



SIR Branch 116 Newsletter November 2022

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

Message from Fred

The Party is on! It's our annual **Holiday Party** including spouses & partners on DEC 14th. Use our Shopping Cart system on our branch web site to make your reservation early. Great entertainment is on tap for a wonderful holiday evening.



The Dine-O-SIRS are holding another grand dinner event tonight as I write this column. The meal includes both Italian and French selections with a touch of Mediterranean and Asian flare. Another one of the great Dine-O-SIR events that have been put on by the team including Alex Lutkus, Jerry Hicks, Tom Eller, and Bob Donohue over the past year.

BTW, Dine-O-SIR began with Ben and Sally Smith, Phil and Diane Goff, Dick and Sally Socolich, and Jerry and Kathy Hicks in 2009 with the first Dining Out at Ristorante Forli in 2010. This illustrious gang would dine together at the restaurants to check out the food and venue. The gang of bargain hunters would then negotiate a max price of \$30.00 including tax and gratuity. Kudos to all the former and current leaders for bringing this fun activity to our branch.

Speaking of dining venues, Bridge is now being held at the Brass Door in San Ramon. It is known as one of the premier prime rib houses in the area. Check out Jon Dickson's column for details.

Don't forget to let us know if you can't make the monthly luncheon. The Telephone Number is **925-322-1318** and the e-mail address is luncheon116@gmail.com

As of Wednesday, 84.3% of all county residents have gotten fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Roughly 55% have also received at least one booster vaccine dose and Contra Costa County's top health official **re-scinded "any and all" active COVID-19-related health orders on Friday Oct 21st**, saying that they are no longer necessary at this stage in the pandemic.

Our membership is currently at 185 which is up 2 from last month. The good news is that we have picked up 12 new members this year despite having lost roughly 20 men from our ranks since the onset of covid. Remember to invite your friends and colleagues who may be interested in SIR membership to a future luncheon.

See you on Nov 21st if not before at one of our activities.

Fred Wachowicz, Big SIR

Next Meeting
Nov. 21 @ Boundary
Oak, 11:30 AM

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Trampas Topics

2022 SIR Branch 116 Officers



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Little SIR
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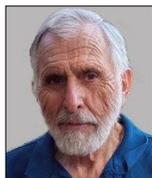


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Phil
Goff

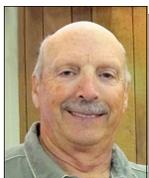
2022 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Don
Benioff



Sam
Beret



Kevin
Donahue



Al
Farbman



Darrell
McLaughry



Dave
Williams

2022 Support Chairmen

RAMP Department Heads:

- Recruitment Don Schroeder
- Activities Mike Ward
- Member Relations David C. Harris
- Publicity Allan Farbman

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- 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 Phil Goff
- Compliance Officer (COVID) Kevin Donahue

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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 Michael Barrington
- Team Advisor Lee Moy

Luncheon Support Team:

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

Speakers Committee

- Team Member James Dawe
- Team Member Allan Farbman
- Team Member Paul Freitas
- Team Member Roger Craig

2022 Activity Chairmen

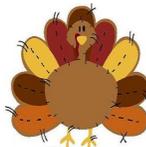
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Asst. Chairman</u>
• Amiable Amblers	John Riordan	Joel White
• Bocce	Paul Russell	Bob Huck
• Book Group 1	Rich Black	Steve Bort
• Book Group 2	Scott Clark	Alan Pope
• Book Exchange	John Fraser	Dick Kauffma
• Bridge	Jon Dickson	Art Donaldson
• Community Service	Jeff Johnson	
• 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—Clinic	Chris Doan	Jeff Johnson
• Mexican Train	Richard Madden	Alex Lutkus
• Parties	Marty Katz	
• Pickleball	Ed Solomon	Gary Bonfiglio
• Poker	Lou Sandor	
• \$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	
• Travel	Jeff Johnson	
• Wine-O-SIR	Lou Meylan	
• Walking Tours	Greg Hughes	Mike Schneider

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

November 2022

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)		Amiable Ambers (9:00@ WC Civic Park) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	Golf Clinic
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	18-Hole Golf (9:40@ Boundary Oak)	Luncheon Bridge (10:30@ The Brass Door, San Ramon)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	VETERANS DAY Amiable Ambers (9:00@ Panera Bread, Countrywood SC) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	18-Hole Golf (9:40@ Boundary Oak)		9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	Community Service Fishing Group (8:30 via Zoom) Book Group 2 (11:00 via Zoom) Wine-O-SIR (4:00@ Dave Williams)	Amiable Ambers (9:00@ Stone Valley Rd. West) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	SIR Br. 116 Meeting (11:30 via Zoom)	Luncheon Bridge (10:30@ The Brass Door, San Ramon)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hill GC)	 Happy Thanksgiving	Pickleball (8:00@ Heather Farms)	
27	28	29	30			
	18-Hole Golf (9:36@ Lone Tree GC)		9-Hole Golf (10:00@ TBD)			



