



SIR Branch 116 Newsletter January 2024

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

Message from Alan

Welcome to a new year! I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Roger Craig for his exceptional leadership and dedication as Big SIR. It was my pleasure to work with, and get to know Roger this past year.



I extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Branch Executive Committee: Paul Ramacciotti, Greg Hughes, Jeff Johnson, Charlie Guthrie, Al Satake, and Phil Goff, along with Directors Don Benioff, Gary Bonfiglio, Kevin Donahue, Darrell McClaughry, Fred Wachowicz and Dave Williams for their valuable advice and guidance throughout the year. A special shout out to Neil Schmidt and Phil Goff for their outstanding work on the Branch 116 website and the Membership Roster. I'd also like to express gratitude to the Activity Chairman, Mike Ward, the RAMP Chairmen and the Activities Chairmen (listed in the Newsletter) whose dedication as volunteers makes Branch 116 a great organization with many friendships and engaging activities.

The Holiday Party was a resounding success! Members enjoyed reconnecting with each other and their spouses, enjoying the delightful entertainment of the barbershop quartet and dancing to the songs played by the DJ. Thank you to the volunteers who planned the event, Roger Craig and his wife Diane (who designed the table centerpieces), Ron Armijo, Paul Russell, Jeff Johnson and Charlie Guthrie. Great job!

During the November meeting the BEC decided that it's important for Branch 116 members to know more about the decisions and discussions that occur at BEC meetings. As Secretary, Paul Ramacciotti will provide concise summaries of the BEC meetings in the monthly Newsletter.

Since 1984, Branch 116 has provided countless opportunities to engage in diverse activities and forge meaningful connections. This aligns perfectly with SIRS' mission to foster happiness, renew existing friendships, and cultivate new ones through our activities.

My primary objectives this year remain focused on expanding our membership, diversifying our activities, and encouraging greater participation. If you ever have any suggestion to improve Branch 116, or questions about the Branch, please feel free to call me at any time. It goes without saying that if you would like to volunteer, you are always welcome. Our January luncheon is scheduled for January 15, and I hope to see you all there.

Alan Pope, Big SIR

Next Meeting

Jan. 15, 2024 @
Boundary Oak,
11:30 AM

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meeting to cancel
your standing
reservation.

Trampas Topics

2024 SIR Branch Officers



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Alan
Pope



Little SIR
Paul
Russell



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Guthrie



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Al
Satake



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Ramacciotti



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Dan
Lawrence



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Alan
Fitzgerald



Asst. Membr.
Greg
Hughes



Don
Benioff



Gary
Bonfiglio



Jeff
Johnson



Sam
Beret



Roger
Craig



Dave
Williams

2024 Support Chairmen

RAMP Department Heads

- Recruitment Don Schroeder
- Activities Mike Ward
- Member Relations Michael Barrington
- Publicity Paul Russell

Branch Support Chairmen

- Audit Committee Ron Armijo
- Nominating Committee Fred Wachowicz
- 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

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 Michael Barrington
- Team Advisor Lee Moy

Luncheon Support Team

- Attendance Dennis Snarr
- Audio Visual Neil Schmidt
- Chaplain Committee Terry Sherman
- Greeters Committee Ramacciotti, Datzman
- 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 Alan Pope

2024 Activity Chairmen

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Asst. Chairman</u>
Amiable Amblers	John Riordan	Joel White
Bocce	Bob Huck	
Book Group 1	Rich Black	Steve Bort
Book Group 2	Scott Clark	Alan Pope
Book Exchange	Dick Kauffman	
Bridge	Jon Dickson	Art Donaldson
Community Service	Jeff Johnson	TBA
Dine-O-SIR	Jerry Hicks	
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	Terry Miller
Golf—18 Hole	Bernie Wroblewski	Ed Lichtig
Golf—9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	D. Mclaughry
Golf—Treasurer	Alan Pope	
Golf—Carmel	Harry Oberle	Phil Goff
Golf—Clinic	Chris Doan	
Golf—Reno	Alan Pope	
Mexican Train	Richard Madden	Alex Lutkus
Parties	Open	TBA
Pickleball	Ed Solomon	Gary Bonfiglio
Poker	Lou Sandor	
\$ums Investment	Dave Sutton, Br.8	
Sunshine	Open	
Theater	Terry Sherman	
Travel	Jeff Johnson	TBA
Walking Tours	Greg Hughes	Jim Tamulski
Wine-O-SIR	Dave Havlik	

