (Lee); "On Desperate Grounds" (Hawley); "Midnight in Chernobyl" (Higginbotham); "Bad Blood" (Carreyrou); and on top of the list "Where the Crawdads Sing" (Owens).

The group will meet next on **Monday, January 27** to discuss "Loser Thinking" by Scott Adams. It is the custom of Book Group #1 to meet at 10:15 am at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda. Enjoy reading, family and friends over the holidays.



## 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

## Do You Want to Play Poker?



## Bridge

**Jon Dickson**

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's lunch & bridge is 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, playing at Diablo County Club. It is Chicago style, 6 rounds of 4-hands each, changing partners every 4 hands. Starts at 10:00 AM and gets you out before 2:30 PM. Do come and join us.

We have lunch & bridge on **December 10th** but do not play on the 4th Tuesday in December.

There is also duplicate bridge on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Concord Bridge Center.

This is your chance to play bridge and make your grey cells work in your head. Do join us.

## PLAY BRIDGE



IT'S A FASCINATING GAME



## Bocce

**Jim Seven**

(jseven1@me.com)

The fall Bocce season has concluded. Congratulations to the APL Team for being the first champions of SIR's Bocce. Steve Cherepy was the capo who lead his team to victory.

The Spring season will kick off some time in March. Contact Jim Seven (jseven1@me.com), if you'd like to join the fun.



## Wine-O-SIR

**Lou Meylan**

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The Wine O Sirs meets every other month. For information on future events If you wish to attend a future meeting contact Lou Meylan.



## Amiable Amblers

John Riordan & Joel White

(gcriordan@com, zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

John Riordan led the December 13 walk at the Lafayette Reservoir with a post-walk gathering at TuTu in Lafayette. Walkers in the photo below are (left to right) Dick Frankel, Gail Riordan, Al Farbman, Paul Freitas, Susan and Joel White, Donna Arganbright, and Richard Black.

Essie Naddaf will lead the Friday, January 10 walk on the Iron Horse Trail in Alamo. Meet at 8:15 at the trailhead on Stone Valley Rd west and walk north on the trail. The post-walk gathering will be at the nearby Panera Bread in the Alamo Plaza Shopping Center. RSVP to Essie at [essienaddaf@gmail.com](mailto:essienaddaf@gmail.com).

Paul Freitas will lead the **Friday, January 24** walk on the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. Meet at 8:15 at the Olympic Staging Area just west of the intersection of Pleasant Hill Rd and Olympic Blvd in Lafayette and walk west on the trail. The post-walk gathering will be at Noah's Bagels, 1930 Mt Diablo Blvd in Walnut Creek. RSVP to Paul at [pmfreitas@pacbell.net](mailto:pmfreitas@pacbell.net). Call his cell phone 925-457-4378 if you are running late.

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.

## Some SIR Travel Opportunities

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

## 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)



# Branch 116 Dine-O-Sirs

## January 2020 Dining Event

### **SUNDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**

At Crow Canyon Country Club - 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA  
(Ph. 925-735-5700)

### Sunday, January 19, 2020

SOCIAL HOUR WILL START AT 10:00 AM WITH ENDLESS FLOWING CHAMPAGNE AND ORANGE JUICE THE EVENT SHOULD CONCLUDE NO LATER THAN 2 PM.

### TYPICAL FOOD SELECTIONS

Extensive Salad Bar: Fruit, Greens and Pasta Salads  
Hot Entree Dishes: Eggs Benedict, Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Waffles  
Custom Omelet Station, cooked to order  
Prime Rib carving station – and other meats  
Seafood Selections, Shrimp, Smoked Salmon  
Asian Dim Sum Selections  
Cheese Board Selections  
Dessert Table with Pastry, Pies, Cakes, Strawberry, Tarts  
Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea

### Cost just \$40 per person, all inclusive

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Sunday Brunch at  
Crow Canyon Country Club, Sunday January 19, 2020

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_ x \$40=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check out to: SIR Branch 116 Dining

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

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



## 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, January 23rd** 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.

