



SIR Branch 116 Newsletter September 2021

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

Message from Sam



I hope all of our members and their families are doing well. After a great start with in-person monthly meetings on July 19 at Boundary Oak, we had to do our August 16 meeting on Zoom because we did not have enough sign-ups for 100 minimum Boundary requires for sit-down luncheons.

We will try to renegotiate with Boundary Oak to reduce their minimum attendee requirement, but in the meantime your BEC decided that we will have our September 20th meeting again on Zoom due to increasing Covid hospitalization rates nationwide.

Our August speaker, professional yacht sailor Matt Wachowicz [son of our Little SIR Fred] gave a very interesting presentation on elite sailors, their boats and their challenges. It was eye-opening to me because we seldom see or hear about yacht racing in the media.

During our August 19 branch meeting, our members approved unanimously the following the branch leadership for 2022: Fred Wachowicz [Big SIR], Roger Craig [Little SIR], Alan Fitzgerald [Treasurer], Al Satake, David Ferm [Assistant Treasurers], Paul Ramacciotti [Secretary], Alan Pope [Assistant Secretary], Phil Goff [Membership Secretary], Mike Schneider [Assistant Membership Secretary], and Directors: Al Farbman, Kevin Donahue, Darrell McClaughry, Don Benioff, Dave Williams and Samil Beret. Congratulations to all and we extend our gratitude for their willingness to serve.

We will have a very interesting speaker for our September 20th luncheon. George Kourounis is an explorer, storm chaser and TV presenter who spent 25 years documenting extreme forces of nature and natural phenomena worldwide including tornadoes, hurricanes, volcanoes, avalanches, and the effects of climate change. Please mark your calendars and join us on Zoom.

In the meantime, stay safe, enjoy the start of football season and please participate in our branch activities.

Sam Beret, Big SIR

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

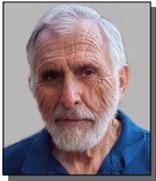
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There will be no in-person Branch luncheon at Boundary Oak in September. Join us on Zoom on September 20th.

Trampas Topics

2021 SIR Branch 116 Officers



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Beret



Little SIR
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Treasurer
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2021 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Michael
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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
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- Webmaster Neil Schmidt/Phil Goff
- Newsletter Editor Neil Schmidt
- New Member Orientation Dave Williams
- Membership Roster Prep George Pryhuber

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- 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

September 2021

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)	2 Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	3 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	4
5	6  HAPPY LABOR DAY	7	8 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	9	Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Olympic Blvd. Staging Area) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	11 Golf Clinic
12	13 18-Hole Golf (9:35@ Boundary Oak GC)	14 Luncheon Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	15 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	16 Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts) Book Group 2 (11:00@ via Zoom)	17 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	18
19	20 SIR Br. 116 Meeting (12:00 via Zoom)	21 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Rancho Solano GC)	22 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment (1:30 via Zoom)	23 Fishing Group (8:30@ via Zoom) Wine-O-SIR (4:00@ McCallum Home)	24 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Reservoir) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	25 Golf Clinic
26	27 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Las Positas GC) Book Group 1 (10:15@ Arbolado Park)	28 Luncheon Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	29 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Dublin Ranch GC)	30 Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts)		



Branch Administration



Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

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

Use of Credit Cards – the Branch has created a “shopping cart”

(Sir Branch 116 Shopping Cart) where golfing events and monthly luncheons may be purchased in advance (additional activities may be added in the future). It is an easy process to use and the Branch does **NOT** keep any of your Credit Card information nor do we have access to the information.

Using a credit card to pay for activities assist both the Golf Treasurer and myself by not having to receive checks by mail, processing the checks and making deposits. You don't have to write a check, address an envelope, put a stamp on it and mail it to the PO Box. Using a credit card as payment automatically signs you up for the activity you purchased. At lunch you can **skip the “pay line”** and go directly to pick up your name tag, select your entrée, and buy your raffle tickets.

