



SIR Branch 116 Newsletter September 2021

Enhancing the lives of our members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making Friends for Life

Message from Sam



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

It was great seeing all of you at Boundary Oak during on July 19, 2021. We had a good turnout - 108 members for our first in-person luncheon. Considering it is the height of the travel season and several of our members are still leery of large gatherings, it was a good beginning. After 18 months of hiatus, it felt good to shake hands with old friends, to share a few laughs and catch up with each other.

Our July speaker Coach Patrick Walsh gave a very inspiring presentation on how to coach young athletes and the challenges Covid presented for youth sports.

Unfortunately Covid is still with us and so on July 19, we had to resort to wearing masks before and after the lunch to stay within the County Health Directives, but we can live with that. Basically we are fully functioning, all our activities are resuming except Dine-O-SIR dinners.

On July 19, 2021, your BEC approved the following the branch leadership nominations for 2022: Fred Wachowicz [Big SIR], Roger Craig [Little SIR], Alan Fitzgerald [Treasurer], Al Satake, David Ferm [Assistant Treasurers], Paul Ramacciotti [Secretary], Alan Pope [Assistant Secretary], Phil Goff [Membership Secretary], Mike Schneider [Assistant Membership Secretary], and Directors: Al Farbman, Kevin Donahue, Darrell McClaughry, Don Benioff, Dave Williams and Samil Beret. This slate will be presented to the branch membership for a vote during our August luncheon meeting.

For August 16, 2021 luncheon at Boundary Oak we are requesting that you RSVP by Sunday August 8th. You can RSVP by sending an email to: luncheon116@gmail.com or calling: Telephone: 925-322-1318.

Please note that Vaccination Cards and signed waivers will be required for participation by members and guests. If you haven't yet filed your documents with the Branch please consider doing so by taking a picture of your vaccination card and forwarding it to Kevin Donahue at branch116covidresponse@gmail.com along with a signed waiver form (you can find the form on our website). These documents will also be accepted at the door if you don't have them on file.

In the meantime, stay safe, enjoy the summer and please participate in our branch activities.

Sam Beret, Big SIR

Next Meeting
Sept. 20 via Zoom-
12:00 Noon

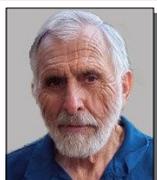
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luncheon116@gmail.com
by Aug. 8th to make
your reservation for our
Aug. 16th luncheon.

Trampas Topics

2021 SIR Branch 116 Officers



Big SIR
Sam
Beret



Little SIR
Fred
Wachowicz



Treasurer
Alan
Fitzgerald



Asst.Treas.
Al
Satake



Secretary
Paul
Ramacciotti



Asst. Sec.
Alan
Pope



Member.Sec.
Phil
Goff

2021 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Michael
Barrington



Gary
Boswell



Roger
Craig



Kevin
Donahue



Al
Farbman



Darrell
McLaughry

2021 Support Chairmen

RAMP Department Heads:

- Recruitment Don Schroeder
- Activities Mike Ward
- Member Relations Tom O'Brien/Roger Craig
- Publicity Allan Farbman

Branch Support Chairmen:

- Audit Committee Ron Armijo
- Nominating Committee Michael Barrington
- Sunshine Committee Matt Arena
- Computer Support Neil Schmidt/Phil Goff
- Webmaster Neil Schmidt/Phil Goff
- Newsletter Editor Neil Schmidt
- New Member Orientation Dave Williams
- Membership Roster Prep George Pryhuber

Diversity Support Team

- Team Leader Fred Wachowicz
- Team Member Sam Beret
- Team Member Terry Sherman
- Team Member Al Satake
- Team Member Jerry Hicks
- Team Member Jim McCormick
- Team Advisor Lee Moy

Luncheon Support Team:

- Attendance Mike Scheneider
- Audio Visual Neil Schmidt
- Chaplain Committee Terry Sherman
- Greeters Committee Terry Grummitt
- Raffle Committee Ben Bryce
- Storytellers Committee Mac McLoughlin/F. Schafer

Speakers Committee

- Team Member Fred Wachowicz
- Team Member Jeff Johnson
- Team Member Allan Farbman
- Team Member Paul Freitas
- Team Member Roger Craig

