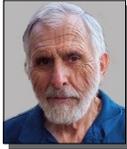




SIR Branch 116 Newsletter December 2021

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.

We had a very interesting speaker for our October 18th luncheon. The speaker, Neil Montgomery is a one of Brazil's leading aviation lawyers and for more than 15 years has advised foreign airlines establishing their Brazilian operation from a legal, regulatory and tax perspective. His presentation was very informative for a topic most of us know very little about. We recorded the October 18th luncheon presentation by Neil Montgomery so that those members who missed it can view it via YouTube. You can find the link in our website.

Due to Covid, we had to cancel our Traditional Holiday Party. However, we will have a Dine-O-SIRS dinner on December 15 at Luna Restaurant in Concord. Please see the flyer in Trampas Topics. I thank Alex Lutkus for setting up this special event. [Please note that all participants must sign the Covid waiver and have proof of vaccination.]

It is December and that means my tenure as your Big SIR is coming to an end. 2021 has moved along very quickly for me and I'm honored to have been in this position of leadership within the branch especially during these turbulent times. Sometimes it was disappointing to conduct all but one of branch luncheons on Zoom due to Covid. However, many of outdoor activities were able to continue bringing us together in small groups. We're truly blessed to have such an active, fun and wonderful group of guys! We're one of the healthiest branches in all of SIR and you are the main reasons for our success.

I would like to sincerely thank all those members, especially the Little SIR Fred Wachowicz and the BEC that has tried to make it all work. Their help, guidance and support are the key to the survival of the branch.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year and I hope that you have a wonderful and healthy 2022.

Sam Beret, Big SIR



Next Meeting
**Jan. 17 @ Boundary
Oak (?) - 11:30 AM**

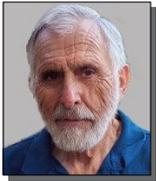
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The next in-person Branch luncheon at Boundary Oak will hopefully be in January 2022

Trampas Topics

2021 SIR Branch 116 Officers



Big SIR
Sam
Beret



Little SIR
Fred
Wachowicz



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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	Chris Doan	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

December 2021

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)	2	3 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	4
5	6 18-Hole Golf (9:35@ Boundary Oak) Book Group 1 (10:15 via Zoom)	7	8 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ) \$ums Investment (1:30 via Zoom)	9	10 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Walnut Creek Civic Park Parking Lot) Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	11 Gold Clinic
12	13 18-Hole Golf (9:35@ Boundary Oak)	14 Luncheon Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	15 Dine-O-SIR (5:30@ Luna Restaurante) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	16 Book Group 2 (11:00@ via Zoom) Fishing (8:30 via Zoom)	17 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	18
19	20	21	22 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills)	23	24 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29 9-Hole Golf (no golf)	30	31 Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	Year 2022



Branch Administration



Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

September 26, 2021

Total Bank Acct. Balance: \$9736.79



Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership: 200

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/

December Birthdays

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

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. John Antczak | 9. Tim Hubbard |
| 2. Salem Attiga | 10. Walt Kawecki Jr. |
| 3. Nick Bowles | 11. John Kopchik Jr. |
| 4. Allan Chasnoff | 12. Conrad Robertson |
| 5. Marv DeHeus | 13. Ed Solomon |
| 6. Jim Gleason | 14. Doug Waterman |
| 7. David Harris | 15. Jamie Watson |
| 8. Larry Heaton | |

2022 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 2022 subscription fee of \$20 is due. Send your check, made-out to "SIR Branch 116", to our Treasurer: Alan Fitzgerald, 1805 Wales Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Christmas Jokes

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?
Nothing – it was on the house.

What do donkeys send out near Christmas?
Mule-tide greetings.

A gingerbread man went to the doctor's complaining of a sore knee.

"A sore knee?" the doctor said. "Have you tried icing it?"

How did the bauble know that she was addicted to Christmas?

She'd been hooked on Christmas trees all her life.