Some Other SIR Area 16 Activities

Apple User Group	Stan Holcenberg (Br.171)	925-376-1180
Astronomy	Larry Lange (Br. 8)	925-254-6281
Bowling	Dan Weller (Br. 8)	925-935-5510
Cycling	Larry Kaye (Br.8)	925-698-4030
Digital Photography	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	925-254-8338
Men's Hearts Cards	Bob West (146)	925-518-8472

Monthly Activities Calendar

January 2024

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton)	4	5 Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farm) Amiable Amblers (9:00@ Osage Park)	6
7	8 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Boundary Oak)	9 Luncheon Bridge (10:30@ The Brass Door)	10 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	11	12 Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farm) Amiable Amblers (9:00@ Moraga Commons)	13 Golf Clinic
14	15 SIR Br. 116 Luncheon (11:30@ Boundary Oak)	16 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Franklin Canyon)	17 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	18 Wine-O-SIR (4:00@ Paul Russell House)	19 Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farm) Amiable Amblers (9:00@ Countwood Shopping Ctr.)	20
21	22 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Lone Tree)	23 Luncheon Bridge (10:30@ The Brass Door)	24 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Dublin Ranch)	25 Fishing Group (8:30@ Diablo Creek)	26 Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farm) Amiable Amblers (9:00@ Walnut Creek Civic Park)	27
28	29 18-Hole Golf (10:32@ Diablo Creek)	30	31 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Shadow Lakes)			



Branch Administration



Branch Membership
Alan Fitzgerald, Membership Chairman

Total Membership is 187	
Eldon Hawksworth	Resigned Sponsor was Don Schroeder
Gil Menegus	Resigned Sponsor was Dave Havlik



Treasury Report
Charlie Guthrie, Treasurer

	31-Dec	2023 YTD
Beg Bal 2023		\$ 10,996.81
Contributions	\$ 1,409.36	\$ 92,042.01
Disbursements	\$ (3,952.50)	\$ (91,524.85)
Net (gain/ (loss))	\$ (2,543.14)	\$ 517.16
December Cash Balance		\$ 11,513.97

January Birthdays

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

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Ken Binning | 5. Gary Halick |
| 2. Dick Conger | 6. Lou Sandor |
| 3. Tom Eller | 7. Dennis Snarr |
| 4. Bill Ginter | 8. Dick Socolich |

SIR HAPPENINGS

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

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

SIR 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

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

sirinc.org/newsletters/

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.

New Newsletter Item...

BEC Minutes – Summary Meeting of 11-20-23

- Financial: Branch cash balance as of 11-19-23 is \$15,014.50. Reserve balance is \$10,858.00.
- Luncheons: 110 attendees were submitted for the November luncheon. Dennis Snarr will take over for Mike Schneider in 2024.
- Attendance: Current active membership is

189. 2024 Rosters will be mailed out to members. Alan Fitzgerald will take over for Phil Goff in 2024.

- Activities: 25 activities were listed in November, 12 operating, six piggy-backed with other branches. Two activities still need a chairperson: Parties and Sunshine.
- Christmas Party: Close to 100 people signed up to attend on December 13.

Luncheon Speakers

SF Homicide Investigator By Frank Falzon & Duffy Jennings



Little SIR
Paul Russell

“San Francisco Homicide Investigator 5-Henry-7”
(A book Co-Authored by Frank Falzon and Duffy Jennings)