2021 Activity Chairmen

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Asst. Chairman</u>
• Amiable Amblers	John Riordan	Joel White
• Bocce	Paul Russell	Harry Sherinian
• Book Group 1	Rich Black	Steve Bort
• Book Group 2	Alan Pope	Scott Clark
• Book Exchange	John Fraser	Dick Kauffma
• Bridge	Jon Dickson	Bob Wolf
• Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	Phil Goff
• Dine-O-SIR	Alex Lutkus	Marty 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—Treasurer	Alan Pope	
• Golf—Carmel	Jim Barstow	JJ, Harris, Eller
• Golf—Carson City	David Harris	Harry Oberle
• Golf—Clinic	Jeff Johnson	
• Mexican Train	Richard Madden	Alex Lutkus
• Parties	Marty Katz	
• Pickleball	Ed Solomon	Gary Bonfiglio
• Poker	Lou Sandor	
• Saturday Tours	Greg Hughes	
• \$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	
• Travel	TBD	
• Wine-O-SIR	Lou Meylan	

**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

September 2021

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)	2	3 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	4
5	6 	7	8 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	9	Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Osage Station Park, Danville) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	11
12	13 18-Hole Golf (9:35@ Boundary Oak GC)	14	15 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	16 Computer & Tech (9:30@ via Zoom) Book Group 2 (11:00@ via Zoom)	17 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	18
19	20 SIR Br. 116 Meeting (12:00 via Zoom)	21 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Rancho Solano GC)	22 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	23 Fishing Group (8:30@ via Zoom)	24 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Moraga Commons parking lot off St Mary's Road) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	25
26	27 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Las Positas GC)	28	29 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Dublin Ranch GC)	30		



Branch Administration



Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

July 24, 2021		
	July-2021	2021 YTD
Contributions	\$	\$ 21,185.69
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ (22,516.26)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 0.00	\$ (1,330.57)
July Cash Balance		\$ 9,945.57
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$ 9,945.57

Message from the Treasurer

July was a great time for the Branch. We had an in person gathering of our members for a lunch at Boundary, like the old days. What was new for the July lunch was the ability to pay for the lunch with your Credit Card using the Branch Shopping Cart system. We had 45 members who took advantage of pre paying with their Credit Card and were able to skip the payment line and go directly to their name tags. The shopping cart system for paying with your Credit Card has been in use since last July for golf and has been working well. To access the shopping card, go to <https://sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site/> or search for "Sir Branch 116 shoppingcart".



Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership is **204**

- Randy Welker Resigned due to workload
- Bob Wolf Relocated to So California

August Birthdays

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

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow | 9. Paul Freitas |
| 2. Steve Bort | 10. Terry Grummitt |
| 3. Dick Breitwieser | 11. Tim Martin |
| 4. Peter Coggiola | 12. Fred McBreen |
| 5. Frank Crua | 13. Kirk McVean |
| 6. Jim Dawe | 14. Don Murray |
| 7. Bob Donohue | 15. Roger Smith |
| 8. Darrel Dummett | 16. Joel White |



Sunshine

Matt Arena, Sunshine Chairman

SIR **Dave Tullus** passed away last week while in the intensive care unit at the hospital. Dave will be missed by his many friends in the Branch. Dave had been a long time and faithful member of SIR.

SIR **John Fraser** is doing better and has sent word that he is making progress. John is a "SHERPA" for the book exchange team. SIR Dick Kauffman was looking for help to fill in for John while he is out.

Past Big SIR **Robbie Robinson** is now residing at a memory care facility in Pleasant Hill. He had taken a fall at home and it was advised that he would do much better with the help at this facility. Robbie will probably be running the place in short order knowing his leadership skills.

It was wonderful to see 108 members at the first luncheon of the branch after an 18 month hiatus. Please take care of yourselves and stay off the Sunshine list

In Memoriam
David S. Tullus
 June 25, 1942 - July ??, 2021

Luncheon Speaker

August Meeting

July 19, 2021

Speaker: Matt Wachowicz – “Professional yacht racing sailor”



Matt Wachowicz

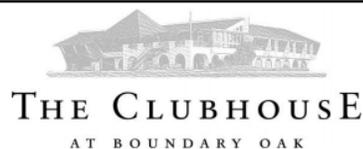
Matt Wachowicz is a tactical navigator who has raced professionally since 1998. He has 3 America's Cup campaigns to his credit, and has played both a technical and sailing role on 2 Volvo Ocean Race teams, as well as on a host of other international grand prix racing programs. He currently races in the IMA Maxi, Mini-Maxi, ORC, IRC and Super-yacht circuits worldwide. While his focus over the last few years has been more on the inshore aspect of the sport, Matt originally learned the art of blue water navigation under the tutelage of the legendary Mark Rudiger, and lately has returned to his ocean racing roots with a renewed focus on off-shore racing. Having achieved an Overall Win in the Transpac in 2013, as well as an additional Class Win in 2015 in the Sled Division, he also assisted the VO70 Il Mostro in setting the World Sailing Record on the Chicago-MacInac course, as well as setting course records on the Long Course in the Bayview Mac Race and the Trans-Superior Race. He currently lives in Nashville, TN with his family, and is proud to be a part of the international sailing community.