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinsilitis.

What do you call a blind reindeer?
No-eye deer.

What do you call a blind reindeer with no legs?
Still no-eye deer.

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 Activities



Activities Report Mike Ward, Activities Head

STATUS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

All current outdoor activities remain open for play except for Bocci Ball which has closed out for the season.

Jeff Johnson has stepped down as Activity Leader of the Golf Clinic Activity to allow himself more time to develop other Activities.

Chris Doan is the new leader of the Golf Clinic Activity, which is open every other Saturday and is running well. The next Clinic event will be on 12/11/21. (Due to the holidays)

Jeff Johnson continues to work with the State SIRS Office, to obtain approval for our branch to use an out of state Travel Agency. Jeff has also issued a request for pricing to 3 Travel Agency's for 8 different travel destinations. (domestic / foreign) The pricing due date is on 11/29/21.

This new Travel Agency could provide some poten-

tial savings to our SIRS Travelers.

STATUS OF INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Please check the NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR for the date and time of the activity that you are interested in.

The Dine O SIRS will be holding an ITALIAN DINNER at the LUNA RESTAURANT in Concord on 12/15/21. Space is limited to 50 people, so if you are interested, please make your reservation soon. Please contact Alex Lutkus for more detail.

NEW BRANCH ACTIVITY

Our branch and branch 8 will be jointly working on putting together a TABLE TENNIS activity (Ping Pong) More information will be available once this activity is put together and ready for play.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF THE BRANCH 116 MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND SIGNIFIICANT



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!

We had four in attendance at our November meeting. Richard Madden came in with a score of 124

with runner-up position going to Harry Sherinian at 202. The next participants, Paul Freitas and Brent Chaney were very close respectively having scores of 346 and 348.

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 next meeting is **December 8th**. don't let your Christmas Shopping get in your way of coming.

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.

Branch Activities



Bridge John Dickson

Due to both bridge coordinators being out-of-town before Thanksgiving, our November 23rd Lunch & Bridge was cancelled. No bridge on November 23rd.

Because of the Holiday Season, with many traveling, we will not have bridge on December 28th. There will be lunch & bridge on **Tuesday, December 14th**, for our final play of 2021.

On January 11th, we will resume our 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month for Lunch & Bridge at Diablo

County Club.

Our bridge is open to all and if you have any interest in playing bridge, please do join us on a Tuesday. We play Chicadgo Style, four hands and change partners. Hope to see all bridge players next January 11th.

We wish all a wonderful Thanksgiving, with much to be thankful for, and a joyous Holiday Season,

\$ums Investment

Tom Henry (Br. 174)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their November/December Zoom meeting on **Wed December 8** at 1:30 PM (to avoid conflict with the holidays).

Michael Young, Elder Law Attorney, will be the presenter. He covers such things as:

- Dementia Planning
- Nursing Home issues
- Considerations for Widow and Widowers

- Multi-generation Planning and Inherited IRAs (do's and don'ts) and IRA Legacy Trusts
- Charitable Trusts and Charitable Giving
- Impacts of Tax Proposals

A Zoom invitation will be sent out later for those on the email list.

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

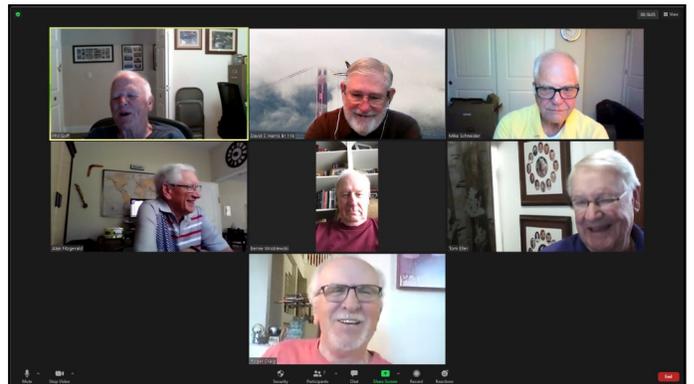
Branch 116 McHarKin Table Meetings

David Harris

Since the pandemic started, our SIR table has been meeting via ZOOM. We have had over fifty ZOOM meetings, starting in April 2020 continuing to the present.