Our winter trout season is off to a slow start. Phil Scimonelli, Carl Moyer, Mario Moritorio, and Joe Miscione caught a few. Catching and releasing sturgeon in the delta were Stan Wong, Paul Dubow, Rich Fiscina, Carl Moyer, Mario Moritorio, and Pedro Contreras. Tom Kostik and Ron Lew caught some stripers and flounders in the delta. We finished off the 2019 ocean season with crab and rock fish combo trips, enjoying the tasty crustaceans and fish were Stan Wong, Brion Beetz, Mario Moritorio, Bob Stein, Lee Clark and Carl Moyer



## 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/)

## GOLF OUTING CHANGE FOR 2020

The Carson City Golf Getaway returns this year **September 9, 10, & 11**. We will be playing 2 different courses: Silver Oak and Toiyabe. This Event Includes: 3 nights of a hosted cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner, a choice of lodging, raffle prizes, tee gift, gambling coupon book, sleeve of golf balls.

SAVE THE DATE...Signups will start in mid June.

More information is available from David Harris or Tim Hubbard.



## Golf Lessons

Jerry Zampino

(Jzam40@yahoo.com)

Hello both experienced as well as beginning golfers.

We are doing a bit of retooling of our Golf Lesson Activity to keep the activity as flexible as possible while maintaining a steady routine for lesson schedules.

There will be a section in our upcoming Annual Activity Survey to ask about your interest and preferences for Golf Lessons going forward.

One major constraint that we have this time of year is that the range cannot open during rainy days since the balls cannot be retrieved due to the soggy conditions on the range.

If you are not already on the Golf Lesson e-mail list, just let me know and I will add you to the list for updates and scheduling information.



## Book Exchange



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



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

**New Golf Handicap System**

Beginning in 2020 the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA), and hence our Branch 116, will become part of the World Handicap System. The intent is to have all golf organizations worldwide come under a unified system. There will be revised methods to calculate one's Index, Handicap, and post scores.

It will take a few weeks for NCGA to make the switch to the new system. We will not be able to post scores for the first few weeks in January 2020. Once the new system is up and running NCGA will inform us so posting can resume. There will likely be some modifications to the way posting is done under the new system.

We will keep everyone informed of the new system requirements once we get the information from NCGA.

**Scorers are needed** for 2020. Contact Jim Johnson to signup.

**Hole-In-One Insurance:** New golfing members should put \$5 in the pot for insurance.



**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.

**January 9-Hole Schedule**

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 01	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 08	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 15	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 22	10:00	Brentwood	D.McClaughry
Wed. 31	10:00	TBD	Dick Chaffee

**January 18-Hole Schedule**

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 06	9:32	Boundary Oak	Fred Schafer
Mon. 13	9:32	Boundary Oak	Fred Schafer
Mon. 21	9:30	Franklin Canyon	Fred Schafer
Mon. 27	9:36	Blue Rock West	Fred Schafer

# 18-Hole Results

## Brentwood, December 23, 2019

Frank Portillo - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Alan Fitzgerald	67 3	1st Dirk Meyer	67 3	1st Kevin Donahue	72 3	1st Bill Hemmesbach	81 3
2nd Don Schroeder	70 2	2nd Bernie Wroblewski	70 2	2nd Alex Lutkus	74 2	2nd Greg Hughes	82 2
3rd Jim Johnson	72 1	Tie 3rd Gary Boswell	71 1	3rd Dave Carlson	79 1	3rd	1
		Tie 3rd Frank Portillo	71 1				
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald	81	Gary Boswell	92	Kevin Donahue	97	Greg Hughes	114
<u>Closest to #8</u>		<u>Closest to #8</u>		<u>Closest to #8</u>		<u>Closest to #8</u>	
Don Schroeder		Frank Portillo		Dave Carlson		Bill Hemmesbach	