Cancellations and Refunds – If a cancellation is in order and you paid by Credit Card a refund will be issued. The Treasurer will issue a request for your refund to Square and they will process the refund. The refund will go back to the Credit Card Account used for the purchased.

Branch Bank Account Balances as of July 31st:

General Account - \$9941.02
Golf Account - \$16883.98



Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership: **201**

- Hull, Cord Resigned due to poor health
- Mulgrew, John Resigned
- Pirkle, Allen Resigned
- Robinson, Tom Resigned due to poor health
- Spencer, Duane Resigned. (Consulting Assignment)
- Tullus, Dave Passed Away
- Foulds, Bill New Member (Sponsor Terry Sherman)
- Buckert, Lyle New Member (Sponsor Jack Minicucci)
- Romero, Bob New Member (Sponsor Jack Minicucci)

September Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Avila | 8. Warren Garrison |
| 2. Rich Black | 9. Allen Leschot |
| 3. Mike Corker | 10. Hank McDermott |
| 4. Tony de Grassi | 11. Terry Miller |
| 5. Chris Doan | 12. Jim Nachtweih |
| 6. Jim Dugan | 13. Leo Vardas |
| 7. Alan Fitzgerald | 14. Carlos Xavier |

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/

Luncheon Speaker

September Meeting

September 20, 2021

“Storm Chaser” George Kourounis



For our September monthly luncheon we are very excited to have as our speaker Mr. George Kourounis! George is an explorer, storm chaser & TV presenter who has spent

25 years documenting extreme forces of nature and natural phenomena worldwide including tornadoes, hurricanes, volcanoes, avalanches, and the effects of climate change.

Best known for having hosted the Canadian TV series “Angry Planet” he also co-hosts “Storm Hunt-

ers” for The Weather Network. He’s appeared in programs for Discovery,

Smithsonian Channel, Netflix, most of the major TV networks. He has spoken at events including 5 TEDx talks, the Global Exploration Summit in Lisbon, Portugal, and the

United Nations Environmental Emergencies forum in Oslo, Norway.

George earned a Guinness World Record for being the first person to ever set foot at the bottom of the Darvaza “Doorway To Hell” flaming gas crater in remote Turkmenistan,

the project was funded by a National Geographic science grant and was also filmed for Nat Geo television.

This should be a great presentation on a fascinating subject, so please join us for a grand time!"

Paul Freitas, Al Farbman, Jim Dawe, Fred Wachowicz; Speaker Committee

Diversity

A year ago our Branch formed a committee to look into Diversity. We recognized the benefits of a more diverse membership could enrich our Branch. We agreed to invite to our luncheons and activities potential members with varied cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Not only will this bolster our membership but can enhance our knowledge and understanding of people with varied backgrounds and beliefs. And SIR can offer them friendship, activities and socialization, which keeps us healthy.

Our plan to reach out to ethnic and cultural organizations was put on hold due to the roaring return of

COVID. When our luncheons and activities more normally resume, we plan to invite members from cultural and ethnic organizations to join us in our activities. For example, our weekly Branch golf games are one way to interact and get to know people of different backgrounds. “Diversity is not how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another’s uniqueness”

For Diversity Committee
Jerry Hicks

Branch Administration



Little SIR Report

Fred Wachowicz

On the surface a good bit of bad news this past month.

Delta Variant, Passing of Dave Tullus, Fires, Afghanistan, Borders, and all the usual things that break and require repair around the house.

Good news though: Kids back in school, Restaurants still open, summer weather in Contra Coast, Booster Shots on the way, and the good health that many of us and our families are experiencing.

With Delta along with a case of covid in a nearby SIR Branch we have concluded that it is a prudent step to hold our September meeting via Zoom. Don't miss it as it is always good to catch up with our friends and hear from a great speaker.

This month's speaker will be George Kourounnis, who is one of the most experienced storm chasers in North America. Don't miss it!

