



# SIR Branch 116 Newsletter June 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. Time sure is flying. Summer is already here.

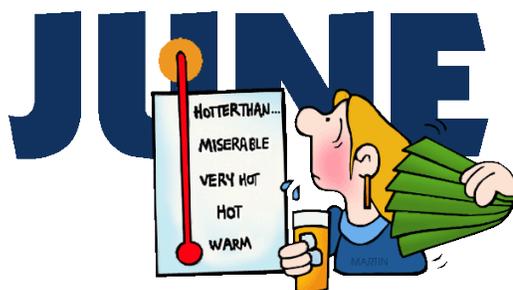
By the time you read this newsletter the annual Carmel Golf Outing will have concluded. We owe big thanks to the organizer Jim Barstow. He was able to organize this event overcoming all the uncertainty and difficulties due to ever-changing COVID rules and restrictions. The event allowed participants to spend two days with friends in very beautiful settings.

Your branch BEC continues to meet frequently virtually via ZOOM to keep ever branch operating in this complex COVID landscape. I am very impressed with the BEC members' commitment and dedication. We are blessed to have such strong leaders in Branch 116.

We are in contact with Boundary Oak catering to plan for resuming our monthly luncheon meetings in-person. It will depend on State and County regulations and how fast Boundary Oak can staff their catering operations. We are hopeful that we can have our first in-person luncheon in August. In the meantime we will continue to have our virtual meetings on Zoom with interesting speakers. Our May 17 meeting featured De La Salle's varsity football coach, Justin Alumbaugh. His presentation was very entertaining and inspiring.

We added three new members to our branch this month. Please welcome Dave Havlik, Bruce Kessler and Dick Frankel (rejoining) and say hello when you meet them. Please remember also to send pictures of your COVID vaccination card and signed waivers to Kevin Donahue – branch Compliance Officer. In the meantime, please stay safe, stay in touch and continue participating in our activities.

*Sam Beret, Big SIR*



**Next Meeting**  
**June 21 at 11:30 AM**  
**via Zoom**

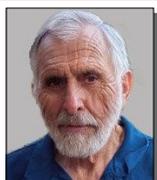
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*Please email or call any BEC member if you have any questions/news regarding branch activities or members*

Trampas Topics

## 2021 SIR Branch 116 Officers



**Big SIR**  
Sam  
Beret



**Little SIR**  
Fred  
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**Treasurer**  
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## 2021 SIR Branch 116 Directors



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Boswell



Roger  
Craig



Kevin  
Donahue



Al  
Farberman



Darrell  
McLaughry

### 2021 Support Chairmen

#### **RAMP Department Heads:**

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

#### **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 Farberman
- 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

## June 2021

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1	2 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)	3	4 <b>Pickleball</b> (9:00@ Heather Farms)	5
6	7 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:45@ Boundary Oak GC)	8	9 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hill GC)	10 <b>Bocce</b> (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	11 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Arbolado Park) <b>Pickleball</b> (9:00@ Heather Farms)	12
13	14 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:45@ Boundary Oak GC)	15	16 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	17 <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:30 via Zoom) <b>Book Group 2</b> (11:00 via Zoom)	18 <b>Pickleball</b> (9:00@ Heather Farms)	19
20 <b>Father's Day</b>	21 <b>SIR Br. 116 Meeting</b> (11:30 via Zoom)	22 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Rancho Solano GC)	23 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Brentwood GC)	24 <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30 via Zoom) <b>Bocce</b> (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	25 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Moraga Commons) <b>Pickleball</b> (9:00@ Heather Farms)	26
27	28 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Las Positas GC) <b>Book Group</b> (10:15@ Walnut Creek Civic Park)	29	30 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Dublin Ranch GC)			



# Branch Administration



## Treasury Report

Alan Fetzgerald, Treasurer

May 6, 2021		
	May-2021	2021 YTD
Contributions	\$	\$ 9,365.67
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ (10,361.48)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>(995.81)</b>
February Cash Balance		\$ 10,280.33
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance	\$	\$ 10,280.33



## Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

We have 3 new members this month bringing our total membership to **206**.

