



SIR Branch 116 Newsletter September 2024

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

Message from Alan

It feels like September has arrived early this year! January was just a couple of months ago. I'm not sure where February through August went. Now that the kids are back in school, those of you who have grandchildren to



watch during the summer can enjoy a brief respite during the school day. You might even consider joining a SIRS activity that interests you. In that regard, good news! There is a new Computers and Technology Group for Branch 116 members. It is designed for technology newcomers as well as enthusiasts, so it will benefit everyone.

For our new members, if you haven't yet joined an activity, now is the perfect time to do so. It's never too early to explore our various activities and meet new friends. Another great way to connect is by volunteering for a committee or leading an activity.

I want to emphasize two important points about SIRS. First, as we all know, older adults benefit greatly from physical activity. I recently read that we should aim for 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity. SIR activities like walking, golf, bocce ball, and pickleball are great ways to stay active with friends.

Second, is the value of friendship. As Henry Ford once said, "There are three things that grow more precious with age; old wood to burn, old books to read, and old friends to enjoy." SIRS provides ample opportunities to meet new people who can become lifelong friends, whether through participating in activities or volunteering to lead an event. As Winnie the Pooh wisely put it, "A Day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside." Tragic, indeed.

Labor Day, which was informally celebrated as early as 1882, became a federal holiday in 1894. Barbecuing has been part of Labor Day celebrations from the start, according to Barbecue: The History of an American Institution. Whether you had a barbecue or not, I hope you enjoyed or will enjoy a good meal on September 2.

During the BEC August meeting, Branch 116 officers and directors were nominated. These nominated members will be presented at the September luncheon for all 116 members' approval. I hope to see you on September 16.

Alan Pope, Big SIR

Next Meeting

Sept. 16, 2024 @
Boundary Oak,
11:30 AM

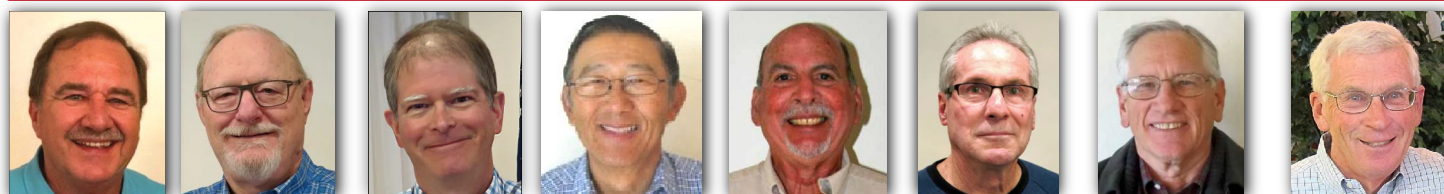
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Trampas Topics

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by the Monday
prior to the
meeting to cancel
your standing
reservation.

2024 SIR Branch Officers



Big SIR Alan Pope	Little SIR Paul Russell	Treasurer Charlie Guthrie	Asst. Treas. Al Satake	Secretary Paul Ramacciotti	Asst. Sec. Dan Lawrence	Membership Alan Fitzgerald	Asst. Membr. Greg Hughes
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2024 Support Chairmen

RAMP Department Heads

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| • Activities | Mike Ward |
| • Member Relations | Sam Beret |
| • Publicity | Robin Lemmo |

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| • Nominating Committee | Roger Craig |
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| • New Member Orientation | Dave Williams |
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| • Team Member | Michael Barrington |
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Luncheon Support Team

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| • 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

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| • Team Member | James Dawe |
| • Team Member | Allan Farbman |
| • Team Member | Paul Freitas |
| • Team Member | Paul Russell |

