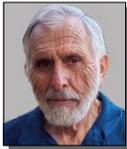




SIR Branch 116 Newsletter July 2021

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.

I have some great news to share: We are resuming our normal activities starting with July 19 in-person monthly meeting at Boundary Oaks. Please mark July 19, 2021 on your calendars for our first in-person monthly meeting.

Last 17 months have been trying times for all of us. Added to the frustration was that not only we had to comply with State and Contra Costa County Covid restrictions but also with the restrictions imposed on us by the State SIR organization for insurance reasons. But finally this nightmare is over and we can look forward to resuming our normal activities.

Your BEC decided on June 21, 2021 to resume all indoor and outdoor activities subject to: 1- proof of vaccination, 2-signed waiver, 3- in accordance with all local health authority restrictions.

For our luncheon on Monday, July 19, 2021 at Boundary Oaks we are requesting that you RSVP by July 5th. 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 quests. If you haven't yet filed your documents with the Branch please consider to do 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.

We are in contact with Boundary Oak catering to work out all the details of this first luncheon and we will communicate those to you shortly. Also - you will be able to pay for your luncheons by credit card.

In the meantime, put your flag out and have a wonderful July 4th holiday.

Sam Beret, Big SIR

Next Meeting
July 19 @ Boundary
Oak-12:00 Noon

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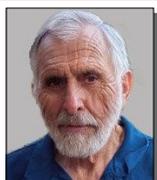
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Trampas Topics

On July 19th we will be having our 1st in-person SIR lunch at Boundary Oak in 17 months. Make sure you RSVP by July 5th to attend.

CALL 322-1318
or email to
luncheon116@gmail.com
by July 5th to make
your reservation for our
July 19th luncheon.

2021 SIR Branch 116 Officers



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Beret



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- 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

July 2021

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
					<p>Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)</p>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fourth of July	<p>18-Hole Golf (9:45@ Boundary Oak GC)</p>		<p>9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)</p>	<p>Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts)</p>	<p>Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Olympic Blvd. Staging Area) Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)</p>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p>18-Hole Golf (9:45@ Boundary Oak GC)</p>	<p>Luncheon Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Creek GC)</p>	<p>9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ)</p>	<p>Book Group 2 (11:00 AM via Zoom)</p>	<p>Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p>SIR Br. 116 Meeting (12:00@ Boundary Oak)</p>	<p>18-Hole Golf (10:03@ Chardonnay GC)</p>	<p>9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)</p>	<p>Fishing Group (8:30@ Diablo Creek) Wine-O-SIR (4:00@ Tom Eller's House) Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts)</p>	<p>Hiking & Walking (8:15@ San Ramon Valley Museum) Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)</p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<p>18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Redwood Canyon) Book Group 1 (10:15 AM Walnut Creek Civic Park)</p>	<p>Luncheon Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Creek GC)</p>	<p>9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Couples Mexican Train (7:00@ TBD) \$ums Investment (1:30 PM via Zoom)</p>		<p>Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)</p>	



Branch Administration



Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

June 28, 2021		
	June-2021	2021 YTD
Contributions	\$	\$ 12,327.19
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ (13,373.00)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 0.00	\$ (1,045.81)
June Cash Balance		\$ 10,230.33
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance	\$	10,230.33



Sunshine

Matt Arena, Sunshine Chairman

SIR Lou Sandor is managing very well on his walker following the fractured ankle. He is now in rehab with physical therapy which promises to help Lou with a total recovery. Lou and I met recently and he is in good spirits.

SIR Jim Nachtweih continues to make progress following his injury. He walks his dog with the assistance of a cane and drives to take care of errands. Jim is looking forward to our July luncheon at Boundary Oak. He misses seeing his friends.

All the words I use in my stories can be found in the dictionary— -- It's just a matter of arranging them in the right sentences

Somerset Maughan

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 Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

There are no changes in the membership. Our total membership to 206.

