



SIR Branch 116 Trampas Topics Newsletter November 2020

Next Meeting via Zoom on
Nov. 16th at 12:00 Noon

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Message from Michael



As we get deeper into the Fall season, I realize just how long I have been in lock down mode. And while to has given me the opportunity to do some serious writing, it also has meant that I have had less time to spend with my friends. I'm sure you all feel the same way. For an organization that is built around activities, it has been a difficult time and it does not seem that it will improve anytime soon. I just want to thank all the Activity Chairs who have struggled through these many months, to make things happen.

In November we will focus on Veterans Day and our speaker is Retired Admiral Michael Baker who will talk to us about **"Future Wars and Future Warfare"**

In addition, we will have two of our own, Fred Wachowicz and 'Mac' McLaughry share a few thoughts of what it was like being in uniform.

The BEC is currently doing a telephone survey to find out what are the needs of membership and to see if we can improve our monthly Zoom 'lunch' meeting. Every member will be receiving a phone call within the next week, so please give it some thought. Just a few questions will be asked, and we really need your input.

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and I wish you and your families, all every blessing and happiness.

Michael



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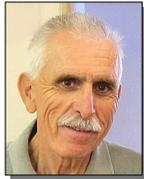


Please email or call any
BEC member if you have
any questions/news re-
garding branch activities
or members

2020 SIR Branch 116 Officers



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2020 Activity Chairmen

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
• 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 - 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	

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 Jerry Hicks
- Sunshine Committee Matt Arena

Luncheon Support:

- Attendance Mike Schneider
- Audio Visual Neil Schmidt
- Chaplain Committee Terry Sherman
- Greeters Committee Terry Grummitt
- Raffle Committee Ben Bryce
- Speakers Committee Sam Beret/ Al Farbman
- Storytellers Committee Mac Mcloughlin
- Cash Collection Ron Banducci

Recruitment Committee

- Recruiting Don Schroeder
- Guest Packet Don Schroeder
- Guest Follow-up Don Schroeder
- Guest Statistics Phil Goff
- Sponsor Program Don Schroeder
- New Member Orientation Dave Williams
- New Member Packet Phil Goff

Membership

- Member Relations Tom O'Brien
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- Membership Roster George Pryhuber
- Awards/Recognition Michael Barrington

Publicity

- Publicity Jim McCormick
- Newsletter Editor Neil Schmidt
- Internal Communications Michael Barrington

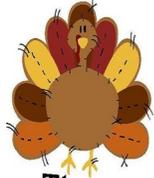
**A Thank You to all Br. 116 SIR Who
Volunteer to be Leaders**

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

Monthly Activities Calendar

November 2020

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak)	3	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)	5	6 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak)	10	11 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@Arbolado Park, WC) Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	14
15	16 <u>SIR Br. 116</u> <u>Meeting</u> (11:30 via Zoom)	17 18-Hole Golf (09:30@ San Ramon GC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	19 Computer & Tech (9:30 via Zoom) Fishing Group (8:30 via Zoom) Book Group 2 (11:00 via Zoom)	20 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	21
22	23 Book Group 1 (10:15 via Zoom)	24	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ TBD) \$ums Investment (8:00 via Zoom)	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	28
29	30 18-Hole Golf (10:03@ Rancho Solano GC)					



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer
(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

October 16, 2020

	Oct. 2020	2020 YTD
Contributions	\$ 72.22	\$ 19,977.55
Disbursements	\$ (2,703.11)	\$ (18,310.55)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (2630.89)	\$ 1,667.00
August Cash Balance		\$ 11,512.82
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$ 11,512.82



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 August Membership Status

Total Current Membership is 204

- Phil Jenkins resigned ("Not playing golf with SIR")
- Joe Ostler passed away on Sept. 3, 2020

Brain Teasers

1. Of the 960 people in a theater, 17% tipped 5 cents to the usher, 50% of the remaining 83% tipped 10 cents, and the rest tipped nothing. How much did the usher get?
2. A shepherd says to another, "If I give you one sheep, you will have twice the number of sheep that I have, but if you give me one, we will both have the same number of sheep." How many sheep did each shepherd have?
3. If 1 ½ sardines cost 1 ½ dollars, how much would 7 ½ sardines cost?
4. Two people are flipping coins. Each time, they bet \$1 apiece. At the end, one person won \$3 and the other one won three times. How many games did they play?