Over a dozen different members have joined our meetings over this time.

We meet at 9:30 on Tuesdays. Our meetings last 40 minutes -- a free ZOOM restriction.



Branch Activities



Book Group 1

Rich Black

The November/December SIR Book Group will meet on Monday, **December 6** at 10:15 AM by zoom or at Arbolado Park (depending on the weather) to discuss *The Bomber Mafia* by Malcolm Gladwell. This book explores two different WWII bombing strategies ...high level precision vs. lower targeted

... and the approaches of two apostles of these strategies, General Haywood Hansell and General Curtis LeMay.

See the October Trampas Topics for a discussion of the previous book, *The Big Burn*.



Book Group 2

Scott Clark

The book opens in the days and months after Pearl Harbor, when the lives of Japanese Americans across the continent and Hawaii were changed forever. This is a story of war-time America and the battlefields of Europe. It tells the story of four families and their sons who volunteered for the 442nd regimental combat team who fought in some of the worst battles in France, Italy, and Germany. Along the way this regiment displayed uncommon heroism, becoming the most decorated regiment to fight in WW2. The author also tells the story of these soldiers parents, immigrants and American citizens who were forced to submit to life in concentration camps on US soil. Throughout the book we learn of Gordon Hirabayashi, one of a several resisters who

stood up against the government fighting for their rights. Whether fighting on battlefields or in courtrooms, these Americans did what Americans do best, standing on principles, laying down their lives and enduring.

Ten members joined our discussion. We rated the book at 4.85, making Facing the Mountain, one of the highest rated books in recent memory. Our thanks to Fred Schafer for recommending this book.

Our next Book Club 2 meeting will be on **December 16** at 11 AM using Zoom. The group will discuss Strange Stones by Peter Hessler. Whether you have read the book or not all are welcome to attend. Contact Scott Clark to be added to our zoom invitation.



Dine-O-SIR

Alex Lutkus

It's been too long since our last Dine-O-SIR event. Due to numerous SIR member requests we felt it was time to socialize together again. Therefore we are announcing our next Dine-O-SIR dining event to be held on **December 15th** at Luna Restaurante in Concord, CA. Please see, on the following page, the

flyer/sign-up sheet with the details. Note that space is limited to the first 50 persons who sign-up and submit their payment so mail in your request ASAP. Remember, SIR Branch 116 Covid protocols will be followed (proof of vaccination & waiver).

Branch Activities

Branch 116 Dine-O-SIR
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 Dining Event

Luna Restaurante

2118 Willow Pass Road (100B), Concord, CA

No host bar Social Hour will start at 5:30 PM and Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM

House red/white wine at \$8/glass or \$26/bottle, bar well drinks at \$8; Corkage fee at \$20.00

Cost, \$45.00 per person, tax and tip included – Limited to 50 persons

Dinner Menu

STARTER: Choice of -

1. Caesar Salad (Chopped romaine hearts in a classic Caesar dressing w/ parmesan cheese, croutons & anchovies)
2. Zuppa (Soup)

ENTREES: Choice of -

1. Salmon Modomio (Pan seared Salmon w/ mushroom in champagne cream dill sauce & veggies)
2. Chicken Picatta (Grilled chicken breast w/ Picatta sauce served w/ veggies)
3. Chicken Marsala (Grilled chicken breast w/ Marsala wine sauce served w/ veggies)
4. Penne Pesto (Pan seared chicken, roasted tomatoes and spinach in a creamy pesto sauce)
5. Ravioli (Porcini mushrooms and Ricotta Cheese in a Marsala cream sauce w/ truffle oil)

