



SIR Branch 116 Trampas Topics Newsletter March 2020

Next Meeting: 11:30 am
Monday, Mar. 16, 2020
Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley
Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Message from Michael



If Branch 116 is one of the most active and dynamic in Northern California it is only because a large group of dedicated members give their time and energy to making the organization work. From the outside it looks for the most part like a smooth and professional operation, but inside it resembles the mechanism of a Swiss watch. Many parts moving harmoniously together with some diamond balance points. Many people play a significant role in keeping our Branch at the top of its game and I would like to single out two people that I mentioned in last Monday's meeting.

Fred Schafer has been the Secretary of the Branch for the past seven years, and what a sterling job he has done. So, a big thank you Fred for your service. But we need someone who is ready in the future, to step into Fred's shoes and are looking for a trainee. Please let us know of your interest. Dick Kauffmann and his trusted team of 'sherpas' makes sure that every month there is great selection of books available for our reading pleasure. Thanks, Dick and team for all that you are doing for 116.

When you arrive at the 'check in' table next month each person will receive five newly printed business cards. They are designed mainly as a recruitment tool. We are asking every member to bring at least one guest to a Monday meeting during the year and the card is great way to grow membership. With approximately 170 members coming to lunch that would double our numbers! Membership is a serious and challenging issue. We have a fun Branch, we offer an amazing smorgasbord of activities and we are continuing to develop more. So please, dig deep, and give out these cards: talk to your neighbors, church friends, doctors, dentists, masseur, dog walker, talk to people in Starbucks, in the doctors office, at Safeway, at the dry cleaners and share the Good News that SIR 116 is the place to be for enjoyment and relaxation and to make new friends.

Blessings to you all.

Michael



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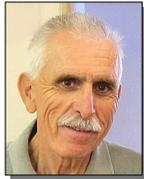
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*by the Monday prior to
the meeting to cancel your
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bring a guest.*

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Activity	Chairman	Asst. Chairman
• Amiable Amblers	John Riordan	Joel White
• Bocce	Jim Seven	
• Book Group 1	Rich Black	Steve Bort
• Book Group 2	Alan Pope	
• Book Exchange	John Fraser	Dick Kauffman
• Bridge	Jon Dickson	Bob Wolf
• Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	Phil Goff
• Dine-O-SIR	Alex Lutkus	Team Members
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• Golf-9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	D. McLaughry
• Golf - Carmel	Jim Barstow	JJ, Harris, Eller
• Golf - Carson City	Tim Hubbard	Oberle, Harris
• Mexican Train	Richard Madden	Alex Lutkus
• Parties	Marty Katz	
• Pickleball	Ed Solomon	
• Poker	Lou Sandor	
• Saturday Tours	Greg Hughes	
• \$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	
• Travel	TBD	
• Wine-O-SIR	Lou Meylan	

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

Some Other SIR Area 16 Activities

Apple User Group	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

March 2020

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC) Pickleball (8:00@Heather Farms Tennis Courts - Mixed Doubles)	3 Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Contra Costa Bridge Ctr., Concord)	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)	5	6 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts - SIRs Only)	7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC) Pickleball (8:00@Heather Farms Tennis Courts - Mixed Doubles)	10 Luncheon Bridge (10:00@ Diablo CC)	11 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ TBD)	12	13 Amiable Amblers (8:15@Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail) Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts - SIRs Only)	14
15	16 <u>SIR Br. 116 Meeting</u> (11:30 @ Boundary Oak)	17  18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Las Positas GC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	19 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	20 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts)	21
22	23 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Paradise Valley GC) Book Group 1 (10:15@ Orinda Books) Pickleball (8:00@Heather Farms Tennis Courts - Mixed Doubles)	24 Luncheon Bridge (10:00@ Diablo CC)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Zio Fraedo's, PH)	26 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Book Group 2 (11:00@ Ygnacio Valley Library) Wine-O-SIR (4:00@ Hick's home) Bocce Ball - Clayton Courts	27 Amiable Amblers (8:15@ Iron Horse Trail in Alamo) Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms Tennis Courts - SIRs Only)	28
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Walking Tours



Amiable Amblers

John Riordan & Joel White

(gcioridan@com, zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

Dan Green led the February 14 walk along the Regional trail from the Moraga Commons to St Mary's College with a post-walk gathering at Town Bakery and Café in Rheem. Walkers in the photo below are (left to right) Richard Black, Anna and Paul Freitas, Fred McBreen, Gail Riordan, Dan and Andrea Green, and Richard and Aase White. The February 28 walk was from Inspiration Point in Tilden Park.