- Bruce Kessler New Member  
Sponsor Don Schroeder
- Dick Frankel Rejoining  
Sponsor Paul Freitas
- Dave Havlik New Member  
Sponsor Fred Schafer



## Sunshine

Matt Arena, Sunshine Chairman

SIR **Lou Meyan** reports that his ankle injury has healed nicely he is now dealing with a slipped disk and stenosis which is helped by using his walker. He is in good spirits.

SIR **Lou Sandor** has had his computer hacked from Nigeria. It's almost as bad as his health issues. Lou is walking every day with his walker and now balance is his problem when walking off a curb.

Past Big SIR **Robbie Robinson** has had no change in his condition. His wife Nancy has had a tough year with the loss of their son.

## June Birthdays

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

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Matt Arena     | 11. Bill McCallum   |
| 2. Andy Benz      | 12. Charlie McInnis |
| 3. Sam Beret      | 13. Dirk Meyer      |
| 4. Dick Bergamini | 14. Lou Meylan      |
| 5. Dave Carlson   | 15. Don Schroeder   |
| 6. Rog Craig      | 16. Harry Sherinian |
| 7. Kevin Donahue  | 17. Dave Tullus     |
| 8. Phil Goff      | 18. Fred Wachowicz  |
| 9. Jerry Kaplan   | 19. Mike Ward       |
| 10. Alex Lutkus   | 20. Jai Yee         |

## 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](mailto: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>

# Luncheon Speaker

## June Meeting

June 21, 2021

### “Dan McGovern formerly from the Justice Department in Washington DC”

Dan McGovern served in three presidential administrations. Dan was the second-ranking attorney in the U.S. State Department during President Reagan’s first term. While at the State Department Dan testified before Congress as an Administration witness 13 times, chaired treaty negotiations with a dozen countries, and represented the United States in oral argument before the World Court in The Hague.

In President Reagan’s second term, Dan was the general counsel of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), an agency of 10,000 employees. There he supervised 55 lawyers in six offices.

Under President George H.W. Bush, Dan was the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the western United States. There he was responsible for supervising over 800 employees and

administering federal environmental laws and regulations affecting 35 million people.

Dan also served in state government for 25 years. Among other positions, he was general counsel of Caltrans, the California Department of Transportation, where he supervised 125 lawyers.

In retirement, Dan’s avocation is theater. Dan is a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and recently lectured there on theatre as an expression of Irish nationalism. Dan recently completed a four-year term as president of the board of the Eugene O’Neill Foundation, Tao House, in Danville and is co-chair of the Eugene O’Neill International Festival of Theatre in New Ross, Ireland.



# Branch Administration



## Little SIR Report

Fred Wachowicz

Not only are we all vaccinated now but it is for sure that the covid monster is definitely on the run! Both Calif State guidelines and SIR State requirements are changing from day to day as the situation improves.

We continue with our efforts to insure that the steps we take will fully protect our membership from unnecessary risk as we restart various branch activities in compliance with CDC, CA State, SIR State, and Contra Costa County requirements.

A special Thank You to all of our members who have submitted their vaccine cards and waivers to Kevin Donahue. If you haven't yet been able to do so, please process these items as soon as possible to [branch116covidresponse@gmail.com](mailto:branch116covidresponse@gmail.com)

Congratulations to Jerry Hicks who is this month's winner in the Birthday Boys group for getting younger faster than the rest of us. Well done Jerry!

Check out Mike Ward's Activity Column this month as even more activities are re-opening and read Mike's report on our annual activity survey. Our Branch also has wide support (72% of respondents) for a Victory over Covid Celebration which is being organized by Marty Katz once we are able to declare that the covid beast has indeed been banished to the badlands.