## Diablo Creek, December 16, 2019

Kevin Donahue - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Jim Johnson	68 3	1st Dirk meyer	60 3	Tie 1st Sam Beret	72 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	67 3
2nd Don Schroeder	70 2	2nd Al Zavattero	65 2	Tie 1st Tom O'Brien	72 3	2nd Fred Schafer	69 2
Tie 3rd David Harris	73 1	3rd Harry Oberle	70 1	3rd Kevin Donahue	74 1	3rd Conrad Robertson	72 1
Tie 3rd Bill McCord	73 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Jim Johnson	86	Dirk Meyer	86	Tom O'Brien	98	Bill Hemmelsbach	1'02
<u>Closest to #7</u>		<u>Closest to #7</u>		<u>Closest to #7</u>		<u>Closest to #7</u>	
		Al Zavattero					

## Boundary Oak, December 9, 2019

Jim Barstow - Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st David Harris	71 3	1st Al Zavattero	72 3	1st Alex Lutkus	69 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	75 3
2nd Alan Fitzgerald	75 2	2nd Jim Barstow	73 2	2nd Kevin Donahue	70 2	2nd Terry Sherman	78 2
Tie 3rd Jim Johnson	78 1	3rd Harry Oberle	76 1	3rd Tom O'Brien	72 1	3rd Conrad Robertson	79 1
Tie 3rd Don Schroeder	78 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
David Harris	86	Jim Barstow	95	Bob Conlon	97	Bill Hemmelsbach	111
		Al Zavattero	95	Kevin Donahue	97	Terry Sherman	111
<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #</u>	
Jim Johnson				Tom O'Brien			

Boundary Oak, December 2, 2019 Cancelled due to rain

## 18-Hole Leaderboard

2019 Second Half Leaders (as of Brentwood, December 23, 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>
David Harris	31	Jim Barstow	31	Alex Lutkus	29	Bill Hemmelsbach	42
Alan Fitzgerald	29	Al Zavattero	26	Kevin Donahue	25	Terry Sherman	23
Don Schroeder	25	Harry Oberle	23	Jim Clizbe	20	Fred Schafer	22
Jim Johnson	23	Alan Pope	15	Richard Madden	19	Greg Hughes	23
Phil Goff	16	Bernie Wroblewski	13	Sam Beret	12	Wayne Cook	16
Jerry Hicks	9	Al Hutchko	10	Tom O'Brien	10	Conrad Robertson	9
Bill McCord	8	Frank Portillo	9	Dave Carlson	10	Kirk McVean	2
Michael Barrington	5	Dirk Meyer	7	Charles McInnis	5		
Warren Garrison	4	Jim Vedele	6	Ron Armijo	5		
Carlos Xavier	2	Mike Howard	5	Dick Chaffee	4		
Denny Giambiastini	1	Gary Boswell	4	Jai Yee	3		
Jim McCormick	1	Don Bennioff	3	Jed Daniel	3		
		Ken Coleman	3	Terry Grummitt	3		
		Hank McDermott	1				

**Golf Hotline:** The Golf Telephone Hotline can be reached at 925-906-5355.

You may leave a message to register for 9-Hole & 18-Hole tournaments, cancel a previous registration, make special requests for pairings, ask to be added to a waiting list after the deadline and check to see if a tournament has been cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons.

- If you are registering for Boundary Oak, please indicate whether you are Walking or Riding.
- If you are registering for Paid-in-Advance tournaments, please mail your check prior to the deadline to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P. O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683.

### **Electronic Signups and Cancellations**

Please note that you may also signup for Boundary Oak & Paid-in-Advance tournaments on this website. Simply navigate to 18-Hole Group/Schedules & Signups and choose either Boundary Oak or Paid-in-Advance. You may cancel a previous signup either by using the telephone hotline or by sending an email to [branch116golf@gmail.com](mailto:branch116golf@gmail.com).

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
January 21	Franklin Canyon	Jan. 13	\$35
January 27	Blue Rock West	Jan. 18	\$39
February 18	Spanos Park	Feb. 10	\$42
February 24	Brentwood	Feb. 13	35%

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



**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt  
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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.