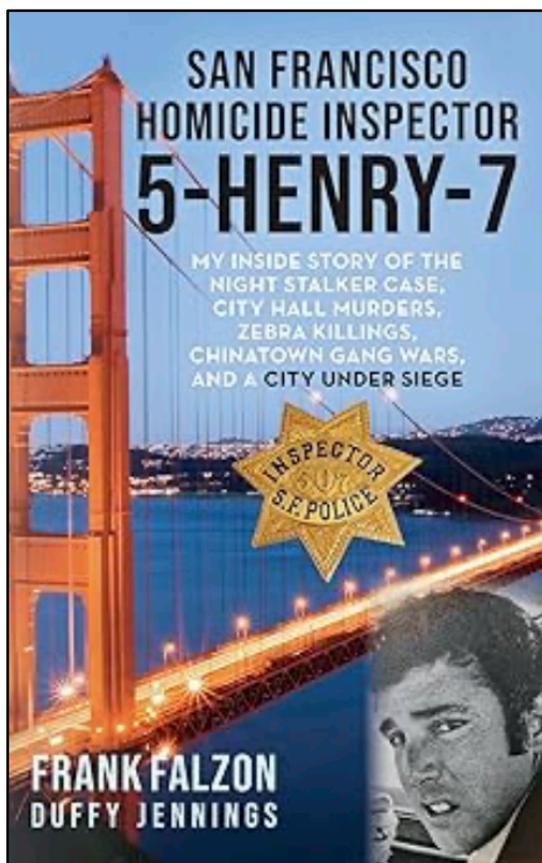
Happy New Year to all SIRs Branch 116 members and their families! We had a Fantastic Holiday Party in December and I wanted to thank Roger Craig, Alan Pope and Ron Armijo for their excellent help in pulling it all off. I can't forget Diane Craig for her work behind the scenes to come up with an elegant design of centerpieces which made each table very lovely for attendees to enjoy. We had raffles of wine and spirits for the lucky winners to enjoy as well.

Our January Speaker is Frank Falzon, a highly decorated and accomplished police inspector who

investigated more than 300 murders and other cases during his 28 year career with the San Francisco Police Department, 22 of them in the homicide detail, until he retired in 1992.

He played a key role in breaking the notorious Night Stalker case, investigated his childhood friend and former fellow cop for the murders of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, participated in the Zodiac, Zebra and Juan Corona serial murder investigations as well as many other high-profile cases.

Duffy Jennings was a prize-winning reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle in the 1970's.



The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak Luncheon Menu

Monday, January 15th

Salad

Boundary Oak Green Salad

Mesculin Greens, Dried Cranberries, Candied Walnuts, Blue Cheese Crumbles, Poppy Seed Dressing

Entrées

Chicken Plicata

Herb Marinated Chicken Breast, Garlic and Herb Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetable, White Wine Lemon Caper Sauce

Or

Cod Plicata

Herb Marinated Cod Filet, Garlic and Herb Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetable, White Wine Lemon Caper Sauce

Vegetarian Creamy Tomato Tortellini

Five Cheese Tortellini in a Creamy Tomato Sauce, Seasonal Vegetable

Dessert

Tiramisu

Branch Activities



SIR Branch 116 Holiday Party December 13, 2023



Branch Activities



Amiable Amblers John Riordan

December walkers included Todd Berman, Richard Black & Donna Arganbright, Steve Bort, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, Al & Nancy Farbman, Dick Frankel, Paul & Anna Freitas, David & Colleen Geary, Essie Naddaf, John & Gail Riordan, and Tim & Dianne Tinnes.

On December 1 we walked west along the Contra Costa Canal Trail from Heather Farm Park, with a post-walk gathering at the Black Bear Diner. Dick Frankel led the December 8 walk north along the Ygnacio Canal Trail from Arbolado Park, with a post-walk gathering at Z's Café. On December 15 we walked the Lafayette Reservoir loop, with a post-walk gathering at the Rising Loafer.

The January walks will begin at 9:00AM. On **January 5** we will meet at Osage Park and walk around the park and then south on the Iron Horse Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at the Danville Black Bear Diner. On **January 12** we will meet at the

Moraga Commons and walk northeast along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at the Moraga Town Bakery and Café. On **January 19** we will meet in the Countrywood Shopping Center and walk east along the Contra Costa Canal trail; the post-walk gathering will be at Panera Bread. On **January 26** we will meet at the Walnut Creek Civic Park and walk north along the Iron Horse Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at Caffe La Scala.

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.

Hole-In-One!!!