Bob Wolf will lead the Friday March 13 walk on the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. Meet at 8:15 at the east parking lot of the Olympic Staging Area (closest to the roundabout) and walk west on the trail. The post-walk meeting will be at Starbucks, 3343 Mt Diablo Blvd in Lafayette. Additional parking is available at El Charro next door. RSVP to Bob at bob.wolf@nmconsult.com.

Steve Bort will lead the Friday, March 27 walk on the Iron Horse Trail in Alamo. Meet at 8:15 at the trailhead on Stone Valley Rd west and walk south on the trail. The post-walk gathering will be at the nearby Panera Bread in the Alamo Plaza Shopping Center. RSVP to Steve at stevebort1@yahoo.com.

These walks are for individuals or couples, as spouses and significant others are encouraged to participate. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even when the member is unable to. Also, members and or spouses are invited to join the post-walk convocation even if they are unable to participate in a particular walk. SIR members, including those from other branches, wishing to join this mellow group or to be added to the email contact list should contact John Riordan at jriordan730@gmail.com or 925-284-3394.



Amiable Amblers Walking Group

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$UMS in Retirement meets next on Wed March 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 Damien Couture of Walnut Creek Wealth Management.

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

Chair - Tom Henry - Branch 174 -

tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chair Dave Sutton - Branch 8 -

davesutn@comcast.net



A special celebration for Jim Clizbe's Hole in One on No. 12 at Boundary Oak. Congratulations Jim!

In Memoriam

John Peterson



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus
(alutkus@yahoo.com)

The Dine-O-SIR group kicked off the 2020 New Year with their annual Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch at Crow Canyon Country Club on Sunday, January 19, 2020. As in past years, it was a tremendous success.

The next Dine-O-SIR event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at Zio Fraedo's Italiental Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. The dining event will be managed by Marty Katz and Bob Price. Detailed information and the reservation form may be found on the following page.



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 cell
- Ed 415-215-2684 cell



Congratulations to our new Director, Fred Wachowicz. He is replacing Henry Hauge who moved out of the area.



Walking Tours

Greg Hughes
(greghughes505@gmail.com)

On Saturday March 28, the Walking Tours Activity will visit the **MARINE MAMMAL CENTER**, at 2000 Bunker Rd., Sausalito. This is a docent lead tour with a video presentation and facilities tour. Start Time - 10:30, Cost - \$10/person, Capacity - 20 Members/Spouses, and the RSVP Deadline is March 11.

The following other Walking Tours are scheduled for 2020.

May 23 - Giant's Oracle Park "Private Behind the Scenes" Tour

July 25 - CCC Historical Society "Downtown Martinez" Walking Tour

September 26 - Walnut Creek Historical Society "Downtown" Walking Tour

October 24 - Amazon's Tracy Fulfillment Center Site Visit and Tour

Please mark your calendar. Feel free to contact Greg Hughes if you have questions - (925) 998-5650, greghughes505@gmail.com



Walking tour of the Sufism Reoriented Sanctuary

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

Branch 116 Dine-O-Sirs

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 Dining Event

Zio Fraedo's Italian Continental Restaurant

611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA

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

Wines (by the glass), beer and bar cocktails at \$5.00; Bottles of house wine at \$20.00

(Corkage will be available at \$15.00)

Appetizers will be available during the cocktail hour – Fried Zucchini and Fried Calamari

Dinner Menu

ENTREES - Choice of:

1. New York Steak

2. Chicken Toscana

3. Salmon

4. Pasta Primavera

(All Entrees will include a starch and fresh vegetables)

POST DINNER: Dessert (Chef's choice)

Coffee or Hot Tea

Cost, just \$40.00 per person, tax and tip included

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Zio Fraedo's, Wednesday, March 25, 2020

NAME: _____

Entrée Selection: NY Steak ___ Chicken Toscana ___ Salmon ___ Pasta Primavera ___

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E-Mail _____ No. Attending: ___ x \$40 = \$_____

Please make check to: SIR Branch 116 Dining

Mail to: Bob Price, 31 Corte De Oro, Moraga, CA 94556-1615



Br. 116 Book Group 2

Alan Pope
(pope451@gmail.com)

Book Group 2 met on Thursday, February 27, to discuss "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict. Overall, the group thought the book was easy to read but short on substance regarding Hedy LaMarr's life and left the readers wanting a better ending.

The group rated The Only Woman in the Room from 2.5 to 3.5, averaging 3.1. Overall, the group was neutral whether or not to recommend the book to others.