Branch Administration



Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership: 185

- Jim Briggs New Member
Sponsor is Don Schroeder.
- Jay Kellison New Member
Sponsor Phil Goff
- Sam Patti New Member
Sponsor Rob Lemmo.
- Bob LaSala New Member
Sponsor Don Marini.
- Al Lundmark Resigned (Health issues)
- Conrad Robertson Resigned (Moved to
Riverside.)

November Birthdays

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

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Norm Alberts | 7. Art Donaldson |
| 2. Bob Anderson | 8. Bill Hayes |
| 3. Bob Campbell | 9. JJ Johnson |
| 4. Brent Chaney | 10. Phil Perrelli |
| 5. Bob Conlon | 11. Neil Schmidt |
| 6. Steve Croshal | 12. David R Williams |

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/



Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

October 27, 2002		
		2022 YTD
Contributions	\$ 3,499.57	\$ 69,517.46
Disbursements	\$ (3,859.50)	\$ (67,345.08)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (359.93)	\$ 2,172.38
July Cash Balance		\$ 11,981.35
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$ 11,981.35

Trampas Topics Submissions



We need your contributions and suggestions for Trampas Topics. Please send photos, news items, SIR activities, and Letters to the Editor:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com



SIR HAPPENINGS

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

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



September Luncheon Meeting

Speaker for November Meeting

**Retired Rear Admiral Dr. Michael Baker: Teaching Casualty Care in Ukraine:
“Helping Ukrainians Defend for Themselves and Their Homeland”**

also

“SIR Br. 116 Veteran Video” (see page 10 for submitting a photo)

Dr. Baker recently returned from the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv where he taught Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) to Ukrainian physicians. He was working on behalf of the International Medical Corps (IMC) and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI) which is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) focused on humanitarian activities. The goal was to improve the care of injured patients coming from the war. Dr. Baker will give insight into morale and conditions in Ukraine during this conflict.



Luncheon Menu

Monday, November 21, 2022

Salad

WINTER GREENS SALAD

Baby Winter Greens, Golden Apples, Dried Cranberries
Citrus Segments, Grape Seed Oil Champagne Vinaigrette

Entrées

HOLIDAY TURKEY

Dinner Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables
Turkey Gravy

Or

BAKED COD

Confetti Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables Chunky
Roasted Tomato Caper Sauce

Or

VEGETARIAN OPTION

Dessert

PUMPKIN PIE

Whipped Cream



October Luncheon Speaker Steven Burchik sharing photos and stories of his year in Vietnam

REMINDER

All members have a standing reservation for each luncheon. Call 925-322-1318 or email to luncheon116@gmail.com by the Monday prior to the meeting to cancel your standing reservation.

Branch Activities



Little SIR Report

Roger Craig

Vietnam veteran Steve Burchik shared interesting pictures and stories of his time in Vietnam at our October luncheon. He was well received. We raffled off both of his books with many more pictures and stories.

Plans are well underway for what promises to be a terrific Holiday party on December 14. Alan Pope

and his elves promise you a great evening of dining, dancing and entertainment.

November's luncheon will honor our veterans and be highlighted by speaker Admiral Baker who has just returned from Ukraine.

It is great to see so many members returning to our luncheons. Welcome back after a trying two years.

How to Order Two Different Meals Choices with our Shopping Cart System

1. Launch Shopping Cart System via button on Branch website home page (branch116.org)
2. Select 1st meal from "Meal Choice" dropdown and hit "Attend" button to save selection into your shopping cart
3. Select 2nd meal from "Meal Choice" dropdown and hit "Attend" button to save this selection into your shopping cart
4. Select Shopping Cart icon on top right of screen to checkout

Note: Also see the guide on our website via "Member Info" -> "Meal Choices" tab/button

Does that look good!



BBQ BEEF BRISKET

Slow Braised Beef, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Barbecue Sauce

(It was delicious at our October Luncheon!)



Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

Walking Tours have no events scheduled for the rest of the year. We are currently putting together our program for 2023 and we should have some

events identified by mid-November. If any suggestions for future Walking Tours, send them to Greg Hughes.