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	Gary Bonfiglio
Bridge	Jon Dickson	Art Donaldson
Chess	Gary Bonfiglio	
Community Service	Jeff Johnson	TBA
Copmputer & Tech	Open	
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	Harry Oberle	
Golf—Carmel	Phil Goff	
Golf—Clinic	Chris Doan	
Mexican Train	Richard Madden	Alex Lutkus
Parties	Paul Russell	TBA
Pickleball	Ed Solomon	Gary Bonfiglio
Poker	Open	
\$ums Investment	Dave Sutton, Br.8	
Sunshine	Open	
Theater	Terry Sherman	
Travel	Open	
Walking Tours	Greg Hughes	Jim Tamulski
Wine-O-SIR	Dave Havlik	

Some Other SIR Area 16 Activities

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	Meng Horng (Br. 8)	309-287-5654
Men's Hearts Cards	Bob West (146)	925-518-8472

Monthly Activities Calendar

September 2024

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Holiday	3	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Dublin Ranch)	5 Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	6 Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farm) Amiable Amblers (9:00@ Iron Horse Trailhead at Stone Valley Rd West)	7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:40@ Boundary Oak)	10 Luncheon Bridge (10:30@ The Brass Door)	11 — Carmel Outing —	12	13 Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farm) Amiable Amblers (9:00@ Walnut Creek Civic Park)	14
15	16 SIR Br. 116 Luncheon (11:30@ Boundary Oak)	17 18-Hole Golf (9:44@ Rancho Solano)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	19 Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts) Book Group 2 (11:00@ Arbolado Park, WC) Community Srvc. (White Pony Express)	20 Pickleball (7:30@ Heather Farm) Amiable Amblers (9:00@ Lafayette Community Center) Chess (12:00@ PH Senior Ctr.)	21 Golf Clinic
22	23 18-Hole Golf (10:30@ Tilden)	24 Luncheon Bridge (10:30@ The Brass Door)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills) \$ums Investment (1:30 via Zoom)	26 Fishing Group (8:30@ Diablo Creek)	27 Pickleball (7:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farm) Amiable Amblers (9:00@ Countrywood Shopping Center)	28
29	30 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Las Positas) Book Group 1 (10:15@! Orinda Books)					



Branch Administration



Branch Membership
Alan Fitzgerald, Membership Chairman

Total Membership is 190

<u>Name</u>	<u>Action</u>
Charles McInnis	Resigned due to health issues
Chick Walsh	Rejoined

Note: If you change your email address or other contact information please let me know so I can update the Membership DB and the Google Group DB (used for sending out branch messages).



Treasury Report
Charlie Guthrie, Treasurer

	31-Aug	2024 YTD
Beg Bal 2024		\$ 11,222.12
Contributions	\$ 4,312.00	\$ 45,339.82
Disbursements	\$ (4,071.35)	\$ (46,613.55)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 240.65	\$ (1,273.73)
August Cash Balance		\$ 9,948.39

September Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Avila | 7. Jim Hemmenway |
| 2. Rich Black | 8. Allen Leschot |
| 3. Mike Corker | 9. Terry Miller |
| 4. Chris Doan | 10. Richard Slaton |
| 5. Alan Fitzgerald | 11. Brad Stribling |
| 6. Warren Garrison | 12. Carlos Xavier |



August Luncheon Speaker John Kalan

Pro Shop

SHOW PRIDE IN BEING A SIR!
Wear, buy, provide your Branch the SIR Brand!



Go to
sir.ourproshop.com/
to buy SIR apparel



Notice all the Hawaiian Shirts at our August Luncheon

Luncheon Speaker

Ed Holloway (Docent – Blackhawk Museum)



Little SIR
Paul Russell

September Luncheon Speaker

Our Speaker for the September SIR meeting will be Ed Holloway. Ed is a Docent at the Blackhawk Museum and has been there since they opened in 1988 (a mere 36 years ago!)

Ed has trained several new Docents and he has won several awards over the years.

He will be sharing his insights into the museum to those of us that haven't been there in a while. The last time I was there it was basically a car museum.

According to Ed, there have been major changes in the last several years that he is going to tell us about.