Ed Lichtig
Boundary Oak Hole #3 on 12/11/2023

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

Happy New Year
2024

Branch 116 SIR

Branch Activities



Book Group 1 Rich Black

Book Group #1 will discuss the following books at Orinda Books at 10.15 on the following dates

- Monday, January 8, ... "Hero of the Empire" by Millard
- Monday, January 28, ... "Longitude" by Sobel
- Monday, February 27, ... "Franklin and Winston" by Micham

Book Group #1 met on Monday, November 27, 2023 at Orinda Books to discuss "Chip War" by Chris Miller. The guys felt they had lived this one, the story of the development of the microchip to the present tension between the US and China over chip technology. New chips contain incredible circuitry and the development of devices that produce the

next generation of chips cost billions. Really! Chip development has been advanced by the military, the consumer market, major corporations and the Governments of the US, Tiwan, Japan, China, and others.

John Riordon recommended the book while Richard Black led the discussion with Tod Berman, Art Donaldson, Jim Flessner, Garrett Girvan, Dick Kauffman, John Kopchik, Peter Loew, Mac McLoughlin, Dan Renke, Mike Schneider, Tim Tinnes, Richard White and Joel White. The group awarded the book 4.1 stars.

New members are always welcome. It's a discussion, not a class. If possible, contact Rich Black at Blackrw41@comcast.net ahead of time. Or just come.



Pickleball Ed Solomon

Pickleball, is the fastest growing team sport in the U.S. for all ages. With the summer months coming soon, we now start **7:30 to 9 am every Friday**, at The Tennis Center in Heather Farm, Walnut Creek. Here's a brief Introduction to Pickleball...

<https://www.youtube.com/atc?v=xEYsymCtIDY>

Required equipment- Paddle, balls, and tennis

sneakers. (We have extra paddles and balls) Beginners all welcome....it's the best way to see what all the excitement is about. Come on down!!!

Ed Solomon. Co-Chair ——415-215-2684 m

Gary Bonfiglio Co-Chair ——925-330-9612 m

COME ON BY TO PLAY, OR JUST WATCH!!!!
We're not bad for a bunch of **SIR Dudes!!**

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, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator, 510-207-7067. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on **Thursday, January 25th** at 8:30am. Come early.

10 of us enjoyed the bountiful crab fishing on the ocean. Most of us used party boats, combining crab and rockfishing. The crabs were huge! The rock fish delicious. The day long with a launch at 5am and a

return to the dock at 3pm. The usual suspects, Tom Kostik, Mike Corker, Stan Wong, and Harry Sherinian all caught stripers in the delta. 2024 will be a sad fishing year. There will probably be no salmon fishing at all. Halibut in the bay have been overfished, with the limit dropped to 2. Nobody knows what the rockfish regulations will be, but a continuation of the deep water only rule seems likely at the outset. Sturgeon will be limited to 1 keeper per year, with a limit of 2 per boat, and reduced size restrictions. We have enjoyed some great fishing, but need to restrain ourselves for the future.



Dave Havlik
with friends
rock fishing



Phil Goff, Charlie Guthrie and Jerry Hicks
enjoying Winter golf at Boundary Oak



Bridge Jon Dickson

We played our last game of bridge in 2023 on Tuesday, December 12th with 17 players. Jai Yee was the final game winner with 5,640 points, with Gordon Gonsalves coming in second with 4,890 points.

Our bridge start of 2024, a new year, will be in Tuesday January 9th. We would welcome any SIR who has an inclination to play bridge to join us for **LUNCH & BRIDGE on January 9th.**

For the year 2023, of players who played at least 10

times during the year, Dick Chaffee came in first with the highest running average points for year 2023 with 3,328. Dick claims his scheme in playing is to bid high and allow his partner to play the hand. It looks like it works!

In second place is Joel White with 3,605 points, Third is Jai Yee with 3,593 and fourth is Bud Grisanti with 3,561 points.

We wish all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and winning bridge hands for 2024. If not winning, at least exciting.

Branch Activities



Book Group 2 Scott Clark

Book Club 2 elected not to meet in December.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, January 18** at 11:00 AM, at Boundary Oaks Golf Course, Walnut Creek. We will discuss two books, Ben Franklin, An American Life, by Walter Isaacson, and Fever in the

Heartland, by Timothy Egan. Whether you have read the books or not, join us for the discussion.

Contact Scott Clark for more information, 925-998-4553 or scottmclark72@gmail.com.



Bocce Bob Huck

We concluded the season in October and had a wonderful lunch afterward. Next year we'll begin again in April, so talk it up to see if we can get some new blood and maybe rent another court!

We play at the Clayton Bocce Ball courts at the corner

of Main st and Oak St in Clayton.