(See answers on Page 9)

November Birthdays

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

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



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena
(marena@astound.net)

SIR Joe Ostler Passed in September as reported by his family. Joe was an enthusiastic golfer and played with the 9 hole group. Golf was one of his favorite pass times and he played until his health slowed him down. He had many friends in the Branch and will be missed. His son Joe said there will be a service once he can find an appropriate venue.

SIR Dennis Snarr had a successful repositioning of his cataract lens. Since this is not a common procedure Dennis offered to chat with anyone contemplating this procedure.

SIR Lou Meylan had blood clots removed from his legs and is feeling better. He is going in for a cat scan to see if there is more work to be done on him. Lou has lost 49 pounds over the summer and he walks the neighborhood with his walker practically every day. He has been a real warrior following his 3 back operations.

Hoping you are dealing with the isolation and starting to enjoy this beautiful fall weather.

In Memoriam

Joseph Ostler

April 10, 1932 - September 3, 2020



Meeting Speaker

Little SIR Sam Beret
(snb49@Outlook.com)

I hope all of our members and their families are doing well.

On **Monday November 16, 2020**, we will have a “virtual lunch” meeting via Zoom. Admiral Dr. Michael Baker will be our luncheon speaker. He will discuss Future Wars and Future Warfare. Dr. Michael Baker has practiced general surgery and trauma for more than 35 years in Contra Costa County. He also had a parallel career in the military and teaches combat casualty care, triage, trauma, operational medicine, and response to complex disasters and humanitarian emergencies. He has published over 60 peer reviewed articles, and has lectured at numerous national and international conferences and teaches at US military bases around the world. He also lectures on world events and serves on the Board of the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

Dr. Baker retired from the United States Navy with the rank of Rear Admiral after 30 years of uniformed service to his country, and was awarded his third Legion of Merit which he wears proudly alongside his US Marine Corps Combat Action ribbon and his Officer in Charge Riverine Warfare Pin.



Computer & Technology

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

The next Zoom SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology (CAT) Group meeting will be **Thursday, November 19th starting at 9:30**

In November Computer & Technology presentation will be on “Microsoft Access” by Dan Weller. “Access” is a program included in the Microsoft “Professional Office”. It provides the tools for creating Windows applications. This presentation will explain and demonstrate the main functions of Access: a relational database, a clever data query function, a form creation tool, a report creation tool, a user-friendly macro tool, and the ability to read and update data in Word, Excel and external databases. Dan will also discuss when it is a good time to use Access and when you should avoid using Access.

To attend the Zoom meeting, individuals need to sign-up for the CAT’s mailing list. A few days before the meeting, a Zoom web link that is needed to connect will be sent to members on the mailing list. To get on the CAT mailing list, send an email request to: SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com



Pickleball

Ed Solomon
(edsolomon@gmail.com)

Our Pickleball group is playing every **Friday, from 8:00 to 9:30 am**, at Heather Farm Tennis Center. We are always looking for new members to take part in this fun activity.

Until further notice we are only allowed to play “skinny” singles which is less running around on the court.



SIR Web Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Branch 116 Shopping Cart
sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site

Computer and Technology
sirinc2.org/a16cat/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/newsletters/



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



What's your best guess on a Vaccine Introduction date? I'm voting for December!

We are planning to host a Zoom Meeting during the first week of December after the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. The exact date should be finalized in the next couple of days and we will notify members via e-mail when the date is finalized.

We will have a guest speaker who should also be finalized in the next couple of days to let us know what is going on in the travel world these days.

The meeting agenda will include a discussion of Full Day Travel Events, Weekend Travel Events, and 1-2 week travel events nationally and internationally.

Our monthly meetings (Zoom for now) will generally include an arm chair cruise event as well as a business agenda to shake out future travel activities of interest and related planning details for future activities.