Notice!

We will be continuing with “reservations required” for our August 16th Luncheon. **That means that individuals must make a reservation prior to August 8th via one of the following three methods:**

1. Call luncheon hotline at: 925-322-1318
2. Send an email to: luncheon116@gmail.com
3. Prepay via credit card using our Branch Shopping Cart system (Use “Purchase” button on Branch website (branch116.org))

August Luncheon Menu



SIR 116 Luncheon

August 16, 2021

Salad

Strawberry Spinach Salad Baby Spinach

Strawberries, Feta Cheese Poppy Seed Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Chicken Piccata

Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables Lemon Sauce with Capers

Or

Potato Crusted Cod Alaskan Cod

Confetti Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables Lemon Chive Butter Sauce

Dessert

Pineapple Coconut Cake

Branch Administration



Little SIR Report

Fred Wachowicz

Holy July Luncheon Batman! We met for Lunch in July.

Thanks to everyone that helped to make this possible and get us back together again and thanks to every member that was able to make it to the Lunch meeting. A number of our members including Schneider, Donahue, Fitzgerald, Pope, Craig, Beret, Schmidt, Goff, Boswell, Hicks, and Farbman formed a swat team of sorts to handle all of the details required to make the Luncheon at Boundary Oaks a reality. Well done guys!

It was great to hear from Patrick Walsh who was the driving force in getting high school sports back into gear after covid. Thanks to Patrick over 1 million high school athletes were able to get back on the field.

As you have heard the so-called Delta Variant has inserted itself into our life; however, all of our participating members have been vaccinated and seem to be doing quite well.

Our August speaker will be Matt Wachowicz who is a professional yacht racing sailor. Matt has just placed 1st in class in the 2021 Transpac race between Los Angeles and Hawaii and has won numerous other major racing events and world championships as both a blue water and buoy racing navigator.

All of our branch activities are now back into gear so get reacquainted with the activities that you enjoy. Read Michael Ward's column to catch up.

Congratulations to Gary Boswell who is July's winner in the Birthday Boys group for getting younger faster than the rest of us. Well done, Gary

One new support team is forming now. A Veterans Team of roughly 10 Members to handle the Pledge of Allegiance at our Luncheon and address other Veteran related functions. Let me know if you can help and expect a call from me if you are a veteran.

Branch Diversity Team

As mentioned in an earlier issue of Trampas Topics, the Mission of the SIR Diversity Support Team is:

Recruit Branch Membership from all walks of life and ethnic backgrounds residing in our local community and retain them through fun activities – while making friends for life.

Let's consider some of the benefits of a diverse and inclusive membership. From a post by Central Community College, attributed to Purdue University Global, cultural, racial and ethnic diversity "helps

us recognize and respect 'ways of being' that are not necessarily our own, so that as we interact with others we can build bridges to trust, respect, and understanding across cultures." These benefits can enhance our experience as members of SIR by creating a more interesting place to socialize "as people from diverse cultures contribute language skills, new ways of thinking, new knowledge, and different experiences."

Al Satake and Terry Sherman

Branch Activities



Activities Report Mike Ward, Activities Head

STATUS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

All outdoor activities are now open except for the TRAVEL ACTIVITY.

The Travel activity is still on hold due to the relapse of the Local and WORLD /WIDE Covid infection. I will be meeting with the local (Alamo Travel) Agent to discuss the current status of the Travel business.

The Golf Clinic opened on July 31,2021. The lessons will be held at the Diablo Creek Golf Course.

Please contact Jeff Johnson, if you have an interest in participating in this activity.

STATUS OF INDOOR ACTIVITIES

All indoor Activities are open except for the following activities:

Dine-O-Sir— Activity still on hold due the recent outbreak strain of the Corona virus.

Computer & Tech.— Will open in August as a Zoom Class. Contact Neil Schmidt if you are interested in attending

Duplicate Bridge— Still trying to get a group of 12 players together. Will advise all members when this activity is ready to open.

Parties— Nothing planned currently. There may be a possibility for a Sir Party in the month of October.