The group will meet next on Thursday, March 26, at 11 am at the Ygnacio Valley Library, located at 2661 Oak Grove Rd. in Walnut Creek.

The group will discuss "Say Nothing" by Patrick Radden Keefe, a "true story of murder and memory in Northern Ireland". In the months thereafter we will be reading "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson, and "The Mastermind" by Evan Ratliff. We have room for more book club members, so If you are interested in reading and discussing good books, we hope to see you there.



Our Newsletter editor is currently in Thailand with his ladyfriend Chu.



Br. 116 Book Group 1

Rich Black
(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 will meet next on Monday, March 23, to discuss "13 Hours ...in Benghazi" by Mitchell Zuckoff. It is the custom of Book Group #1 to meet at 10:15 am at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda.

The group last met on February 24 to discuss "A Woman of No Importance" by Sonia Purnell. Dick Kauffman recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Garrett Girvan, Mac McLoughlin, Pail Freitas, Mike Schneider, Nick Bowles, Richard White, Jim Flexner, John Frazier and Steve Bort.

The group appreciated the courage and expertise of Virginia Hall, an American in the British Special Operations Executive, who was one of the first to organize the WW II Resistance in Vichy and then occupied France. The group gave the book a hearty 4.4 stars.

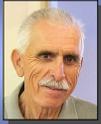


Bocce
Jim Seven
(jseven1@me.com)

The Spring season for bocce begins on March 26 at the Clayton Bocce Courts (see below). We will have the same four teams that played this past fall. There are 8 to 10 players on the teams, which are largely co-ed. The three games that make up a contest take about two hours to contest.

Bocce is a simple but fun game. It is kind of a cross between bowling and shuffle board. The goal is to roll your bocce ball closest to a small white ball called a pallino. If you'd like to be added to our list of players, contact Jim Seven (jseven1@me.com)





Meeting Speaker

Little SIR Sam Beret
(snb49@Outlook.com)

Finding interesting speakers is a very arduous task. I would like to introduce and commend the members of Speakers Committee headed by Allan Farbman. Paul Freitas, Roger Craig, and a recent addition Neil Fruman work very hard to find and evaluate interesting speakers for our monthly luncheons.

March 16th luncheon speaker will Tony Eltringham. Tony will speak on the "The Battle of the Atlantic – Code Breakers, Radar and a Runway"

The Battle of the Atlantic was a five-year conflict when Britain was fighting for survival, while the war spread from Europe to Asia and the Pacific. It culminated with the 1944 invasion by Allied Forces. During this period, the supply of ships and airplanes from the US to the Allied Forces played a key role in the successful outcome.

Born and educated in the UK and having lived and worked all over the world, Tony brings unique views and insights to this critical phase of world history.

Tony joined the mining industry in 1968. He specialized in smelting operations and managed Zambian Copper Belt which was then the largest copper smelter in the world. He and his family moved to the USA in 1977 and Tony worked for Kennecott and Phelps Dodge in New Mexico. Now retired, he travels the world consulting, watching track and



Dr Anders Jepson described his efforts to find land mines with drones.



Bridge

Jon Dickson

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.



Computer & Technology

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

The next meeting of the SIR Area 16 Computer and Technology Group will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge (1475 Creekside Dr., WC) on Thursday, March 19th 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 March presenter will be Evan Corstorphine, founder and President of Portable CIO, a local IT Design Implementation, management and support company. Evan has made presentations to our group in the past on topics such as Computer Security, Amazon Alexa products, Internet-based backups using iDrive, etc. His presentations have always very interesting and enjoyed by our members. Since it has been a couple years since he has visited us so we have invited back to give us the latest updates on a variety of computer related topics.

Always checkout our CAT website at "a2cat.sirinc2.org" for information about our meetings and for info on 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 March 19th.



“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!



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **John Peterson** passed on Valentines Day. His health had been declining slowly and his Wife, Jo Ellen, tells me his passing was not totally unexpected. John served as our treasurer for a number of years and he enjoyed golf while his health permitted. Services have been arranged and we will be advised shortly of the details.

Sir **Ben Smith** found himself in John Muir Medical Center following an episode of shortness of breath. He spent 6 days being evaluated and finally discharged. He is under a doctor’s care with a devise that monitors his vital signs from his home. Ben calls himself the “bionic man” while his health improves.

The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of one’s self to others.