New Members & Awards



Sponsor Don Schroeder introducing
New Member Jim Briggs



Sponsor Phil Goff introducing
New Member Jay Kellison



New Member Bob LaSala being
Introduced by Don Schroeder



Sponsor Rob Lemmo introducing
New Member Sam Patti



Little SIR Roger Craig presenting Super Senior
Award to Jim Dugan & his Daughter



Jim Nachtweih receiving President's Senior Award
by Little SIR Roger Craig

Branch Activities



SIR Branch 116
Wednesday, December 14th



Holiday Party

Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley Vista Rd, Walnut Creek

No host bar Social Hour will start at 5:30 PM and Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM
House red/white wine @ \$5/glass or \$20/bottle; bar well drinks @ \$5.00, corkage \$15
Entertainment by Tony de Grassi followed by DJ for dancing (7:30 pm to 10:00 pm)

Cost, just \$60.00 per person, tax, tip, and raffle ticket included, sign up early as maximum seats at 200

(Golf cart pick up provided from/to parking lots)

Dinner Menu

Appetizers: Crab Cakes, Spring Rolls, and Citrus Marinated Prawns with mango and chili glaze

Sunburst Salad: with baby greens, seasonal berries, oranges, gorgonzola cheese & poppy seed dressing

Entrée: Choice of: 1. Seared Marinated Bistro Fillet with caramelized shallot au jus
 2. Herb & Potato Crusted Chicken Breast
 3. Butter Nut Squash Ravioli with Brown Butter & Sun Dried Cranberries

Dessert: Tiramisu (Served with coffee, decaf or tea)

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Reservation (Deadline December 1st)

NAME: _____

Entrée Selection: Steak ____ Chicken ____ Vegetarian ____

NAME: _____

Entrée Selection: Steak ____ Chicken ____ Vegetarian ____

E-Mail _____ No. Attending: ____ x \$60 = \$ _____

Please pay by SIR Branch 116 Shopping Cart System (use "[Shopping Cart](#)" button on our Branch website at branch116.org) or, pay by check, (make check to: SIR Branch 116 and mail your reservation/check to: David LaDue, 4399 N. Sugar Maple Ct., Concord, CA 94521) Call or e-mail David if you have questions. 925-915-0964 alpine49er@gmail.com

***Process:** Sign in at registration table and pick up envelope with name tag, table tags, dinner selection, and raffle tickets. For table selection arrive early and place table tags provided at desired table.*

Branch Administration



Member Relations

David Harris

SIR November Anniversaries

We recognize the members of SIR Branch 116 each month who have an anniversary with SIR.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years with SIR</u>	<u>Date Joined SIR</u>
Bill Hayes	39	11/21/1983
Kirk McVean	23	11/15/1999
Dick Socolich	23	11/15/1999
Jim Nachtweih	21	11/21/2001
Dave Carlson	17	11/21/2005
John Fraser	15	11/17/2007
Tony Rohrs	14	11/17/2008
Marsh Stashyn	13	11/16/2009
Bill Ginter	13	11/22/2009

Peter Coggiola	11	11/21/2011
Alan Fitzgerald	11	11/21/2011
Garrett Girvan	11	11/21/2011
Norm Azevedo	9	11/18/2013
Chuck Vanoncini	9	11/18/2013
Dave P. Williams	9	11/18/2013
Mike Ward	6	11/17/2016
Scott Clark	3	11/18/2019
Al Lundmark	3	11/18/2019
Tim Martin	3	11/18/2019
Fred McBreen	3	11/18/2019
Chick Walsh	3	11/18/2019
Jim Avila	2	11/16/2020
Whitey Davis	2	11/16/2020



Sunshine

Matt Arena

SIR **Marv DeHeus** will attend our luncheons on an occasional basis since he is now using an electric scooter. Marv is hosting the next bridge event at his residence in Clayton. He wants very much to stay in the loop with his fellow SIRS.

SIR **Bill McCord** finds it difficult to join the luncheons but follows our activities in TRAMPAS TOPICS. He is sounding good and except for the pain

(which he manages) he is looking forward to his 95th birthday next MARCH.

PAST BIG SIR **Robbie Robinson** has enjoyed visits from his friends. The church choir he has sung with for many years paid him a visit and brought him some joy. They sang songs to entertain him. He does a lot of sleeping but he is open to visitors.



Bridge

Jon Dickson

ATTENTION ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS!! Our last bridge game at Diablo Country Club is/was on September 27th. Because of Diablo CC having a large renovation of their facility, we are no longer able to play there. **Our new location is THE BRASS DOOR** restaurant at 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd,

San Ramon and we will start playing there on Tuesday, **October 11th**. THERE IS A NEW STARTING TIME TOO! We will now start at 10:30 AM. A cleaning person will let us in but they should have coffee ready.