Get your name into Mike Ward or Fred Wachowicz to be included in this new approach to travel planning. Let's take advantage of the dead time now to be ready for travel opportunities when covid retires from the picture.

Of course, Pickle, Golf (18 hole and 9 hole), Fishing, Book Clubs 1 and 2, Amiable Amblers, and Saturday Walking Tours have been back in operation along with a bit of online Bridge to boot.

Check out the Halibut that Harry Sherinian pulled up in last month's newsletter. I don't think that you could find such a great catch at Scomas on the wharf!

A Continuing Caveat to all, please continue to observe all of our County and State COVID requirements to keep us healthy during these times.

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



Bridge
Jon Dickson
 (still26@sbcglobal.net)

In checking with Diablo Country Club, I have been told they do not expect to open for inside activities until at least January of 2021. I think we would be very optimistic to expect all this Covid-19 shut-downs to be over by then. We have written off 2020 and I am hearing of too many friends already writing off 2021. BUMMER!!!

We thank Dennis Snarr and Dick Chaffee for setting up a Trickster Bridge Tournament for play on the Internet, as it is working well, even for we computer novices.

Have faith that we will be sitting together soon and life will be returning to normal. What ever our individual "normal" is!



Walking Tours
Greg Hughes
 (greghughes505@gmail.com)

We will not be able to reschedule our tours until the Tour Providers return to normal production.

We are evaluating other tours having "outside venues" and "short driving distances." Another way to do this is to seek out tours with facilities that are still open for business. Unfortunately, it is difficult to plan for a Walking Tour when we are unsure of the future COVID 19 environment. If we successfully identify a logical Walking Tour venue, we will announce the details in next month's newsletter.

As always, please feel free to send your questions and Walking Tour suggestions to Greg Hughes.





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 Meeting starts at 8:30am, come early. Contacts are Ron Lew, Big Fish (925-550-4166) and Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator, (925-846-7067). **Next meeting will be through ZOOM on Thursday November 19th at 8:30 AM.**

Between wind, fire and smoke it has been tuff to find a place to go fishing lately. As usual a few of us have found the time and the desire to wet a line and give it a try. The results have been, if not great, at least encouraging. Mike Corker, Terry Miller and Harry Sherinian have been fishing in the Delta with some results. Terry Miller and his son were out and came home with two limits of Stripers. Mike Corker and Tom Kostic were out plugging for Stripers and also had good results. Harry Sherinian and Tom went out twice, once for Black Bass and once for Stripers. On both occasions we had to work hard to catch limits but were successful. We only fish catch and release. White Sea Bass have been hitting in the Bay, Brian Beetz and Stan Wong both took home limits. A group led by Chuck Vanoncini went up to Lake Almanor for a very successful trip for Rainbow and Brown Trout. Most of the guys came home with some nice fish. The Lake Almanor trip happens twice a year, (Spring and Fall). Chuck does a great job putting it together each year and it is a sell out each trip. We still fish within the COVID good practices mode. Hope all of you are well and stay safe.



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 2021 subscription fee of \$20 is due. Send your check, made-out to "SIR Branch 116", to our new Treasurer: Alan Fitzgerald, 1805 Wales Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94595

We Need Your Help!

During COVID restrictions, everyone has needed to take safety precautions and this has restricted a number of our Branch activities as well as social interaction at our luncheon meetings. The BEC (Branch Executive Committee) is looking for ways to improve our monthly luncheon meetings as well as our newsletter. Individuals will be calling each Branch member to get their ideas for how to improve during these trying times.

Ask yourself: "What can we do to make our meetings and newsletter more effective?" **Your ideas are needed.**



SIR HAPPENINGS

Always checkout the SIR Happenings State Newsletter at:

sirinc.org/sirhappenings

It contains some interesting SIR reading material.

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



Br. 116 Book Group 1

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 will meet next on **Monday, November 23 at 10:15 am**, to discuss "The Bridge on the Drina" by Ivo Andric. It is the custom of Book Group #1 to meet at 10:15 am at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda but in all probability this meeting will again be conducted on the Zoom on-line platform on that date at that time. The Convener will notify members ahead of time if an in-person meeting consistent with BEC guidelines can be conducted. Prospective new members should contact Richard Black at [Blackrw41@comcast.net](mailto:blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 did not meet on September 28 because of Yom Kippur and instead met on Monday, October 5, when it discussed "The Radetsky March" by Joseph Roth.