July Birthdays

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

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Michael Barrington | 11. Vito Magliano |
| 2. Don Benioff | 12. Don Miller |
| 3. Meade Bernard | 13. Jack Minicucci |
| 4. Gary Boswell | 14. Tom O'Brien |
| 5. Steve Cherepy | 15. Hal Redsun |
| 6. Dick Frankel | 16. Tim Tinnes |
| 7. Garrett Girvan | 17. Chuck Vanoncini |
| 8. Al Hutchko | 18. Bob Vetro |
| 9. Paul King | 19. Jim Videle |
| 10. Brad Lee | 20. Bernie Wroblewski |

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/



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>

Luncheon Speaker & Branch Administration

July Meeting

July 19, 2021

“Patrick Walsh—Resumption of High School Sports”



Little SIR Report

Fred Wachowicz

Looks like we are finally “back in the game” of day to day life. I don’t see too many masks at all in the outdoors and they are quickly fleeing the indoor scene as well.

As a group we are still exercising a measure of prudence with Vaccination Cards and Waivers to protect us physically as well as legally.

We’ll get together on July 19th for our first real Luncheon meeting in many moons so don’t forget **to RSVP by July 5th**. As you can imagine Boundary Oaks will need more than an educated guess to determine how much food to prepare and what level of staffing to have on hand.

It will be great to catch up with friends and make plans for upcoming Branch Activities.

Many of you know our July speaker who is **Patrick Walsh**, a De La Salle graduate, and head Football Coach at Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo. Patrick was a primary voice in working with Governor Newsom’s team to pave the way for restart of High School Sports in the State. Patrick is also the founder of the Youth Flag Football program now operating in several California Counties. Many of us have grand kids in the program.

If you haven’t yet been able to do so, please forward your Vaccination Card and Signed Waivers to Kevin

Donahue as soon as possible at branch116covidresponse@gmail.com. Of course, you can still present these at the door and blank waiver forms will be available.

Congratulations to Charlie McInnis who June’s winner in the Birthday Boys group for getting younger faster than the rest of us. Well done Charlie!

Check out **Mike Ward’s Activity Column** this month as all Branch Activities are back in operation. If you’re not a regular Activity Participant it’s a good time to check out the list and give the Activity Chairman a call to sign up.

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?

Finally, a special salute to all those who stepped up to get us back on the field for the July Luncheon: **Farbman, Hicks, Fitzgerald, Beret, Pope, Goff, Schmidt, Schneider, Craig, Boswell, and Donahue**. Additionally, our State SIR Organization and President Stu Williams reached out quickly with messages of support for the restart of activities. Well Done to all.

Branch Activities



Activities Report Mike Ward, Activities Head

STATUS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

All outdoor activities are up and running with the exception of the TWO (2) activities listed below:

GOLF CLINIC; The Boundary Oaks Golf Management team has turned down our Branch 116 needs for a GOLF CLINIC. (lessons)

The Boundary Oaks Pro referred Jeff Johnson (Sirs Golf Clinic Chairman) to Peter Asselin who is a Pro at Diablo Creek Golf Course.

Their first meeting was very positive. The next step is to determine a level of interest among our members. Please look out for an interest survey, which should be issued in the next few weeks.

TRAVEL: I was assigned this activity, during the start of Covid-19. The Travel Activity will consist of Three (3) areas of travel:

- 1) Local travel (1-2 nights)
- 2) USA travel Tours
- 3) International Travel (Tours and Cruises)

Due to the Covid outbreak, (World Wide) this activity has been put on hold. I will be talking to a Travel Agent to determine What and When the Travel Business will be opening up.

I will always keep in mind the Medical results of contacting Covid-19.

STATUS OF INDOOR ACTIVITIES

At The BEC meeting, which was held on Monday June 21, 2021 the board voted to open all of the indoor activities. This approval was based upon the

approval of the State Sirs Board, State of California and Contra Costa County.

Our branch 116 has a current total of 12 indoor activities. The following indoor activities are currently OPEN:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN</u>
1) BOOK CLUB 1	RICH BLACK
2) BRIDGE	JON DICKSON
3) MEXICAN TRAIN	RICHARD MADDEN
4) WINE-O-SIR	LOU MEYLAN

If you have an interest in joining the above OPEN INDOOR ACTIVITIES, please contact the above listed activity chairmen.

As additional indoor activities open up, I will contact each MEMBER by email or through the Trampas Topics newsletter.

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

You must submit copies of these two records to Kevin Donahue for our files or bring a copy of both records to the activity.