Last month Matt Wachowicz updated us on the world of yacht racing and what it takes to conduct a yacht racing campaign. Matt is now aboard Deep Blue at the Rolex Maxi Cup World Championships in Porto Cervo, Italy.

Our Golf Lesson activity has restarted and a special thanks to Jeff Johnson for finding a great instructor, a great venue, and a great price.

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

Still forming our Branch Veterans Team of roughly 10 Members to handle the Pledge of Allegiance at our Luncheons and address other Veteran related functions. Let me know if you can help and expect a call from me if you are a Veteran.



Sunshine

Matt Arena

Past Big SIR **Ron Armijo** has had a knee replacement this month and though dealing with pain is progressing nicely. Ron has started physical therapy and once this knee heals is planning to have the other knee operated on in the new year. What courage!.

SIR **Jim Barstow** was given a diagnosis of a cancer. Jim will be starting Chemo shortly and hopes for a healing following this news. Jim is not in pain and his wife Adzie says he wants to get back on the golf

course as soon as possible. It s hard to get a low handicap golfer off the course.

Thanks to those of our members who attended David Tullus' funeral services. Bob Conlon made the presentation of the SIR Certificate of Remembrance to the family.

Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get.

Dale Carnegie

Branch Activities



Activities Report

Mike Ward, Activities Head

STATUS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

All outdoor activities are now open with the exception of the TRAVEL ACTIVITY. Jeff Johnson has been working with a Travel Agency and the Sirs State Office to make sure this new Agency is Certified. There could be some potential savings with this new agency if everything works out.

The Golf Clinic opened on July 31, 2021 and three (3) Saturday Golf sessions have been performed. The Golf instruction, (Pete) has been doing a great job. Please contact Jeff Johnson, if you have an interest in participating in this activity.

STATUS OF INDOOR ACTIVITIES

All indoor Activities are open with the exception of the following Activities:

- Dine-O Sir- Activity
- Parties

The above 2 (two) Activities are still closed due

the Covid Virus and the Various Covid Strains.

- Duplicate Bridge

Still trying to get a group of 12 players together. Will advise all members when this Activity opens up.

If you have an interest in joining a Activity, please contact the Activity Chairman listed in the membership roster. Also, check the TRAMPAS TOPICS NEWSLETTER for the date and time of each Activity.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO SIR MEMBER CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANY INDOOR OR OUTDOOR SIR ACTIVITY WITHOUT PROVIDING A COPY OF THEIR VACCINATION RECORD AND SIGNING THE INSURANCE WAIVER FORM. IN ADDITION, ALL SIR MEMBERS MUST WEAR A MASK OVER THEIR NOSE AND MOUTH WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A INDOOR ACTIVITY.



Golf Clinic

Jeff Johnson

WE ARE WELL UNDERWAY!

We have had three sessions averaging about 15 members per session. Thus far, we have had sessions in:

- Tee shots
- Fairway shots
- Chipping and pitching.

In September there will be the following session:

- 9/11: Sand Trap & Putting
- 9/25: Tee shots – starting the class rotation over again.

The clinic is being held at Diablo Creek Golf Course and the instructor is Peter Asselin, who is getting great reviews by the members who have attended the clinics thus far.

I will send out an email announcement on the Monday before the next session, asking for your interest in attending by the close of business the following Wednesday.

Anyone interested in joining in the clinic, please let me know: jeffjohnson9000@att.net.

Branch Activities



Book Group 1

Rich Black

Book Group #1 will next meet at 10:15 on September 27 in Arbolado Park (lower parking lot) to discuss "Making Movies" by Sidney Lumet. Members should bring a chair. In the event of inclement weather, the convenor will schedule a zoom session. Prospective new members who wish to join our +/- one-hour discussion (not a class) should contact Richard Black at Blackrw41@comcast.net

Book Group #1 last met on August 23 to discuss "Paul Revere's Ride" By David Fischer, an account of the 24 hour foray to and from Lexington and Concord by the King's Regulars on April 18, 1775.