Ed met his wife at their 45th high school reunion and are currently living in Walnut Creek.

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>

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)

The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak **Luncheon Menu**

Monday, September 16th

Salad

Fiesta Salad

Iceberg, Corn, Tomatoes, Cheddar and Jack Cheese, Salsa Verde Ranch

Entrées

Chicken Fajitas

Pollo Asado, Sauteed Peppers and Onions, Spanish Rice, Corn, Flour Tortillas

Shrimp Fajitas

Citrus Marinated Shrimp, Sauteed Peppers and Onions, Spanish Rice, Corn, Flour Tortillas

—or—

Vegetarian

Vegetarian Fajitas

Sauteed Mushrooms, Peppers and Onions, Spanish Rice, Corn, Flour Tortillas

Dessert

Dulce De Leche Cake

If you can't attend luncheon,
please email

luncheon116@gmail.com or
call 925-322-1318

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/

Branch Activities



Member Relations

Sam Beret

SIR 116 Member Relations Report on Food & Service during Branch Meetings

One major issue that 2024 January SIR 116 survey highlighted that there was considerable member dissatisfaction with monthly luncheon food quality, service and price. Thirty-five of eighty-six responders complained that the food quality and service were not commensurate with the price of the luncheon. To address these issues, the BEC formed a special committee to work with Boundary Oak Management as well as SIR Branches 8 and 146 (which also have their monthly meetings at Boundary Oak.)

During April, we had several brainstorming meetings among three SIR branches to focus on specific food and service issues and then met with Boundary Oak staff and Manager, Mike Ash. We

presented our findings and observations to them and they agreed on several changes. These changes were implemented starting with the July, 2024 meeting.

During both July and August luncheons, I placed "comment" sheets on each table so that our members can write down their complaints {and compliments} related to food and service. The responses during both meetings were overwhelmingly positive. Our members reported that food quality was improved and service was exceptional. We will continue to poll our membership in future meetings to ensure that the improvements made by Boundary Oak are sustaining.

You can also email me or phone if you have specific food service and quality issues.



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, Phil Scimonelli 661-917-8060 and Harry Sherinian, 510-207-7067, 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, **September 26th at 8:30am**. Come early.

Salmon season in California remains closed, so we target halibut, striped bass, rockfish, trout and lingcod. Brion Beetz and Tom Chapman went all the way to Alaska for halibut, ling cod and rock fish. Many, many of us stayed home and fished

for the same group in the bay and ocean. Rich Fiscina went to Florida for snapper and grouper. Ben LaSala and Steve Paulick caught trout in lake Berryessa. Mike Corker and Tom Kostik caught black bass in the delta. Phil Scimonelli watched his wife out fish him at the Antioch Pier catching stripers. Bob Lively went to Alaska and actually caught some salmon. About fifty members and guests attended our annual Summer Outing at Brion Beetz house. It was held in the beautiful back yard of his house. This is an annual event where we invite our wives and special friends to gather and enjoy each other's company. The food and drink were great and I know that no one left hungry. A special thanks to the Beetz family for their hospitality.



Bocce

Bob Huck

Our bocce season continues and we have just 4 sessions left. The remaining Thursday dates are 9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17. We have had good attendance all season but look forward to others joining us next year. We play every other Thursday beginning in

mid April through mid October. We play at the Clayton Bocce Courts. Please let me know if you are interested in playing next year. Spouses or others are welcome.

Branch Activities



Wine-O-SIR

David Havlik

The long dry spell is almost over! The WINE-O-SIRS have not had a wine tasting since June and there are several reports of severe wine dehydration among the SIRS. But, the end is near. The WINE-O-SIRS will have our next wine tasting on **Thursday,**

September 26th, 4:00PM, at Bill and Bev McCallum's home in Walnut Creek. If you want to join this joyous occasion, please contact me. Details will be provided in early September.