Pierre Tielhard de Charden



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



Meeting Attendance

Mike Schneider & Jim Flessner

(luncheon116@gmail.com)



February 17, 2020 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	207
Guests/Visitors:	1
Transfers & Inductees:	0
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	37
Excused due to long term illness:	4
Members NOT excused:	19
Total Attendance:	149
% of Active Members in Attendance	71%

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



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The Wine O Sir group met January 30th, hosted by Jon Dickson and his lady Dee Formosa. They featured five years of Pinot Noir wine, 2013 through 2017, from a family related winery in Newburg, Oregon. With one exception everything was identical. The same grapes from the same vineyard, the same farming care, the same wine maker in the same winery. The only difference in the process was the weather from year to year. The subtle differences in the taste from year to year were very interesting.

Our next meeting will be March 26th, from 4pm to 6pm and hosted by Jerry and Kathy Hicks. If you wish to attend please RSVP to them direct.



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, March 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. Contacts are Harry Sherinian 925-846-7067, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator or Ron Lew Big Fish 925-550-4166.

In the winter, trout and sturgeon are our prey. The ocean is closed to our prey of choice, the bay is battered by fresh water and wind, but our local lakes and lower delta offer good sport. Catching trout from San Pablo Reservoir and Lafayette Reservoir were Bob Lively, Phil Scimonelli, Ray Pixton, Carl Moyer, Bob Hillaker, and Gordon Linebaugh, Sturgeon anglers were Brion Beetz, Ken Bellendir, Pedro Contreras, and Carl Moyer. Terry Miller and Harry Sherinian tested the Delta for Stripers and had some luck with one keeper but in general, it has been slow in the Delta this winter. Our striper specialist Tom Kostik caught some stripers and bonus flounders fishing with Mike Corker in the delta.

SIR Web Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
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/



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.

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



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



Branch 116 Carmel Golf Outing
Golf at Carmel Valley Ranch Golf Course
Wed/Thu May 6th and 7th in Carmel, CA

Hotel -- Our Group Hotel is Carmel Mission Inn, Phone (831) 624-1841. We have a SIR Branch 116 Group Rate of \$149 for a King or two Queens (+ sales tax and facility service fee of \$19.95). **Hotel Reservations must be made by April 21, 2019 to guarantee this rate.** Various Hotel on-line promotions look attractive, but when our dates are selected, I have found none better than our guaranteed rate.

Golf Course -- We are returning to last year's fantastic course, Carmel Valley Ranch. This is an exceptional course/facility. Entry fee includes Two rounds of Golf (including Range Balls), prize money, and Dinner. It will be Medal Play on Wednesday (two flights), and a Scramble on Thursday. Thursday's Teams will be determined by blind draw at Wednesday's Dinner.

Wednesday's Dinner -- We have arranged to have Wednesday's Dinner at our host Hotel, the Carmel Mission Inn. Dinner will be a "Plated Dinner", including coffee \ tea, salad, choice of entree (Salmon or New York Steak), and dessert.

Cost -- You are responsible for your own Hotel reservations/payments. The entry cost is \$240 and includes \$160 for two days of golf/range balls, \$20 prize money, and \$60 Dinner. Non-Golfers are encouraged to attend Wednesday evening's Dinner, at a cost of \$60 each.

Detach Here -----

Carmel Valley Golf Event, May 6th and 7th

Name _____ Entrée _____

Name _____ Entrée _____

No. of Golfers x \$240 (Includes Dinner) _____

Non Golfers Attending Dinner x \$60 _____

Total Amount _____

Send your Checks to SIR Jim Barstow, 48 Brubaker Ct, Walnut Creek, 94596-5408

Questions? Email Jim Barstow, jbarstow@aol.com



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

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.

March 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00	Pleasanton	Marty Katz
Wed. 11	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 25	10:00	Brentwood	D.McClaughry

March 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:32	Boundary Oak	Al Satake
Mon. 09	9:32	Boundary Oak	Al Satake
Tue. 17	9:30	Las Positas	Al Satake
Mon. 23	10:03	Paradise Valley	Al Satake
Mon. 30	9:30	Lone Tree	Al Satake

18-Hole Results

Brentwood - February, 2020

David harris - Official Scorer

Flight 1		Flight 2		Flight 3		Flight 4	
1st Phil Goff	71 3	1st Dirk Meyer	66 3	Tie 1st Sam Beret	72 3	1st Fred Schafer	67
Tie 2nd David Harris	74 2	Tie 2nd Gary Boswell	68 2	Tie 1st Bob Donohue	72 3	2nd Dave Carlson	73
Tie 2nd Don Schroeder	74 2	Tie 2nd Bernie Wroblewski	68 2	3rd Jim Clizbe	80 1	3rd Wayne Cook	82
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	85	Gary Boswell	89	Sam Beret	99	Fred Schafer	102
<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>	
Don Schroeder		Gary Boswell		Alex Lutkus		Fred Schafer	