We play every other Thursday from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Bob Huck is the new chairman for 2024.



Walking Tours Greg Hughes

We are pleased to announce that Jim Tamulski has volunteered to assist Greg in planning and doing the Walking Tour events. The Walking Tours activity plans 5 events per year and we usually schedule them on the 4th Saturday of the month. We also coordinate a lunch for the participants which is a very nice social event.

In 2023, the Walking Tours Activity visited the

Treasure Island Complex in San Francisco, the Frank Lloyd Wright's Bueler Estate in Orinda, the Glass House & Tractor Museum in San Ramon, and the Niles Canyon Railway in Sunol. For 2024 we are currently evaluating the following possible venues – a Ekulele musical event, a Giant's Oracle Park tour, and a SF Presidio tour.



Dine-O-SIR Jerry Hicks

Ring in the New Year with Dine-O-SIR 10:00 AM Sunday Brunch

Happy New Year and celebrate 2024 with a sumptuous Mimosa Sunday Brunch on January 28th at Lone Tree Golf Club. We have a reserved area for estimated 50 guests with seating at 10:00 AM. Lone Tree has spacious for many more; invite friends to join with us. (49er's are likely be in the NFL playoffs, the schedule indicates later afternoon.) Be

prepared for good food, good service, and good views! Cost is \$47.50 per person, inclusive. A Dine-O-SIR Flyer with information and reservations is included in this edition. Send reservations with checks to Jerry Hicks.

Happy Holidays by Dine-O-SIR Committee:
Jerry Hicks, Bob Donohue, Tom Eller, Larry Heaton, Mike Yale

Branch Activities



Dine-O-SIR Sunday Mimosa Brunch January 28th, 2024



At 10:00 AM (Seating reservation not before 9:59!)

**Lone Tree Golf Course
4800 Golf Course Road, Antioch**

Overlooking the 18th green and lake

Cost of \$47.50 inclusive per person

Typical Buffet:

Mimosa and Juices

Pastries and Rolls

Fruits and Salads

Shrimp and Smoked Salmon

Eggs and Meats

Custom Omelet and

Prime Rib Carving Stations

Waffles and French Toast

Dessert Table

Coffee and Tea Served



**Sir 116 Sunday 10:00 AM Mimosa Brunch at
Lone Tree Golf Club, Antioch; January 28, 2024**

Name: _____ **E-Mail** _____

Name: _____ **No. Attending** ____ **x \$47.50 = \$** _____

Check payable to: SIR Branch 116 Dining

Mail to: Jerry Hicks at 74 Amberwood Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Call or e-mail if you have questions: C) 925-360-0447 or jerryhicks@astound.net

Branch Activities



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 met in November and had seven in attendance. Those present were Gary Bonfiglio, Earl Gore, guest, Alex Lutkus, Richard Madden, Kirk McVean, Alan Polanger and Harry Sherinian. Their scores ranged from 258 to 456. We congratulate Harry Sherinian with his score of 258 as the first place winner.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **January 10th** at 10:00am. Contact me for the time and place as I will be traveling.

You can contact Richard Madden, maddenram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223



Wine-O-SIR David Havlik

There was no WINE-O-SIRS activity in December (although we're sure there was a lot of wine consumed during the month). Our next event will be a wine tasting at 4:00 PM on **Thursday, January 18th**, at the home of Paul and Pam Russell. This

tasting will be co-hosted by Jim and Maureen Johnson. Please note that this tasting will be on the third Thursday of the month rather than the usual fourth Thursday.



Golf Clinic Chris Doan

While the Golf Clinic is on winter break, we are offering a classroom session on Course Management on January 13. Explore game strategy, risk/reward considerations for each shot, options and risks when in trouble, game improvement (stroke reduction) strategies, etc. etc.

Mark your calendar now if interested. Golf Pro Pete Asselin will lead this Club House session with ample time for questions and discussion that is important to your game. The mental game is certainly a very big part of golf so it should prove to be quite

beneficial to all.

How to register and participate in 2024:

- Start by getting on the Clinic email list. Send request to cdoan99@gmail.com to be added.
- Each Clinics details will be communicated by e-mail ... reservations are made by responding to that e-mail.
- That's all there is to it ... hope you will join us in 2024 to tune up your game.