At this point 86 members have responded to our annual Branch survey and the general branch responses can be summarized as follows:

1. We are all looking forward to the demise of covid but recognize that it is necessary to proceed with caution as we move ahead and re-open our activities and our monthly luncheon program.
2. There is also recognition that we might consider ways to spread ourselves across non-reserved tables at the monthly luncheons in order to foster the opportunity to meet other members while at the same time supporting our members that enjoy meeting with their close friends at the luncheon.
3. Our membership is in support of our efforts to recruit all senior men of any background who may wish to join our SIR Branch while remaining aloof from the various political advocacies sometimes associated with the topic of Diversity.
4. Roughly slightly over half of our survey respondents would like to see more involvement of our spouses and significant others in our activities as well as more shared events across other SIR Branches.
5. Continue taking the steps to keep our Branch together, have fun, grow our membership, hosting great speakers, leverage multi ethnic cultural events, and involve our spouses/significant others in Branch Activities.

Happy June to one and all,

# Branch Activities



## Activities Report Mike Ward, Activities Head

### ANNUAL ACTIVITY SURVEY RESULTS- 2021

The Annual Activity Survey for 2021 has been completed and summarized as follows:

Received 71 responses out of 204 members. ( 41% of the members responded )

The following New Activities received over a 15% response rate from the members that responded.

- Table Tennis (16.9%)
- Local Area Trips (46.5%)
- CPR Training (19.7%)
- Photography (18.3%)
- Gym Workout (16.9%)
- Theater/Opera (16.9%)
- Small Dinner Groups (26.8%)
- Stock Investing (23.9%)
- North America Travel (16.9%)

As many of our members know, Outdoor Activities have open up with Covid restrictions and requiring the appropriate Covid Vaccination and the signing of an Insurance waiver.

Indoor Activities still have not opened up yet but we are hopeful that these Activities will open soon.

If you have an interest in reviewing the entire survey results, please give me a call or send me an email request.

In addition, if a Club Member has an interest in Heading Up any of the above Activities or other desired Activities, please feel free to contact me.

Summary Results of individual questions asked:

- CYCLING (12 responses) ( 58.3% without spouses) and (41.7% with spouses)
- IRON CHEF (13 responses) (92.3% with spouses) and (7.7% without spouses)
- BRANCH TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES (52 responses) ( Bay Area Day Trips 80.8%), (Weekend 2-3 Days 69.2%), (North America Travel 44.2%) and (International Travel 25%)

### BRANCH OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PROTOCOLS

It was decided in the BEC meeting held on May 17, that the previous outdoor protocols that had been approved by the BEC and the new activity (Out Door Wine Tasting) should be rewritten to include the Covid Vaccination card and the Insurance Waiver Instructions.

Listed below are the nine (9) Outdoor Activities which have been rewritten and will be submitted for final approval to the BEC meeting which will be held on May 27, 2021:

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| • Amiable Amblers                  | • Pickle Ball                                       |
| • Golf (18/9 Hole) (All Locations) | • Fishing   |
| • Bocce Ball                       | • Saturday Walking Tours                            |
| • Golf Clinic                      | • Outdoor Wine-O-Sir Tasting (New Outdoor Activity) |
| • Book Club 1                      |   |

Please Note that the above Activities have also been approved to stay active during this rewrite period. The rewrite combines all Three (3) requirements into one (1) Protocol for BEC Approval.

# Branch Activities

## Diversity & Inclusion

“There is a mysterious cycle in human events,” said Franklin Delano Roosevelt, accepting the Democratic nomination for president in Philadelphia in 1936. “To some generations much is given. Of others much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny.” I believe that this statement resonates as fresh and striking today as it did 85 years ago and we as a SIR organization might benefit from a brief reflection.

A recent report issued by Deloitte, revealed that diversity is perceived differently by generations. Millennial’s view diversity as the combining of different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives, and they believe taking advantage of these differences is what leads to innovation and growth in business.

For Gen Xers and Boomers, on the other hand, diversity and inclusion are two elements owed to everybody offering equal and fair representation regardless of demographics. For them these are more

than buzzwords, and need to be understood and taken seriously.

And what about the Silent Generation (those born between 1927 and 46)? Where do they stand on this issue?