Spanos Park - February 18, 2020

Gary Boswell - Official Scorer

Flight 1		Flight 2		Flight 3		Flight 4	
Tie 1st Phil Goff	66 3	1st Dirk Meyer	68 3	1st Alex Lutkus	70 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	64 3
Tie 1st Jim Johnson	66 3	2nd Jim Barstow	69 2	2nd Bob Donohue	76 2	2nd Al Satake	65 2
3rd David Harris	71 1	Tie 3rd Gary Boswell	74 1	3rd Kevin Donahue	82 1	3rd Wayne Cook	69 1
Tie 3rd Don Nix	74 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	81	Jim Barstow	92	Alex Lutkus	100	Al Satake	100
<u>Closest to #13</u>		<u>Closest to #13</u>		<u>Closest to #13</u>		<u>Closest to #13</u>	
Don Nix							

Boundary Oak - February 10, 2020

Fred Schafer - Official Scorer

Flight 1		Flight 2		Flight 3		Flight 4	
1st Jerry Hicks	68 3	1st Al Zavattero	70 3	Tie 1st Bob Donohue	70 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	67 3
2nd Mike Howard	74 2	2nd Al Hutchko	71 2	Tie 1st Charles McInnis	70 3	Tie 2nd Dave Carlson	68 2
3rd Don Schroeder	77 1	Tie 3rd Dirk Meyer	72 1	3rd Alex Lutkus	74 1	Tie 2nd Wayne Cook	68 2
		Tie 3rd Bernie Wroblewski	72 1				
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Jerry Hicks	86	Al Zavattero	94	Bob Donohue	100	Dave Carlson	103
				Charles McInnis	100	Jai Yee	103
<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>		<u>Closest to #2</u>	
Jim McCormick		Al Zavattero		Charles McInnis			

Boundary Oak - February 3, 2020

David Harris - Official Scorer

Flight 1		Flight 2		Flight 3		Flight 4	
1st Jerry Hicks	71 3	1st Jim Barstow	71 3	1st Jim Clizbe	73 3	1st Dave Carlson	65 3
2nd Jim Johnson	73 2	2nd Dirk Meyer	72 2	2nd Bob Donohue	75 2	2nd Pete Coggiola	72 2
3rd Don Schroeder	75 1	3rd Gary Boswell	74 1	3rd Tom O'Brien	77 1	3rd Fred Schafer	74 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Jerry Hicks	89	Jim Barstow	94	Jim Clizbe	104	Dave Carlson	99
Tom O'Brien	104						
<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>		<u>Closest to #6</u>	
David Harris							

18-Hole Leaderboard

2020 First Half Leaders (As of Brentwood - February 24, 2020)

<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>
Jim Johnson	11	Jim Barstow	11	Bob Donohue	10	Bill Hemmelsbach	12
Don Schroeder	8	Dirk Meyer	10	Alex Lutkus	7	Dave Carlson	8
David Harris	7	Bernie Wroblewski	9	Kevin Donahue	6	Fred Schafer	4
Jerry Hicks	6	Al Zavattero	6	Jim Clizbe	5	Greg Hughes	4
Phil Goff	6	Al Hutchko	4	Tom O'Brien	4	Jed Daniel	3
Mike Howard	5	Gary Boswell	4	Dick Chaffee	3	Wayne Cook	3
Alan Fitzgerald	2	Bill McCord	3	Sam Beret	3	Al Satake	2
		Don Nix	1	Terry Grummitt	2	Conrad Robertson	2
				Charles McInnis	2	Pete Coggiola	2
						Terry Sherman	2

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

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

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

Electronic Signups and Cancellations

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

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
March 17	Las Positas	Mar. 9	\$44
March 23	Paradise Valley	Mar. 12	\$45
March 30	Lone Tree	Mar. 21	\$38
April 21	Hiddenbrook	Apr. 10	\$44
April 27	San Ramon	Apr. 19	\$38

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Rules of Attendance & Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member shall be notified in writing and/or telephone by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership should he be responsible for any of the following:

- Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.
- Did not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.
- All legitimate alternatives to termination shall be explored. The member's response may suggest an alternative to termination such as inactive status.

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

Non Responsibility Declaration

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

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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.