Also, all activity chairmen are encouraged to take photos of their activity. It is a good way to publicize our activities in the newsletter, Nextdoor, Facebook, etc.

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 in our Branch

Branch Activities



Book Group 1

Rich Black

Book Group #1 will next meet at 10:15 on **July 26** in Civic Park near the Gazebo to discuss an account of the great migration of African Americans from the American south to the north and west entitled “The Warmth of Other Suns” by Isabel Wilkerson. Members should bring a chair. In the event of inclement weather, the convenor will schedule a zoom session. An alternate site may be selected before then and if so, the convenor will notify members. Prospective new members should contact Richard Black at Blackrw41@comcast.net. Book Group #1 last met on June 28 to discuss “How to Avoid a Climate Disaster” by Bill Gates. Richard Black led the discussion

with Mike Schneider, Jerry Christopherson, Steve Bort, John Riordan, Richard White, Joel White, Paul Freitas, and John Kopchik. Gates lists the reductions in heat emissions from five processes (agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, electricity production and heating-cooling) which will be needed to stabilize global temperature. Gates opines that this will be a considerable challenge and the members of Sirs Book Group #1 agreed. Read this book to get the big picture of the steps needed to counter anthropomorphic climate change. The book earned a 4-star rating.



Book Group 2

Allan Pope

Book Group 2 met by teleconference on Thursday, June 17, to discuss “Caste: The Origins of our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson. This non-fiction novel, written by a Pulitzer-prize winning author, describes the origins of social and racial divisions in today’s American society. She uses comparisons between the caste system in India, Germany’s treatment of Jews during the Nazi era, and treatment of blacks and “non-dominant” people in American society.

The author makes a strong argument for the existence of a caste system that developed from slavery and still exists in America. Focusing on racism, which is just one manifestation of an American caste system, she defines “caste” as “the granting or withholding of respect, status, honor, attention, privileges, resources, benefit of the doubt, and human kindness to someone based on their perceived rank or standing in the [societal] hierarchy.” The author provided many examples of the effects of caste on American society to bolster her comparison of an American caste system with Nazi Germany and In-

dia.

Like the previous novel by Ken Follett, this novel also received mixed reviews from Book Club 2 members. Book Club members thought this novel was at times repetitious with its examples and overly critical of American society. Also, the author did not acknowledge the progress made by America in the last 70 years. On the other hand, “Caste” generated good discussion by the members. “Caste” received a rating of 3.2 out of 5. (Jerry Hicks’ method resulted in a rating of 3.205.)

The next Book Club 2 meeting will be on **Thursday, July 15**, at 11 am by videoconference using the Zoom app. If the Ygnacio Valley library reopens, members will be notified and may be able to meet in person. The group will discuss Pulitzer Prize-winning “Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life” by William Finnegan. In the month ahead, Book Club 2 will discuss “Mud and Stars” by Sara Wheeler.

Whether you have read any of these books 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 Ron Lew Big Fish, 925-550-4166 and Harry Sherinian 925-846-7067 Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on **Thursday, July 22nd**, at 8:30am.

Our local trout season has ended. As the water in our local lakes warms, catfish are planted instead of trout, and so we must venture into the piney woods for trout now. But, Gordon Linebaugh, Brion Beetz, Phil Scimonelli, and Carl Moyer managed to catch a few from San Pablo Reservoir. Pete Gates organized a venture to Don Pedro lake where he, Phil Scimonelli, Paul Dubow, Gordon Linebaugh, Jack

Wadell, and Karl Drossesse caught trout, kokanee, and king salmon. Brion Beetz went to Colorado to catch a Splake trout, part lake, part speckled (brook) trout from shore. Tom Kostik went to Pinecrest lake and caught many trout and bass. Ben LaSala caught trout from Lake Berryessa and Comanche. Ken Bellinder caught smallmouth bass from Berryessa. Carl Moyer and Brion Beetz captured rockfish on the big water. Bob Stein, Brion, Carl, Gordon Linebaugh, Stan Wong, and Lee Clark got halibut and stripers from the bay on party boats. Stan Wong and Brion Beetz went to Tomales Bay to dig up limits of delicious cherrystone clams. Tom Kostik, Ken Bellinder, Terry Miller, Dick Thomson, caught stripers and sturgeon in the delta. Pedro Contreras flew to Hawaii for some delectable ono (wahoo.)