Walking Tour Group outside the Lafayette Library on August 23



Chess

Gary Bonfiglio

New Branch Activity-CHESS

Chess, a new joint branch activity with BR 8, 116, 146 was formed last month. They meet every second and fourth Fridays at Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane, PH. We play in the Game Room Noon to 3 pm in the afternoon. We welcome any one from beginners to expert

players. Please remember to bring your chess set and any beverage you will enjoy during the activity. As we go forward, you will need to become a member of PH Senior Center for a modest fee of \$20 per year. Any questions, contact Gary Bonfiglio of our branch at 925-330-9612. crlbonfiglio@yahoo.com

Branch Activities

New Computer Technology Activity

In our 2024 Membership Survey, almost 40% of our voting members indicated that they were interested in a new Branch “Computer Technology” activity. It received more votes than any other desired new activity in the survey.

Members Garrett Romain and Neil Schmidt have briefly discussed the possibility of starting up a Computer Technology group.

To startup this activity, we need to have at least 2 or

3 more individuals to help organize the startup including finding a place to meet, determining discussion topics, and getting presenters.

If you are interested in joining the team to help organize a new Computer Technology group, please contact Garrett Romain or Neil Schmidt.



Dine-O-SIR
Jerry Hicks

Forli in Alamo by Dine-O-Sir

A good Italian restaurant in a neighborhood shopping center was enjoyed by 39 members. The ambience was pleasant and we took advantage of their “Happy Hour” with good conversations and friendship. A special appetizer were meatballs over polenta topped with a tasty marinara. Forli Ceasar salad was quite good and followed with a couple of

delicious pastas. If you are in the area, stop by for their Happy Hour and good pastas.

We are looking forward for Dine-O-Sir finale of 2024 in late October. We will send to all on our Dine-O-Sir list with information and flyer.

Your Dine-O-SIR committee: Jerry Hicks, Bob Donohue, Tom Eller, Larry Heaton, Mike Yale



Enjoying the food (& wine) at Forli Restaurant on August 28th

Branch Activities



Book Group 2 Scott Clark

Book Club 2 met at Arbolado Park on Thursday, August 15 to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawton. The group voted the book a 4.5/5. Most of us felt this is an exceptionally well written book.

The Frozen River, by Ariel Lawton

Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community. Months earlier, Martha documented the details of an alleged rape committed by two of the town's most respected gentlemen—one of whom has now been found dead in the ice. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own.

Over the course of one winter, as the trial nears, and whispers and prejudices mount, Martha doggedly pursues the truth. Her diary soon lands at the center of the scandal, implicating those she loves, and compelling Martha to decide where her own loyalties lie.

Clever, layered, and subversive, Ariel Lawhon's newest offering introduces an unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice at a time when women were considered best seen and not heard. *The Frozen River* is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.

Book Club 2 September Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 19**, at Arbolado Park, Walnut Creek. We will discuss *A Killing on the Hill*, by Robert Dugoni. The book unfolds during the Great Depression. High level corruption. And a murder that's about to become Seattle's hottest mystery. It's the kind of story that can make a reporter's career. If he lives to write about it. Whether you have read the book or not, all are welcome to attend.

For our October meeting we will discuss *The Ministry of Time* by Kalian Bradley.

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



Book Exchange Dick Kauffman

Lots of Activity at the Book Exchange

As usual, many SIRS are using the Book Exchange. We are located just inside the building next to the bar. Come on by and check out what books we have. If you find something that you like, take it home and bring an exchange book to the next luncheon.

Happy Reading,
The Book Sherpas



Gary Bonfiglio binging books

Branch Activities



Book Group 1 Rich Black

Book Group #1 will discuss the following books at Orinda Books at 10:15 am on the following dates.