DESERT: Choice of -

1. Raspberry Cheesecake
2. Tiramisu

(Served with coffee, decaf or tea)

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LUNA RESTAURANTE, Wednesday, December 15, 2021

NAME: _____

Entrée Selection: Salmon __ Chicken Picatta __ Chicken Marsala __ Penne Pasta __ Ravioli __

NAME: _____

Entrée Selection: Salmon __ Chicken Picatta __ Chicken Marsala __ Penne Pasta __ Ravioli __

E-Mail _____ **No. Attending:** ____ x \$45 = \$ _____

***Please Note:** A signed waiver and proof of vaccination are required to attend!

Please make check to: SIR Branch 116 Dining

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

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

Branch Activities



Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

On November 12 we walked from the Moraga Commons north along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail to the waterfall. Dan Green led the walk, accompanied by his wife Andrea, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, Dick Frankel, Paul & Anna Freitas, John & Gail Riordan, and Joel & Susan White.

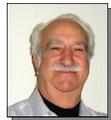
Amiable Amblers at the waterfall on the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail

Dick Frankel will lead the Friday **December 10** walk. We will meet at 8:15 in the Walnut Creek Civic Center parking lot off Civic Drive and walk north along the Iron Horse Trail. Dick will also arrange a post-walk gathering outdoors at nearby La Scala; please attend this year-end activity even if

you didn't walk. RSVP to Dick at frankel@rafrankel.com.

There will be no walk on December 24 because of its proximity to the Christmas holiday.

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.



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, December 16th** at 8:30am. **BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS, OUR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS ARE ON THE THIRD THURSDAY, NOT THE FOURTH.**

We are all in agreement, 2021 is one of the worst years in our fishing history. Short salmon season, bay overfished, lakes so low they look like creeks, WIND, WIND, AND MORE WIND. And now the crab season is delayed, and re delayed. We tried to

get out on party boats for rockfish, and trips were either cancelled, or turned back past the gate due to rough seas. Stan Wong and Carl Moyer caught some rockfish on a private boat, but fishing was uncharacteristically slow. Tom Kostik got some catfish and stripers from the delta, but even that was slow. Harry Sherinian and Mike Corker had better luck plugging further inland for black and striped bass, picking good days and good weather. Over 20 of us ate to our hearts content at Carl Moyers Fall Fish Fry. Good food, good cooks, Marcia's delicious tartar sauce and brownies. Brion Beetz and Stan Wong had a grand time spending 3 days at New Melones reservoir, catching big brown trout to 6 plus pounds and rainbows to 5 lbs.

Branch Activities



Golf Clinic

Chris Doan

Want to be more confident with every golf shot? The Golf Clinic might just be the answer!

Six additional SIRs have been added to the mailing list and have participated in their first clinic in November which focused on Chipping & Pitching. To date, 33 SIR members and spouses have taken advantage of the opportunity for a professional tuneup on a number of golf skills.

Feedback continues to be quite positive about the session structure and approach, as well about our golf pro Pete Asselin.

Sessions are held at Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord in their well designed and maintained training facility.

There will be one Clinic session in December (on **Saturday December 11**) followed by a holiday break. This last session of the year will be focused on bunker shots and putting. Now that bunkers are making a comeback after their COVID lull, who couldn't use a little tune-up?

Members interested in getting involved, please contact Chris at cdoan99@gmail.com or (602) 908-0292 to be added to the Clinic mailing list or to explore additional questions that you might have before you decide. Notice for the specifics of the December Clinic, along with sign-up details, will be distributed in early December. Come join in!

FORE !!



SIR 116

Christmas SHOOT!

Our final, last, conclusion for 2021 Golf

FUN! Prizes! Raffles!