Given the generational spread in our own Branch, we might benefit from reflecting on these points of reference and consider if the SIR organization will be relevant five years from now. If we do not move with the times, the times will leave us behind. This is a tremendous challenge and there are no smart answers. Our Branch should reflect on the cultural makeup of the communities in which we live and serve how best can we offer them the richness and variety of our activity programs. If we can work through this, the outcome could be a real boost for our Branch. It would lead to better serving a retired male population and result in increased membership.

Michael Barrington, Team Member

## May Brain Teasers

(Compliments of Alan Fitzgerald)

1. A dog is tied to a 15-foot-long leash. How can the dog reach a bone that is 20 feet away?
2. How can you make 30 cents with only two coins if one of the coins is not a nickel?
3. Last Friday I flew to San Diego. It was a scary flight. About an hour after getting onto the plane, I saw a very thick fog and then the engines stopped due to lack of fuel. Why didn’t we die?
4. While eating out, my brother-in-law found a fly in his coffee. After taking the cup away, the waiter came back with a different cup of coffee. My brother-in-law got upset and returned it, saying that the coffee in the second cup was the same as in the first one. How did he know?

See answers on Page 13

# Branch Activities



## Book Group 1

Rich Black

Book Group #1 will next meet at **10:15 on June 28 in Civic Park** near the Gazebo to discuss “How to Avoid A Climate Disaster” by Bill Gates. Members should bring a chair. In the event of inclement weather, the convenor will schedule a zoom session. Prospective new members should contact Richard Black at [Blackrw41@comcast.net](mailto:Blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 last met on May 24 to discuss “Tangled Vines” by Frances Dinkelspiel. Paul Freitas recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Garrett Girvan, Richard

Rosslund, Mike Schneider, Jerry Christopherson, Art Donaldson, Steve Bort, Mac McLoughlan, John Riordan, Richard White and John Kopchik. Dinkelspiel combines the stories of arson which destroyed vintage Napa wines along with a history of mid 19th century vineyards in Los Angeles and a San Francisco wine monopoly in the early 20th century. Yes, the unrepentant arsonist, Mark Anderson, is arrested and imprisoned for life. The book earned a 4-star rating.



## Book Group 2

Allan Pope

Book Group 2 met by teleconference on Thursday, May 27, to discuss “Night Over Water” by Ken Follett. This is a fiction novel by a well-known author about an odd group of people who fly together over the Atlantic in 1940, in a luxury, pre-World War II Boeing 314, Pan American Clipper seaplane. England had just declared war on Germany, and this was the last passenger flight between England and the United States for the Clipper.

The group of passengers includes, among others, a young thief, a British aristocratic family, a German scientist, a runaway spouse, and a killer with his crew. The story contains many subplots and is comparable to Agatha Christie’s “Orient Express” in that regard, except they occur over 30 hours in the air over the ocean and during three stops along the way. The story is well-paced and contains drama, romance, and surprise.

This novel received mixed reviews from Book Club 2 members. Despite the good story, Book Club members thought this novel did not quite meet the expectations of those who have previously read Ken Follett novels. For this reason, the book received a rating of 3.6 out of 5.

The next Book Club 2 meeting will be on Thursday, **June 17**, at 11 am by videoconference using the Zoom app. The group will discuss, “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson. In the months ahead, Book Club 2 members have discussed reading “The Night Witches”, (author unknown at this time) and “The Ministry for the Future” by Kim Stanley Robinson.

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 Big Fish Ron Lew 925-550-4166 or Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator Harry Sherinian at 925-846-7067. Next meeting will be through ZOOM or even perhaps in person on **Thursday, June 24th, at 8:30am.**