- Monday, September 23... "There, There" by Orange
- Monday, October 28... "The Women" by Hannah
- Monday, November 25... "James" by Percival Everett

Book Group #1 met on Monday September 23, 2024 at Orinda Books to discuss the "The Road to Surrender" by Evan Thomas, an account of events in the spring and summer of 1945 climaxing in the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki followed by Emperor Hirohito's radio announcement of surrender. Simple, right? That's what we learned in

school. This book presents the dynamics of Japanese intra government conflict at the highest level which very well could have resulted in a bloodbath for millions of Japanese resistors and casualties in the millions for American troops. In Washington senior military and civilian politicians debated where and when to use the bomb, while the actual delivery of the bombs was chancier than often presented.

Joel White introduced the book while Richard Black led the discussion with Todd Berman, Art Donaldson, Paul Freitas, Dick Kauffman, John Kopchik, Peter Loew, Dan Renke, Brad Stribling, and Noel Concepcion. Book Club #1 awarded the book 4.2 stars for the quality of the writing and its exploration of a little understood critical time.



Bridge Jon Dickson

It is lunch & bridge at The Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon, every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We play Chicago scoring, changing partners every four hands. We welcome all bridge players.



Branch Activities



Pickleball Ed Solomon

Pickleball has rapidly gained popularity among the 65-plus age group, recognized for its accessibility and health benefits. This low-impact sport combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, making it easy to learn and play. It promotes physical activity, improving cardiovascular health, balance, and coordination, which are crucial for older adults.

Additionally, pickleball fosters social connections, reducing feelings of isolation and enhancing overall well-being. Many seniors find it a fun way to stay

active while engaging with a community, contributing to its status as America's fastest-growing sport among older adults.

We play **7:30 to 9 am every Friday**, at The Tennis Center in Heather Farm, Walnut Creek

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

Ed Solomon. Co-Chair. (415) 215-2684
Gary Bonfiglio. Co-Chair. (925) 330-9612



Amiable Amblers John Riordan

August walkers included Richard Black & Donna Arganbright, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, Dick Frankel, Paul & Anna Freitas, David & Colleen Geary, Dan & Andrea Green, Peter & Sandy Loew, Brad & Winnie Stribling, and Joel & Susan White. Your chairman/leader has been sidelined for the month with head and neck pain, but the group carried on in my absence.

Dick Frankel led the August 2 walk north on the Iron Horse Trail from the Railroad Museum, with a post-walk gathering at the Danville Black Bear Dinner. Dan Green led the August 9 walk from the Moraga Commons north on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail, with a post-walk gathering at the Town Bakery and Café in Moraga, Joel White led the August 23 walk from Heather Farm west along the Contra Costa Canal Trail, with a post-walk gathering at the Countrywood Black Bear Diner.

Starting in September the walks will begin ½ hour later at 9:00AM, rather than the 8:30AM summer schedule. On **September 6** we will meet at the Iron Horse Trailhead at Stone Valley Rd West and walk

south; the post-walk gathering will be at Peet's Coffee. On **September 13** we will meet at the Walnut Creek Civic Park and walk north on the Iron Horse Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at Caffè La Scala. On **September 20** we will meet at the Lafayette Community Center and walk south on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at the Town Bakery and Café in Moraga. On **September 27** we will meet at the Countrywood Shopping Center and walk east on the Contra Costa Canal Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at the Black Bear Diner.

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.

Branch Activities

Proud Papa



The recently released Pixar movie **Inside Out 2** has exceeded a billion dollars global box office.

What makes that interesting?

The original score was composed by Andrea Datzman.

What makes that interesting?

She is the daughter of our own SIR branch member **Joe Datzman**. Joe and wife Rhonda were invited to attend the premiere where they were introduced to and broke bread with many celebrities.

Is Joe a Proud Papa ? You bet!

New Computer & Technology Activity

With technology advancing rapidly, keeping up with the latest developments can be challenging. To help you stay informed, we're launching a new Computers and Technology Group for Branch 116 SIR members.