Improve your golf game in 2024!

\$UMS Investment Tom Henry (Br. 174)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group Zoom meeting. We may change the meeting date, so stay tuned. The topic will be announced.

Email Dave Sutton at to be included at omhenry925@gmail

Branch Activities



SIR 116 Golf Special



Monday, January 8, 2024 Boundary Oak



New Year Ringing In of 2024



- Game:** Four Man Team; make your team or we will pair
Play from Gold Tees
Play your own ball
Best Balls 1,2,3 and 1,2,3 etc.
Gimmee putts of within 12"
Two par 3 "closest" to the pin on 2 & 12; use marker and name for CTP.
Pay in of \$10.00 per player
- Scoring:** Maximum adjusted for each hole for each person is 2+ over his handicap (pops)
Upper section enter total adjusted gross scores for each player upper
Below section enter net scores for 1, or 2, or 3 for best net Player/s.
Net score for team plus or minus from par cumulative
SIR 116 golf for points will be counted
- Prizes:** Winning team/s will receive payouts, depending upon number of teams
Attaboys for those almost winning!
Close to pins on #2 and #12 for golf sleeves
- Overall:** Have Fun for today and for the year
Know and remember something about each of your team member
"Ready play" and maintain with the ahead groups
Plan to get together for awards at the Taphouse.
Prizes will be given after our golf game at the 19th hole – so play quickly!
Thank you for joining us for the starting of a great golfing 2024!



Book Exchange Dick Kauffman

Not to be one who makes New Year's resolutions, but I do try to enjoy and gain more knowledge through reading each year. And I believe that there are many of you who have the same thoughts. Reading books can be accomplished in many ways these days, including Kindle Books (ebooks), Audible Books, Contra Costa Library check out books (ebooks, audible books, large print books and conventional hardback books). There can be some costs to these different means to acquire books. The Book Exchange offers another means of acquiring

books to read and it is free. Unfortunately the Book Exchange only offers physical books, both hard and soft back books, but it is free.

The Book Exchange is as its name describes. Bring a book and exchange it for another book or if you don't have a book to exchange at one of our luncheons, take a book and bring one to the next luncheon.

All of us "Sherpas" who bring the books for you to browse and exchange hope you enjoy using the service.

Branch Activities



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.

2024 SIR Golf Dues

It is time to renew your membership with the SIR Branch 116 Golf Club.

There are three options for you:

Option 1) Cost: \$70

18-Hole Golf with an NCGA membership. Allows you to play all 18 and 9 hole events and includes membership in the NCGA, giving you an GHIN / USGA number to post scores. The Branch 116 Golf membership is \$24 and the 2024 NCGA dues is \$46.

Option 2) Cost: \$24

18-Hole Golf membership. Allows you to play all 18 and 9-hole events, but you must have an active NCGA membership with another club.

Option 3) Cost: \$24

9-Hole Golf membership. Allows you to play all 9-hole events. No NCGA membership is required.

Credit card payment will be available for all three options. Go to the SIR Branch main website and look

to the right side and click the "SHOPPING CART" tile. Then, click the "2024 Annual Golf Renewal" tile. From there, you can select which option you wish to pay for.

If you prefer, you can bring your check (no cash) to the SIR luncheon on October 16.

Or, you can send a check to the Golf post office box.

SIR BRANCH 116 GOLF

PO Box 683

Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

The deadline for joining the 2024 Golf Club is December 1, 2023. If you are currently a member of SIR Branch 116 18-hole or 9-hole golf club, and you do NOT wish to renew, please let David Harris know.

If you have any questions, please e-mail David Harris at DcHa65@gmail.com, or call him at 925 672-5543.

January 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 03	10:00 AM	Pleasanton	Chris Doan
Wed. 10	10:00 AM	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 17	10:00 AM	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 24	10:00 AM	Dublin Ranch	Chris Doan
Wed. 31	10:00 AM	Shadow Lakes	Tony de Grassi

January 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01		No golf	–
Mon. 08	10:00	Boundary Oak	Jerry Hicks
Tues. 16	10:00	Franklin Cyn.	Jerry Hicks
Mon. 22	9:00	Lone Tree	Jerry Hicks
Mon. 29	10:32	Diablo Creek	Jerry Hicks