Poker— Will open on August 26, 2021. Please contact Lou Sandor, if you have an interest playing poker.

As additional activities open, I will contact each member by email or through THE TRAMPAS TOPICS NEWSLETTER

If you have an interest in joining an activity, please contact the Activity Chairman listed in the Membership Roster.

PLEASE REMEMBER, THAT NO SIR MEMBER CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANY INDOOR OR OUTDOOR SIR ACTIVITY WITHOUT PROVIDING A COPY OF THEIR COVID 19 VACCINATION RECORD AND SIGNING THE INSURANCE WAIVER FORM.

Stay informed!

There are three ways to find out what is happening in our Branch:

- (1) Read our emails, (2) read the newsletter, (3) check our webpage (branch116.org)

There are no excuses for not knowing what is happening.

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

Area 16 Computer and Technology
sirinc2.org/a16cat/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/newsletters/

Branch Activities



Book Group 1

Rich Black

Book Group #1 will next meet at 10:15 on **August 23** in Arbolado Park (lower parking lot) to discuss Paul Revere's Ride by David H. Fischer. Members should bring a chair. In the event of inclement weather, the convener will schedule a zoom session. Prospective new members who wish to join our +/- one-hour discussion (not a class) should contact Richard Black at Blackrw41@comcast.net

Book Group #1 last met on July 26 to discuss an account of the great migration --1915-1970-- of African Americans from the American south to the north and west entitled "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson. John Kopchik recommended the

book while Richard Black led the discussion with Mike Schneider, Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Joel White, Art Donaldson, Garrett Girvan, Mac McLoughlan, and Richard Rossland. Members found the book at once a compelling read about the personal stories of those involved while at the same time a jarring eye-opener about the conditions in the south which compelled 6,000,000 African-Americans to take the rails and roads to the north and west. This book is at once an easy read with compelling relevance for today and thus the group gave it the highest rating of any book in the last year: 4.6 stars.



Book Group 2

Allan Pope

Book Group 2 met by teleconference on Thursday, July 15, to discuss "Barbarian Days-A Surfing Life" by William Finnegan. This book is a memoir which covers the author's surfing life from when he was growing up in California and Hawaii during his teen years to surfing locations halfway around the world, in Fiji, Australia, and South Africa in his twenties. Along the way, the reader meets an assortment of his surfing buddies who become part of the author's surfing pilgrimage. In his search for the perfect wave, the author describes what seems to be every wave he has ever ridden.

The writing style is very good, the metaphors prolific. The book is long and for the most part describes an interesting sport that can be an obsession in one's life, which is certainly the case for the author. The character development seems secondary

to the places where the surf is good and the native people friendly.

This memoir received mixed reviews from Book Club 2 members. The primary critique was that the book was long and did not need to describe every wave encountered by the author. For these reasons Book Club members gave this book a rating of 3.8 out of 5.

The next Book Club 2 meeting will be on **Thursday, August 19**, at 11 am by videoconference using the Zoom app. The group will discuss, "Mud and Stars" by Sara Wheeler. In the months ahead, Book Club 2 members have discussed reading "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir. Whether you have read a book or not, we welcome anyone interested to join us.

Branch Activities



Fishing

Harry Sherinian

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Big Fish Ron Lew, 925-550-4166 and Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator Harry Sherinian, 925-846-7067. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on **Thursday, August 26th**, at 8:30am.

WIND, WIND, WIND. We sit at home watching the wind blow tree limbs down, along with our hope of peaceful and productive fishing. Nonetheless, fearless fisher folk set out upon the ocean white after salmon and rockfish. Catching a few of the pink meat pescados were Bob Stein, Brion Beetz, Gordon

Linebaugh, Lee Clark, Ken Bellinder, Rich Fisina, Carl Moyer, and Stan Wong. These stalwart lads have had poor to good results, occasionally getting almost nothing, to small limits. Ken Bellinder did catch a halibut in the bay. Carl Moyer, Brion Beetz, Rich Fisina, Ken Bellinder and Stan Wong got rockfish. Closer to home, Tom Kostik,, Phil Scimonelli, Pete Gates, and of course Stan Wong got stripers in the delta. Harry Sherinian did catch and release black bass in the delta. Phil Scimonelli and spouse limited on good sized kokanee salmon with a guide at Boca Reservoir near the Nevada border. Stan Wong and Brion Beetz got some kokes at Berryessa Reservoir. Our fly fisherman, Martin Steinpress, did very well on rivers in Montana.



Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

In May's Trampus Topics we were hoping to begin scheduling tours by June 26, 2021. Unfortunately, as of today none of our venues have reopened and we have been unable to schedule Walking Tours of any

kind. Greg Hughes and Mike Schneider will continue to monitor the situation and we will begin scheduling Tours when it is feasible to do so.



Bridge

John Dickson

BRIDGE IS BACK. Our 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month lunch and bridge at Diablo Country Club are back on. We had two so far in this new era and all are re-learning how to play.

We start bridge at 10:00 AM, break for lunch and finish up early afternoon. We play Chicago Style,

change partners every four hands, six rounds, with prizes for the top scorers.

Please call (925-837-1178) or E-mail (still26@sbcglobal.net) Jon Dickson if you wish to play. We would love to see all bridge players on Tuesdays, July 27th, **August 10th or Aug. 24.**

Branch Activities



Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

John Riordan led the July 9 walk from the Olympic Blvd Staging Area west on Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. Joel White led the July 23 walk from the Danville Railroad Museum north on the Iron Horse Trail; see photo below.

Both August walks will be along the Contra Costa Canal Trail. Dick Frankel will lead the August 13 walk. We will meet at 8:15 in the parking lot next to the children's play area in Heather Farm Park and will walk north on San Carlos Dr, then turning west (left) along the canal. RSVP to Dick at frankel@rafrankel.com. Art Donaldson will lead the

August 27 walk. We will meet at 8:15 at Panera Bread in the Countrywood Shopping Center and the walk east along the canal towards Oak Grove Rd. RSVP to Art at dnldsn@sbcglobal.net.

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 me at jriordan730@gmail.com or 925-284-3394.



Mexican Train Dominos

Recharad Madden

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!

It has been a long time since we were able to play and we look forward to having a great restart. We hope that our members have been able to play some during the shutdown. I am fortunate to have an un-

derstanding wife and she and I have played over 50 games in the last year. We don't have much of a life.

We meet at 10:00 AM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek. Our first meeting is on July 14th. Please email me and if you would like to talk and I can give you a call.

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

You can contact Richard Madden, madden-ram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223

SIR Branch 116 and Social Media

Our Branch now has a presence on several different social media sites:

- Patch
- Nextdoor

- Facebook ([SIR Branch 116 Walnut Creek Ca - Home | Facebook](#))
- Twitter ([@branch116golf](#))

Check them out...

Branch Activities



Pickelball

Ed Solomon

Join us every Friday from 8:00 to 9:30 am at Heather Farm Tennis Center. We are back playing doubles and have two courts reserved. One for beginners

and Dennis, Gary, Dick, Jerry, Don, and Ed are all available to introduce the beginners to this great game!



Computers & Tech

Neil Schmidt

The SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology Group will be having a Zoom meeting on Thursday, **August 19th at 9:30 AM**. (The Zoom doors will open at 9:15 AM so come a little early to chat with friends).

The August presentation topic will be Windows 11 by CAT Director Frank May. His presentation will discuss the current functionality and status of Windows 10 and the move by Microsoft to Windows 11. Why is Microsoft moving away from providing updates to Windows 10 to requiring Windows 11 and what does that mean to individual users of Windows? Much of the new functionality revolves

around the need to beef up security. What is being added and why is it important? What additional functionality and features can we expect? At this point it looks like many recent machines may not run Windows 11 because of processor requirements. Will try to give the latest on what are the basic requirements for the new OS.

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



Bocce

Paul Russell

Bocce will be playing this month at the Clayton Courts on August 5th and August 19th at 10:00. We

are always looking for more players— Call Paul Russell to get aboard.

\$ums Investment

Tom Henry (Br. 174)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their 4th Wed, August 25, Zoom meeting at 1:30 PM.

The topic will be announced. Zoom instructions will be sent out later to those on the email list.

Chair Tom Henry (Branch 174) tomhenry925@gmail.com and Co-chair Dave Sutton - (Branch 8) - davesutn@comcast.net

Branch Activities



Dine-O-SIR

Alex Lutkus

The Dine-O-SIRs Committee arranges dining out events at local restaurants five times a year (January, March, June, August and October). Each event requires approximately 60 days of lead time for negotiations, planning, advertising, receipts collection, etc. prior to the day of (at times two days) for the actual dining event.

As the pandemic conditions are not fully over with,

it is difficult to assess the number of persons willing to congregate in tight dining quarters with 60 to 90 other persons. This inhibits our commitment, during negotiations with potential restaurants, for the number of guests we can expect. In this regard, I am recommending that Dine-O-SIRs next dining out event should take place no earlier than January 2022.