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

THREE CHEERS! Diablo Country Club is opening and we can resume our 2nd and 4th Tuesday Lunch & Bridge, with the first bridge session happening on Tuesday, June 22nd. E-mail (still26@sbcglobal.net) or call (925-837-1178) (leave a voice mail message) Jon Dickson to say you will be playing. Starts at 10:00 AM, play until noon, have lunch and then resume playing until finished.

We are planning to have bridge on our usual sched-

ule for the rest of the year. That is **July 13 and 27**, August 10 & 24 and so on.

Plus we will plan on having our FALL LADIES DAY on October 12th, where it is lunch & bridge for couples. Any mix of "couples"! Lunch is at 11:30 and bridge after in the afternoon.

Hope to see all who have an interest in bridge out to join us.

Branch Activities



Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

Art Donaldson lead the June 11 walk with 11 participants from Arbolado Park west on the Ygnacio Canal Trail. John Riordan led the June 25 walk with 12 participants from the Moraga Commons north on the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. The post-walk gathering resumed at the Moraga Town Bakery and Café.

John Riordan will lead the **July 9** walk. We will meet at 8:15 at the Olympic Blvd Staging Area near the roundabout with Pleasant Hill Rd and walk west along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. RSVP to jriordan730@gmail.com . Joel White will lead the **July 23** walk. We will meet at 8:15 at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (aka Railroad Museum) in Danville and walk north along the Iron Horse Trail. RSVP to zpz2mrz@gmail.com . Venues for the post-walk gatherings will be announced

later.

Face masks are no longer required for this activity, but you must have submitted your signed SIR COVID waiver and vaccination record to Branch116CovidResponse@gmail.com or give copies to the walk leader at the start of the walk. This is a one-time only requirement and also applies to spouses and guests attending the walk.

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 understanding 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.

The next Couples Train is scheduled for **July 28th** at 7:00 PM. The location will be decided when we know how many plan to attend.

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

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

Branch Activities



Pickelball

Ed Solomon

Join us every Friday from 9 to 10:30am 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

There will be no Computer & Technology Meeting in July.

We are looking for presenters to lead future discussions.



Bocce

Paul Russell

Br.116 Bocce Ball is going well at he Clayton Courts. We have two teams of nine players each and a good time is being had by all. During July we will play on the **8th** and **22nd** of the month at Clayton Bocce Courts. Bob Huck is the CAPO of team Tahoe, and

Jerry Hicks is the CAPO of the other team. I think the team name is Team X, but I could be wrong about that. We play from 10:00am to 12:00pm every other Thursday.

\$ums Investment

Tom Henry (Br. 174)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their 4th Wed, **July 28**, Zoom meeting at 1:30 PM.

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

tact Dave Sutton to be included if you're not already.

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



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

The Wine O Sir group resumed activities with a wine tasting at the home of Jon Dickson in May.

Our next tasting will be at the home of Tom Eller on **July 22, 2021**. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Tom Eller directly.

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 overwith,

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 Lessons

Jeff Johnson

We are making progress. We have arranged with a seasoned instructor at Diablo Creek to provide golf lessons. There will be one-hour lessons on Saturday mornings costing \$30 paid in advance at pro shop. The lesson topics will rotate each week starting with

tee shots, then fairway shots, approach, and putting. This rotation will then repeat. Our next step is to send a survey to our branch membership to gauge the level of interest. The survey should go out in the next week.



Frank Portello, Alan Fitzgerald and Greg Hughes enjoying beautiful weather at Boundary Oak

Branch Activity Photos



Amiable Amblers at Arbolado Park



Luncheon Bridge Group are All Smiles



SIR Golf
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

Signup now for 2021 SIR Br. 116 Reno Golf (see page 14)

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.

July: 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 07	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 14	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 21	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 28	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry

July: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:45	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 12	9:45	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Tue.. 20	10:03	Chardonnay	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 26	10:00	Redwood Cyn.	Alex Lutkus

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
July 20	Chardonnay	July 12	\$40
July 26	Redwood Canyon	July 18	\$37
Aug 17	Eagle Vines	Aug. 10	\$57
Aug. 23	Tilden	Aug. 17	\$39

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.