Boundary Oak and Taphouse
Monday, December 13

Alternate Shot (Hit and Giggles!)
Pairings by drawing

Prizes: **Bettors and Almosts**
Closest to four Pins
Longest Drives

Also: **Mulligans**
Raffles
Adult Beverages at Taphouse

You have to be present for presents for Christmas SHOOT!

Only \$10.00 Entry

Entry on Branch 116 Shopping Cart NOW

Branch Activities



Pickelball

Ed Solomon

Join us every Friday at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center in Heather Farm from 8 to 9:30 am. Beginners welcome. We reserve two courts every week. All you need are tennis sneakers, shorts preferred, sun screen, & we have extra paddles.

Pickleball is a fun sport for all ages that combine many elements of tennis, badminton, & ping-pong, played on badminton sized court. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn.



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

Our November Wine O Sirs wine tasting was at the home of Dick and Gail Breitwieser. The wines served were from the Indian Rock Vineyards, Mur-

phys, CA.

We will not meet in December. Our next tasting will be at the home of Dave Havlik on January 27th.



Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

Although the Covid 19 issues are beginning to diminish, the Saturday Walking Tours coordinators still encounter problems when we try to plan and implement events. Many of our venues are staffed by volunteers, and these support staff are slowly returning to their respective organizations. This said, we have been able to schedule the following tour for 2022.

Meeks Mansion - On **Saturday, March 26, 2022**, Walking Tours will visit the Meeks Mansion which is located in Hayward, CA. We have engaged Ms.

Dianne Curry, the Mansion Curator, to provide a personal tour of the facility. It is anticipated that she will provide an entertaining and comprehensive explanation of the Meek family, the Mansion's history, and its furnishings. There is a \$150 fee which will be shared by the participant. After the tour the participants will enjoy a lunch together at a local Haufbrau.

That's it for now. When we can identify other appropriate venues we will be happy to schedule them. Greg Hughes & Mike Schneider



SIR Golf



SIR Golf
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

2022 SIR Branch 116 Golf Club Dues

The 2022 dues for the SIR Branch 116 Golf Clubs will be waived for 2022. This means that if you are currently a member of the 9-Hole Golf Club, you will not have to pay any Branch 116 Golf Club dues. If you are currently a member of the 18-Hole Golf Club and have your NCGA membership through another club, you will not have to pay any Branch 116 Golf Club dues, but you will have to maintain your

NCGA membership with your other club. If you are a member of NCGA through the SIR Branch 116, you will not have to pay any NCGA fees or Branch 116 Golf Club dues for 2022. If anyone would like to join the NCGA through the SIR Branch 116 Golf Club, or if you have any questions, please contact the Membership Chairman at DavyHarris@aol.com or DcHa65@gmail.com, or call 925 672-5532 or cell

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

December: 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 01	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Marty Katz
Wed. 08	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 15	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 22	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 29		No golf	

December: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 06	9:35	Boundary Oak	Terry Sherman
Mon. 13	9:35	Boundary Oak	Terry Sherman
Mon. 20		No golf	
Mon. 27		No golf	

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov. 16	Napa Kennedy	Nov. 1	\$51
Nov. 22	Paradise Valley	Nov. 16	\$45

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

Branch Photos (& other stuff)



Amiable Amblers on their Nov. 12 Walk

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 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...

Videos of SIR Branch 116 Luncheon Speaker Presentations

We have recently had some excellent speakers at our luncheon Zoom meetings. If you missed the meeting, you can still watch a video of the speaker's presentation via YouTube. Here is how:

- Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) on your computer
- Type "SIR Branch 116" in the YouTube search box
- Select the SIR Roster logo
- Select one of the videos on top of the screen

I recommend that, once you have found the SIR Branch 116 videos, you select the subscribe button— It makes jumping to our videos easier.

There have been several outstanding presentations— Try watching one of the following first:

- October: [Nancy Ukai](#)— Japanese Internment
- September: [George Kourounis](#)— Adventurer

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.



FIRST CLASS MAIL

RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
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.