Branch Activities



Community Service

Jeff Johnson

"If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be heard"

On October 20th, we had a team sorting food at the **White Pony Express** in Pleasant Hill to sort and pack food donations. Produce and backed goods arrive and is sorted into boxes to be delivered to food kitchens and other charities for distribution to the people they serve. They have has developed into one of California's largest food rescue programs, processing and delivering over 18 million pounds of fresh food that would have otherwise

gone to waste.

On **November 17th** a team of us are going to **Bay Area Rescue Mission** to serve dinner. They have three feeding shifts – one for the men in their resident program, second for the mothers and children in residence and the final for anyone off the street. A rewarding experience, particularly during the holiday season.

We need your help for future, one-time events. Please contact Jeff Johnson (jeffjohnson9000@att.net or 415-652-4840.



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!

We normally meet at 10:00 AM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek.

We had six players in October. It was a close competition with Alex Lutkus coming in 1st with a score of 254 and Richard Madden scoring 282 for second while Harry Sherinian was third at 285 .

Please email me and if you would like to talk and I can give you a call. A notice will be sent out when the May plan is determined. 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



Fishing
Harry Sherinian

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, Bob Lively 925-383-5193 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, November 17th at 8:30am.**

As the weather cools, our ocean and bay fishing also decreases, with the exception of crab and rockfish. At this time the crab opening date is undecided, but may start in several weeks. Meantime the rockfishing proceeds, with Bob Stein, Stan Wong, Brion Beetz, and Carl Moyer boating rockfish and ling

cod. Harry Sherinian, Mike Corker, and Stan Wong worked the delta with lures for striped bass with some success. Quite a few members of the fishing group travelled past Sacramento to a sturgeon farm for a caviar lunch and a tour of the process of farming sturgeon for caviar. This was a different type of outing for the fishing group. Paul Dubow, Pete Gates, Joe Miscione, Ron Lew, and Ken Berry went up to Colusa to catch 3 salmon upstream, all over 30 pounds. . Brion Beetz, Stan Wong, and Pedro Contreras went south, way south, down to Mexico for yellowtail, Bluefin Tuna and Dorado. The trip was cut short by one day due to a hurricane, but the terrific trio trucked north with several hundred pounds of fillets.



Harry Sherinian, Mike Corker & Terry Miller
at Sturgeon Farm



WE NEED YOU!

To submit a photo!

If you served in the military, please send a photo of yourself in your military uniform to:

TrampasTopics@gmail.com

The photos are going to be used in a short video at our November 21st Luncheon. When sending a photo, please include the year taken and location of the photo.

Branch Activities



Dine-O-SIR

Alex Lutkus

On October 27, we had a full house (over 70 persons) at the final Dine-O-SIR dinner for this year. The dining affair at the La Fontaine restaurant was a huge success, thanks to Jerry Hicks, the meticulous developer, coordinator and MC for the event.

Next year, in 2023, we are planning to provide a total of 5 dining events, to take place (date and location to be determined) in the months of January, March, June, August and October.

The Dine-O-SIR Committee wish that you and your loved ones all have a very enjoyable Thanksgiving.



La Fontaine Dine-O-SIR organizer Jerry Hicks (standing) overseeing the October 27th event



Bocce

Paul Russell

The Bocce season is beginning to wind down. We play at the Clayton Bocce courts in Clayton from 10am to 12pm. We've been doing this every other week on Thursdays since 4/28/22 thru 11/10/22.

This being said, our last two matches will be Thursday 10/27/2022 and the final one on

Thursday 11/10/2022. It's a pity to see it come to an end, but there is always next year.

Speaking of which, we're always looking for additional players. If you and your spouse / significant other would be interested, please send me an email at peruz@att.net to tell me who and how many. It's a fun game to learn and play.

Branch Activities



Pickleball

Ed Solomon

Join us every Friday at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center in Heather Farm from 8:00 to 9:30am. 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.

Dennis Snarr, has volunteered to work with beginners interested in learning this fun game. Just call Ed at (415) 215-2684 to reserve a spot and have fun!



Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

October walkers included Richard & Donna Black, Steve Bort, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, David & Colleen Geary, Dan Green, Al Farbman, Dick Frankel, Paul & Anna Freitas, Essie Naddaf, and John & Gail Riordan. On October 7 we walked in the Martinez Regional Shoreline with a post-walk gathering at States Coffee and Bread. On October 14 we walked along the Iron Horse Trail with a post-walk gathering at Heavenly Bistro. On October 21 we walked along the Lafayette Moraga Regional Trail with a post-walk gathering at Starbucks. On October 28 we walked the Lafayette Reservoir Loop with a post-walk gathering at Tutu's.

The November walks are scheduled to commence at 9:00AM. RSVP to jriordan730@gmail.com. The **November 4** walk will meet at the Walnut Creek Civic Park and walk along the Iron Horse Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at La Scala. The **November 11** walk will meet at Panera Bread in the Country-

wood Shopping Center and walk east along the Contra Costa Canal Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at Panera Bread. **The November 18** walk will meet at the Iron Horse Regional trailhead on Stone Valley Rd West in Alamo; the post-walk gathering will be at Peet's Coffee. There will be no walk on **November 25**.

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. Also contact me if you wish to be removed from the list for future emails.



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

The Wine O Sirs November Tasting will be held at the home of Sir Dave Williams on **November 17th** at 4:00PM. This is a week earlier than the normal

fourth Thursday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Dave directly.

Branch Activities



Book Group 1

Rich Black

Book Group #1 will discuss the following books on the following dates:

- Monday, October 31.. "Circe" by Madeline Miller
- Monday, December 5.. "Freezing Order" by Bill Browder
- Monday, January 2.. "River of the Gods" by Candice Millard

Book Group #1 continues our +/- one hour discussion at Orinda Books, normally on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:15 am however the above

schedule reflects our adjustments for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Prospective new members, or guys just wanting to sit in for a session, should contact Richard Black at Blackrw41@comcast.net.

Book Group #1 will meet on Monday October 31 to discuss "Circe", by Madeline Miller. Alas, this discussion will have to be reflected in the December Trampas Topics as it is after the deadline for the November issue.



Book Group 2

Scott Clark

Book Club 2 read The World Played Chess by Robert Dugoni. The title, The World Played Chess, is a take-off on the old saying "the world played chess while I played checkers". The title is appropriate since this book focuses on three time periods, all involving 18 year-old-boys, just on the brink of manhood.

The story begins in 2015 when Vincent, now a married lawyer with an 18 year old son, receives a journal in the mail from William Goldman. William had written the journal in 1968 when he was an 18-year old Marine fighting in Vietnam. William knew that Vincent had dreamed of being a writer and thought the journal might aid him in writing an owner's manual for young men.

Vincent met William in the summer of 1979 when they worked for a contractor doing home remodels. Vincent had just graduated from high school and thought he was invincible. William, who had lost his faith during the war, was suffering from PTSD. Vincent is reminded of many lessons learned that summer from William, and forty years later, passes those lessons on to his own 18 year old son.

Eight people attended our meeting on a lovely fall day at Walnut Creek's Arbolado Park. Collectively we rated the book 4.5/5.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday November 17** at 11:00 AM, Arbolado Park, Walnut Creek, near the tennis courts. We will discuss the book Never by Ken Follet. All are invited to attend.

Questions, contact Scott Clark, 925-998-4553.

\$ums Investment

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group Zoom meeting. Due to the holidays, there will only be one meeting for Nov / Dec: on Wed December 7 at 1:30 PM. Topic to be announced.

Email Dave Sutton at davesutn@comcast.net to be included.

Branch Golf



SIR Golf

Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

The Golf Website is: branch116golf.org

Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

- Annual Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment 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.

- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Shows checks that have been received for the next 3-4 pre-paid outings.

- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Shows who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions.

November: 9-Hole Schedule

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

November: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:40	Boundary Oak	H. Oberle
Mon. 14	9:40	Boundary Oak	H. Oberle
Tue. 22		No golf	
Mon. 28	9:36	Lone Tree	H. Oberle

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov. 28	Lone Tree	Nov. 17	\$50
Dec. 19	Canyon Lakes	Dec. 07	\$43

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



Golf Clinic

Chris Doan

The SIR Golf Clinic is in its second year with a more dynamic offering for golfers of all skill levels. The Clinic will continue to be open to SIR Members and spouses or significant others. In order to participate, you will need to be on the Clinic Register and Mailing List. If you would like to be added for the 2022/2023 season or have any questions about the Clinic, please email Chris Doan at

cdoan99@gmail.com. Two lesson topics will be offered each month. November topic's will be "Fairway Shots" and also "Pitching & Chipping Shots" on **November 5th**. You can sign up for either or both topics. Please get on the mailing list if you think you would be interested. We look forward to a good year of improving our golf games ... FORE!



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