Golf Clinic

Jeff Johnson

GOOD NEWS! We are underway.

30 members have expressed interest in the golf clinic. The first session will be held on Saturday, July 31st and so far 15 have responded and I expect more before Saturday.

The clinic is being held at Diablo Creek Golf Course and the instructor is Peter Asselin – recommended to us by the Boundary Oaks pro. The individual sessions will rotate starting with tee-shots, then fairway shots, approach shots and putting. Once we go

through all these sessions, we will start rotation over again starting with tee-shots.

In addition, there were about 6 members who expressed interest in beginner lessons. They have been referred over to Peter Asselin who is following up directly.

Anyone interested in joining in the clinic, or if you have any questions, please let me know: jeffjohnson9000@att.net.



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

The Wine O Sir group resumed activities with a wine tasting last May and had our 2nd gathering on July 22nd Tom Eller's house. The next tasting event

will be on September 23rd at Bill McCallum's place. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Tom McCallum directly.



Poker

Lou Sandor

The poker group is back in action and the next gathering will be on August 26. Please contact Lou San-

dor, if you have an interest playing poker.

Branch Activity Photos



Amiable Amblers at the Railroad Museum

2022 Br. 116 Leadership Nomination Slate

Big SIR:	Fred Wachowicz
Little SIR:	Roger Craig
Treasurer:	Alan Fitzgerald
Asst. Treasurer:	Al Satake
Asst. Treasurer:	David Ferm
Secretary:	Paul Ramacciotti
Asst. Secretary:	Alan Pope
Membership:	Phil Goff
Asst. Membership:	Mike Schneider
Directors:	Al Farbman
	Kevin Donahue
	Darrell McLaughry
	Don Benioff
	Dave Willaims
	Samil Beret

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



SIR HAPPENINGS

Checkout the new and improved State SIR Happenings Newsletter. With a new editor the newsletter February 2021 has been radically expanded with lots of information about fun things that are going on in our branches.

You can find it at: <https://sirinc.org/newsletters>



SIR Golf
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

Signup now for 2021 SIR Br. 116 Reno Golf

There are only a few days left before the deadline (see page 15)

SIR Br. 116 Golf is Now
on Twitter at: [@branch116golf](https://twitter.com/branch116golf)

Checkout the latest "Tweets" on the Golf's Home page: branch116golf.org

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, pay-

ment 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.

August: 9-Hole Schedule

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

August: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:45	Boundary Oak	Greg Hughes
Mon. 09	9:45	Boundary Oak	Greg Hughes
Tue.. 17	10:00	Eagle Vines	Greg Hughes
Mon. 23	9:30	Tilden	Greg Hughes
Mon. 30	9:30	Metropolitan	Greg Hughes

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aug 17	Eagle Vines	Aug. 10	\$57
Aug. 23	Tilden	Aug. 17	\$39
Aug. 30	Metropolitan	Aug. 15	\$37

Sign-up via Branch 116 Shopping Cart System at: sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site

2021 SIR Branch 116 Reno Golf

Tuesday September 7 through Friday September 10, 2021

Guests are welcome - bring your friends



Three nights at the Silver Legacy in downtown Reno

Golf at Toiyabe Golf Club Wednesday,

Golf at Wolf Run Golf Club Thursday

Afternoon get-togethers - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Tuesday Evening - Welcome gathering with hors d'oeuvres

Wednesday Evening - open - for you to do as you wish

Thursday Evening - Sit down filet mignon dinner

Price per person:

Golfer	\$390	Double Occupancy
Non-Golfer	\$230	Double Occupancy
Golfer	\$530	Single Occupancy

Preferred method of payment is Credit Card using BR116 Shopping Cart

Everyone needs a Covid Release Form and proof you are fully vaccinated (Your Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card) on file with Branch 116.

Entry Deadline is Friday August 6

1. Name: _____ Golfer or Non-Golfer (circle one)

2. Name: _____ Golfer or Non-Golfer (circle one)

Non-SIR e-mail:

1) _____ 2) _____

Non-SIR Golfer's GHIN number:

1) _____ 2) _____

If sending check, address to: SIR Branch 116 Golf, Enclosed amount: \$ _____

Mail entry form to: David Harris, 1143 Discovery Way, Concord, CA 94521

If questions, e-mail me at DavyHarris@aol.com or call 925 672-5543



FIRST CLASS MAIL

RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5805

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Rules of Attendance & Membership for SIR Branch 116

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

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

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

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.