Our local trout season is winding down, but with a bang. Catching trout from San Pablo Reservoir were Bob Lively in his kayak, Terry Miller, Tom Kostik, Harry Sherinian, Carl Moyer, George Vogt, Phil Scimonelli, Brion Beetz, and Ray Pixton. Ray also caught and released a big sturgeon there, and Phil Scimonelli caught 2 catfish including an 8 pounder. Martin Steinpress has done well fly fishing up river landing a beautiful 19 inch rainbow on

a #16 midge fly. Martin also caught a big black bass fly fishing in a private pond. Chuck Vanoncini hosted his very popular spring trip to Lake Almanor. Stan Wong, Chuck Cornell, Tom Chapman, Gordon Linebaugh, Brion Beetz, Mark Bittner and Jack Waddell, had great weather, a super good time and caught and kept 15 big bows and browns and released 5-6 over 5 lb brown trout. Stan Wong fished a party boat in the bay for 2 striped bass. Salmon season out the gate may start June 26th. Live bait is now available, and halibut fishing should be red hot very soon. Because our activity happens outdoors, we have been able to pursue our passion, observing all the COVID limitations. We have held meetings and discussions via computer.



## 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

It appears we are getting close to having our 2nd and 4th Tuesday Lunch & Bridge games at Diablo Country Club again. I spoke to Diablo Country Club and they felt there is a chance that they would open again in May. A "chance"!

I was advised by the powers in SIR's that until our insurance company gave the "all clear" we could not

start indoor games.

But, our state is opening up, our local communities are opening up, so there is a good chance we will soon be playing. I will keep you informed and you will be the first to hear of our bridge opening. I am not saying "save the date" yet, but hope springs eternal.

# Branch Activities



## Amiable Amblers

John Riorday

More than a dozen walkers participated in our May events. The May 14 walk began at Heather Farm Park and proceeded east along the Contra Costa Canal Trail. The May 28 walk began at Larkey Park and proceeded north along the Contra Costa Canal Trail.

On **June 11** we will meet at 8:15 in the lower parking lot of Arbolado Park and walk west along the Ygnacio Canal Trail. RSVP to Art Donaldson at [dnldsn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnldsn@sbcglobal.net). On **June 25** we will meet at 8:15 in the Moraga Commons parking lot on St Mary's Rd and walk north along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. RSVP to [jriordan730@gmail.com](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com).

Face masks and social distancing are no longer required for this activity, consistent with the Branch 116 revised protocols and current CDC/state/county

guidelines for small outdoor gatherings of fully-vaccinated people. You must have already emailed copies of your signed SIR COVID waiver and vaccination record to [Branch116CovidResponse@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com) or 925-284-3394.

[@gmail.com](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com) or 925-284-3394.



## \$ums Investment

Tom Henry (Br. 174)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their 4th Wed, **June 23**, Zoom meeting at 1:30 PM.

The topic will be announced. Zoom instructions will be sent out later to those on the email list. Contact Dave Sutton to be included if you're not already.

Chair Tom Henry - Branch 174 [tomhenry925@gmail.com](mailto:tomhenry925@gmail.com) and Co-chair Dave Sutton - Branch 8 - [dave-sutn@comcast.net](mailto:dave-sutn@comcast.net)

# Branch Activities

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## 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

The next Zoom SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology (CAT) Group meeting will be **Thursday, June 17th starting at 9:30 AM.**

The June discussion will be "*Surfing the Net More Safely*" by Tom Farr from Branch 174. Topics including VPN Services, managing passwords, phishing

and malware will be discussed.

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

We've got some relatively good news regarding Bocce Ball finally. We are now able to begin play on every other week for approximately 12 or 13 weeks (mid October).

The issue with the Clayton courts has been resolved as long as we pay at least a month in advance and we sign a waiver holding Skipolinis and the Ipsen Family Trust harmless for any injuries or COVID related matters.

In addition, we will need to verify that everyone (including spouses / significant others), is fully vac-

inated and has signed a waiver holding SIR Branch 116 harmless as well. I will have copies with me at the courts (SIR Waiver) but would like the Bocce players to send the Ipsen Family Court Waivers they've received via email to me so that I can turn them in to the court beforehand. I now have a firm count of the number of players and the cost will be \$44.44 / person or \$88.88 / couple.

We'll be playing at the Clayton courts and will have 2 courts reserved for us from 10am to noon.