Joel White recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Jerry Christopherson, Mac McLoughlin, Jim Flessner, Richard White, Art Donaldson, John Kopchik, John Reardon, Richard Rossland, Mike Schneider, Garret Girvan, Nick Bowles, Richard Kaufman and Steve Bort.

This novel follows three generations during the Austro-Hungarian Empire (1867-1918) as it moves from establishment, decline and decay. Many readers found the prose elegant and highly nuanced and appreciated a setting unfamiliar to most of the group but could only award it a modest 3.3 stars. As always group members appreciated reading a work many would not otherwise have read.

Book Group #1 also met on Monday, October 26, when it discussed "The Accidental President" by A.J. Baime. Joel White recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Jerry Christopherson, Mac McLoughlin, Jim Flessner, Richard White, Art Donaldson, John Kopchik, John Reardon, Mike Schneider, Nick Bowles, Richard Kaufman, Paul Freitas and Steve Bort.

The author presents the first four months of Truman's presidency from his inauguration hours after the death of Franklin Roosevelt on April 12, 1944

through the Potsdam Conference, the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the surrender of Japan some four months later. In general the group found the description of Harry Truman most engaging and the events of the four months described pivotal to the world as we know it today. They awarded the book 4.6 stars, which is about as high as this group is likely to go.



Br. 116 Book Group 2

Alan Pope

(pope451@gmail.com)

Book Group 2 met by teleconference on Thursday, October 15, to discuss "An Army at Dawn" by Rick Atkinson. Although British, Australian, and other Allied nations were involved in the invasion of German-occupied North Africa, the focus of this book is on the role of the United States. If you are an avid reader of American history, this book will provide you with much information about the United States efforts during the first part of World War II, before the invasion of Italy and Normandy. From this telling, it was obvious that the United States army was not prepared when troops landed in Algeria and Morocco. However, they learned how to fight during this campaign. Overall the group thought the book could have been shorter but appreciated its historical perspective and the research involved in recounting the North African campaign.

The next Book Club 2 meeting will be on **Thursday, November 19, at 11 am** by videoconference using the Zoom app. The group will discuss, "The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead. "The Nickel Boys" is based on the real story of a reform school in Florida that operated for over 100 years. The real school was investigated by the Department of Justice in 2011, and showed "systemic, egregious, and dangerous practices exacerbated by a lack of accountability and controls". The author won a Pulitzer prize for fiction for this work. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us on November 19.



Amiable Amblers
John Riordan & Joel White
 (jrordan730@gmail.com)

On October 9 sixteen Amblers walked south on the Iron Horse Trail from Osage Station Park in Danville. The October 23 walk was a loop in the Martinez Regional Shoreline with only six Amblers; see photo below.

John Riordan will lead the walk on Friday, November 13 walk. Meet at 8:15 in the lower parking lot of Arbolado Park in Walnut Creek. We will walk north on the Ygnacio Canal Trail. Afterwards, we can gather in the picnic area. Restrooms are available near the upper parking lot.

The Friday, November 27 walk will be cancelled because of its proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday.

RSVP to John at jrordan730@gmail.com . Call his cell phone 925-391-5749 if you are running late.

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. 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 jrordan730@gmail.com or 925-284-3394.



Amiable Amblers at Ferry Point (Martinez)

SIR Br. 116 Shopping Cart

SIR Branch 116 is now accepting credit card payments for Branch activities. This method is currently being used and encouraged for Golf’s annual renewal and away golf events. In the future this system will be used for other Branch activities such as Dine-O-SIR, Annual Dues, etc.

There are three different ways to access the Branch 116 Shopping Cart system:

1. Go to “Member Info” section of the Branch 116 website: (branch116.org)
2. Go to the 18-Hole “Paid in Advance” section of the Golf website (branch116golf.org)
3. Go directly to Shopping Cart website: sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site

It’s easy to use the Shopping Cart. Check it out...

BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS

1. If half of the 83% tip the usher 10 cents and the other half doesn’t, it is the same as if all 83% tipped him 5 cents, which is the same amount as what the remaining 17% tipped. The Usher received \$48.
2. The shepherd that is talking had 5 sheep and the other one had 7.
3. Each sardine costs 1 dollar. Therefore, 71/2 sardines would cost 71/2 dollars.
4. The person who won three games must have also lost six games, since his opponent won \$3. In total, they played 9 games.



Have you been “Phished”?

Phishing are emails or text message used to trick you into giving scammers your personal information or money. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks every day (Jumped from 1K/day to 3-4K/day since the pandemic began). Scammers are also seizing on US election but not to get “votes”.

Phishing emails and text message:

- May look like they’re from a company or person you know or trust.
- Often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment

How to Protect Yourself

1. Protect your computer by using security software and set it to automatically update
2. Protect your accounts by using multi-factor authentication (Requires two or more credentials to log in to your account)
3. Protect your data by backing it up

What to Do If You Suspect a Phishing Attack

Ask yourself: Do I have an account with the company or know the person that contacted me?

- If answer is “No”, it could be a phishing scam. Look for signs of a scam and if you see them, delete the message.
- If the answer is “Yes”, contact the company or person directly using phone number or website you know is real but not the information in the email. Attachments and links can install harmful malware.

What to Do If You Responded to a Phishing Email

- If you think a scammer has your information, like your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) and follow their specific steps.

- If you think you clicked on a link or opened and attachment that downloaded harmful software, update your computer’s security software. Then run a scan (Suggest free Malwarebytes.com).

How to Report Phishing

- Send phishing email to Anti-Phishing Working Group at reportphishing@apwg.org.
- Report the phishing attach to the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

All SIR Branch 116 Golfers

The SIR Branch 116 membership drive for 2021 has started. The costs are as follows:

- \$49.00 for 18 and 9 Hole golf, includes NCGA membership,
- \$20.00 for 18 and 9 Hole golf, but must have an NCGA membership with another club,
- \$15.00 for 9 Hole golf only

To pay your 2021 membership, please use the credit card method as described in the SIR Branch 116 October newsletter. **We do not want cash or checks.**

Note, the new credit card method will become the way to pay for Branch 116 activities from now forward. This will include monthly lunches when we resume, away golf outings, annual dues, Dine-O-SIR events, etc.

To access the Branch 116 Shopping Cart for paying with credit cards:

- Go to “Member Info” section of the Branch 116 website: (branch116.org)
or
- Go to the 18-Hole “Paid in Advance” section of the Golf website (branch116golf.org)
or
- Go directly to Shopping Cart website: [“sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site”](https://sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site)

Please pay your membership renewal now



SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman
(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

It's that time of year again to renew your NCGA membership through SIRS Branch 116. If you have not done so as yet, you can renew by credit card. Simply click on our golf web page and go to 18 Hole Schedules & Signups. Click on Paid-in-Advance Signups. Choose the SIR Branch 116 Shopping Cart. Then go to 2021 Renewal. For the vast majority of our golfers, both the 9-Hole and 18-Hole groups, the cost is \$49. This includes the \$39 renewal fee plus \$10 for prize money, golf balls for closest to, plaque engraving, etc.

Also, in signing up on our golf web page for "home" tournaments be sure to include your name, tournament location and date, and whether you plan to ride or walk.



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, starting 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.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
November 17	San Ramon	Pay at course	Ride \$36 / Walk \$24
November 30	Rancho Solano	Nov. 21	\$45
December 28	Tilden	Dec. 21	\$37

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

November 9-Hole Schedule

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

November 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:32	Boundary Oak	Phil Goff
Mon. 09	9:32	Boundary Oak	Phil Goff
Tue. 17	9:30	San Ramon	Phil Goff
Mon. 30	10:03	Rancho Solano	Phil Goff



FIRST CLASS MAIL

RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
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Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5805

Sons In Retirement: A non profit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

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.

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.