Fischer chronicles how Revere did a great deal more than alert the locals on that morning and elucidates the various roles of other loyalists and revolutionaries. John Riordan recommended the book while Richard Black led the discussion with Mike Schneider, Art Donaldson, Garrett Girvan, Mac McLoughlan, Steve Bort, Jim Flessner, Paul Freitas, John Kopchik, Richard White and Richard Rossland. Members were amazed at how much they learned about this pivotal event in American history and awarded the book a respectable 4 stars.



Book Group 2

Allan Pope

Book Group 2 met by teleconference on Thursday, August 19, to discuss "Mud & Stars" by Sara Wheeler. The title comes from the novel "Fathers and Sons" by Russian author Ivan Turgenev who writes, "We sit in the mud, my friend, and reach for the stars". The subtitle to this novel, "Travels in Russia with Pushkin, Tolstoy, and Other Geniuses of the Golden Age" is a reminder that this is a book about travels in Russia where the writers once lived, not about the Russian authors themselves. It does not delve into the subject of Russian literature. It is a written travelogue of Ms. Wheeler's tour of 19th century Russian writers' homes and the people living in those areas. The novel takes the reader to places like the Caucasus, Sochi, Siberia, and the island of Sakhalin. It provides insights into the people and the environment in those areas.

Although this travel book received several awards, Book Club 2 members generally gave "Mud and Stars" unfavorable reviews. The criticisms included

that the book was not enjoyable, the writing style is off the wall, there is no coherent pattern to the book, and there is no interest in Russian authors. The members gave "Mud and Stars" an average rating of 1.9 out of 5. Jerry Hick's rating was a more precise 1.1414.

The next Book Club 2 meeting will be on Thursday, September 16, at 11 am by videoconference using the Zoom app. The group will discuss, "The Bishop's Pawn" by Steve Berry. The Bishop's Pawn revisits the death of Martin Luther King in an historical fiction format. It should be interesting. In the months ahead, Book Club 2 members have discussed reading "Shadow Divers" by Robert Kurson, the true story of a World War II German U boat found by two divers 230 feet below the ocean surface off the coast of New Jersey. Whether you have read a book or not, we welcome anyone interested to join us.

Branch Activities



Fishing

Harry Sherinian

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Big Fish Ron Lew 925-550-4166 and Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator, Harry Sherinian 925-846-7067.

Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, September 23rd at 8:30am.

The wind and drought continue to foil our fishing, in the worst summer in many years. BUT, we did get out and get some big salmon. Gordon Line-

baugh topped Carl Moyer's 32 pounder with one weighing 33 lbs. Paul Dubow was fish master on a party boat for rock fish that was very successful, joining Paul were Brion Beetz, Carl Moyer, Lee Clark, Phil Scimonelli, and Larry Kaye. Catching rock fish elsewhere were Stan Wong, Rich Fiscina, and Phil Scimonelli. Phil caught some perch shore fishing in Pacifica. Tom Kostik and Joe Miscione caught stripers in the delta. Tom also caught a small sturgeon and some black bass. Mike Corker caught some nice Black Bass up near Discovery Bay.



Bridge

John Dickson

We are still trying to have our 2nd and 4th Tuesday, Lunch & Bridge at Diablo Country Club with healthy player still making the dates. We welcome all who would like a day of bridge, to keep our minds active, by joining us on Tuesday, September 14th and 28th.

To those who do remember when our world was more normal, before this pandemic, we had a twice

a year, spring and fall, LADIES DAY, where we invited our wives, partners, bridge partners or whom-ever we could find, to partner with us in lunch and an afternoon of bridge. Because of many people sheltering in place, we are passing on LADIES DAY again this October. We have high hopes that by next April LADIES DAY will return on our schedule.

Do consider joining us for bridge.