# Branch Activity Photos



Harry Sherinian with a limit of trout



## SIR Web Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site  
[branch116.org](http://branch116.org)

Branch 116 Golf  
[branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org)

Branch 116 Shopping Cart  
[sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site](http://sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site)

Area 16 Computer and Technology  
[sirinc2.org/a16cat/](http://sirinc2.org/a16cat/)

SIR Happenings State Newsletter  
[sirinc.org/newsletters/](http://sirinc.org/newsletters/)



## BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS

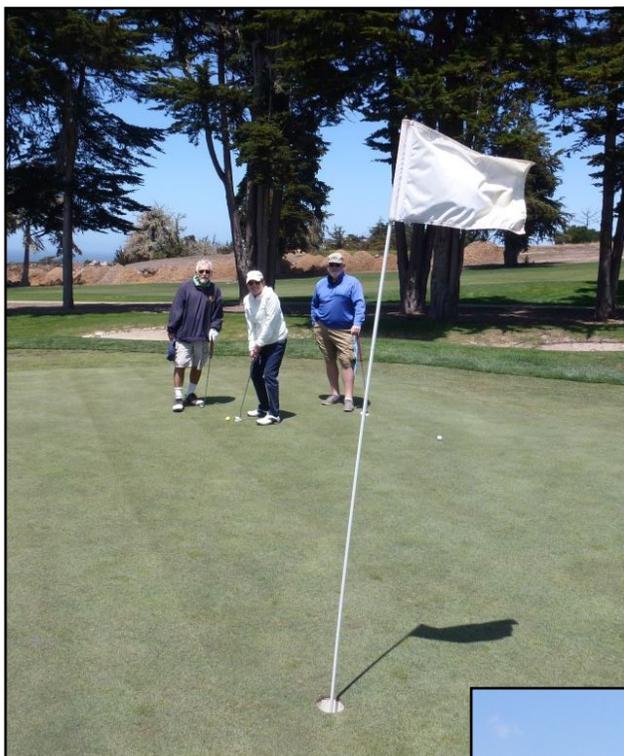
1. By walking and dragging the rope with it. The puzzle does not say that the leash is tied to something.
2. With one quarter and one nickel. The puzzle says that one of the coins is not a nickel, and it is true since a quarter is not a nickel.
3. The plane has not yet taken off.
4. He had already put sugar in his coffee.

How did you do?

# Branch Activity Photos

## Carmel Golf Outing—May 19 &20 Blackhorse & Bayonet Golf Courses, Seaside, CA

*"A marvelous event in Monterey, and a good time was had by all. The blustery wind aside, the course was very interesting and challenging, as well as in good shape."*



Barbara Conlon making a birdie putt on the 14th hole



Sam Baret sinking his par putt on the 18th hole

# SIR Golf



SIR Golf  
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

## Golf Changes Coming!

The State SIR organization has recently modified it's guidelines on the requirements for participation in SIR golfing activities. Our Branch golfing Leadership is in the process of reviewing the impact of these modifications on our golfing activities. In the very near future, we hope to put out a summary on vaccinations, masking, car pooling, sand trap rakes, ball washers, "closest to the

pin", etc. as they apply to our Branch golfing events. In the meantime, we will continue to do what we've been doing and follow the requirements of the course at which we play.

**SIR Br. 116 Golf is Now  
on Twitter at: @branch116golf**

Checkout the latest "Tweets" on the Golf's Home page: [branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org)

## Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website is: [branch116golf.org](http://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.

### June: 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 02	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 09	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 16	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 23	10:00	Brentwood	D.McClaughry
Wed. 30	10:00	Dublin Ranch	Marty Katz

### June: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:45	Boundary Oak	Don Schroeder
Mon. 14	9:45	Boundary Oak	Don Schroeder
Tue.. 22	10:00	Rancho Solano	Don Schroeder
Mon. 28	10:00	Las Positas	Don Schroeder

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 22	Rancho Solano	June 11	\$45
June 28	Las Positas	June 13	\$46
July 20	Chardonnay	July 20	\$40
July 26	Redwood Canyon	July 20	\$37

Sign-up via Branch 116 Shopping Cart System at: [sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site](http://sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site)



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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.

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### **Non Responsibility Declaration**

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

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### **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.