This group will be designed for everyone—from tech novices to enthusiasts and will cover a broad range of topics, including:

- Smartphones, tablets, and computers
- Smart home devices
- Artificial Intelligence

- Cloud storage
- Password managers
- Email features
- Home Wi-Fi and more

Meetings will be held virtually via Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month, with a bimonthly frequency under consideration.

If you're interested in joining, please send an email to technologyforsir@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list and to receive details about upcoming meetings.

\$UMS Investment

Tom Henry (Br. 174)

As usual we will Zoom with SIR Branch 128 (San Ramon) on the 4th Wednesday at 1:30 PM (except for Nov and Dec when the dates change due to the holidays).

Email Dave Sutton to be included or to learn the

topic.

Chair: Tom Henry, Branch 174,
tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chair: Dave Sutton, Branch 8,
davesutn@comcast.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 at Gary Bomfiglio's home in August with seven in attendance. Thanks, Gary for hosting the event. Those present were Gary Bonfiglio, Paul Freitas, Earl Gore, guest, Alex Lutkus, Kirk McVean, Alan Polanger, and Harry Sherinian. Our scores ranged from 274 to 455. Paul was low with 274. The average score was 359.

Come join us at our next meeting in September. We will be back at our regular meeting place

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



Golf Clinic Chris Doan

The Golf Clinic is designed specifically for the SIR Golfer and Spouse/Significant Other. It is focused on "tuning up" your game and shaving off some strokes to have a more enjoyable outing. Since the most improvement can normally be gained in the short game, we start the series at the green and work back to the tee box. This month is the last of the series focusing on Tee Shots. Even if you have not participated in any other clinic in the series, you are welcome ... sign - up now!

The 2024 rotation includes...

- Putting & Sand Shots June 15
- then Chipping July 13
- then 50-70 Yards Short Game Aug 3

- followed by Fairway Shots Aug 24
- and finally, Tee Shots Sep 21

How to register and participate:

- Start by getting on the Clinic email list. Send request to cdoan99@gmail.com to be added.
- Each Clinic details will be communicated by e-mail ... reservations are made by responding to the e-mail.

Hope you will join us in September to tune up your game. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss clinic topics which are important to you.

FORE!

Special Golf Four-Man team

September 9th at Boundary Oak we'll play a friendly competition of four-man teams. Two best balls for the team score for breaking the par at Boundary and for awards for winning. You can organize your own four-man team, or we can pair together. Entry contribution is \$5.00 paid in cash to Jerry Hicks on the day of golf. Sign up for Branch Boundary golf on September 9 and Yes for the

special event.

Jerry Hicks, jerryhicks@astound.net

Looking forward for future event is planning for a Scramble on October 14 at Boundary Oak. Plan and we'll bring the information later.

Branch Activities



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.

In addition to the Tournament format, Special Events such as Match Play, Best Ball, Scramble, and others are also periodically scheduled.

Those playing 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 in the Trampas Topics and 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 courses with reasonable prices.



9-Hole Golf

Dick Chaffee

The 9 Hole Golf Club is open to SIR golfers of all levels. We play every Wednesday morning except holidays at 4 courses in the area. This year, each month, we are playing Pleasanton Golf Club, Diablo Hills, Buchanan Fields and Dublin Ranch. Our first tee time is 10:00am. Some months have a fifth Wednesday. On the fifth Wednesdays, we schedule

special 9 hole events at courses in the area.

If you would like to play 9 hole golf, please contact Dick Chaffee, the 9 hole golf chairman, (925)-932-5087.

If you would like more information on 9 hole golf, please visit our Branch 116 golf web site.

Golf Website

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.

September 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00 AM	Dublin Ranch	Chris Doan
Wed. 11	10:00 AM	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00 AM	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 25	10:00 AM	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry

September 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 09	9:40	Boundary Oak	Ed Lichtip
Tues. 17	9:44	Rancho Solano	Ed Lichtig
Mon. 23	9:30	Tilden	Ed Lichtig
Mon. 30	10:00	Las Positas	Ed Lichtig