\$ums Investment

Tom Henry (Br. 174)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their 4th Wed, **September 22**, Zoom meeting at 1:30 PM.

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

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

Branch Activities



Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

Dick Frankel led the August 13 walk from Heather Farm Park west along the Contra Costa Canal Trail. Art Donaldson led the August 27 walk from the Countrywood Shopping Center east along the Contra Costa Canal Trail.

Richard Black will lead the September 10 walk. We will meet at the Olympic Blvd Staging Area parking lot closest to the roundabout and walk west along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. RSVP to Richard at blackrw41@comcast.net. John Riordan will lead the September 24 walk. We will meet at the west end of the Lafayette Reservoir parking lot and walk

counterclockwise along the Loop Trail. We will allow extra time for everyone to complete the 3-mile loop. RSVP to John at jriordan730@gmail.com. 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

Richard 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!

Since restarting we have now had two sessions of Mexican Train, July 14th and August 11th.

In July we had six in attendance. Alex Lutkus came in first place with a score of 239. Following in second place was Kirk McVean with 247. Rounding out the event Richard Madden had 283, Harry Sherinian 287, Brent Chaney 351 and John Riordan scored 459. Pretty close since one domino can add 50 to your score. Four players were within 50 points which means they were only separated by one domino left in their hand at the end of the round.

August's attendance was a little lower with four in attendance since one member had to bow out the day of the event as he was coming down with a cold and did not want to expose us to it. Thanks for not coming.

Brent Chaney was first with 278 points with Richard Madden following at 305, Kirk McVean 496 and Bonfiglio DNF as he had to leave early.

Our next meeting is on September 8th. Hope to see some new attendees.

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.

Please email me and if you would like to talk and I can give you a call. I will be sending out notices. Let me know if you would like to be put on our list.

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

Branch Activities



Pickleball

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.



Computers & Tech

Neil Schmidt

The SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology Group will not be having a meeting in September. To receive the latest Computer Group information and/or

to get a Zoom web link for one of our meetings, you need to sign-up for the CAT's mailing list by sending an email to SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com



Bocce

Paul Russell

Clayton has a higher than normal COVID cases due to the delta-variant. So last week we went back to wearing masks, maintains 6' distance and wearing protective hand coverings. These aren't required by the county or city, but since they had two positive cases at the Bocce courts, they recommended wearing wearing masks and maintaining the 6' distance.

The CBCA (group that governs the courts) will be having a meeting to either discontinue the league

bocce, which doesn't affect the rentals. This being the case I added the protective hand coverings since we don't know which balls we're used by those that tested positive.

All in all, a good time was had by all. The dates for next month will September 2nd, 16th and 30th. These will all be at the Clayton courts.



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

Our September Wine O Sirs get together will be at the home of Bill and Bev McCallum on September 23rd from 4 to 6pm.

If you would like to attend please RSVP directly to Bill McCallum at bill.bev@astound.net or 925-939-5045

SIR Golf



SIR Golf
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

The 18-hole group plays once a week in a Tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away.

Players in the 18-hole group must be members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and

establish a handicap index. You may join the NCGA through our SIR club or through another club.

Foursomes in both the 18-hole and 9-hole groups are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch.

All our events are listed on our web site at branch116.org/116-golf. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great

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.

September: 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	10:00	Dublin Ranch	Marty Katz

September: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 06	-	No golf	
Mon. 13	9:35	Boundary Oak	Phil Goff
Tue.. 21	10:00	Rancho Solano	Phil Goff
Mon. 27	10:00	Las Positas	Phil Goff

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sept. 21	Rancho Solano	Sept. 14	\$45
Sept. 27	Las Positas	Sept. 21	\$46
Oct. 19	Hiddenbrooke	Oct. 12	\$48
Oct. 25	Lone Tree	Oct. 19	\$52

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

Branch Activity Photos



Pickleball Group Looking Good



Mike Corker with Black Bass



Golf Clinic at Diablo Creek Golf Course





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.