



SIR Branch 116
Trampas Topics
 Newsletter
 April, 2018

Next Meeting: 11:30 am
 Monday, April 16, 2018
 Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley
 Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2018 Big Sir Marty Katz

THE MESSAGE THAT MATTERS IS THE ONE RECEIVED,
 NOT THE ONE SENT.

Did you miss me..? I missed all of you. Just got back from a wonderful and exciting trip, Savannah, Georgia. Wow! What a place. I would encourage any of you who have not been to the second largest shipping port in the United States. Learn your Y'all and go.



Jerry Hicks, Little Sir, thank you for taking over. I understand you did an excellent job. Way to go!

Well, April fools day is near, Good Friday is around the corner. I think every day being retired is a Good Day. We have the Easter Bunny hopping up the Easter trail, bringing his marsh mellow eggs, colored eggs and my favorite, Beeps. Remember what the day is about and I wish you and your families a wonderful Easter.

I just got back from a Big Sirs meeting. 119 Big Sirs attended. Positive news Branch 116 is in the top 20% in membership. I know we can do better in recruiting however let's be thankful for all our Wonderful Members.

Seating at the meeting. Now there is a topic no one has ever mentioned. I will be addressing this controversial topic at the April meeting. My bottom line is, WE MUST ALL BE RESPECTFUL TO OUR FELLOW MEMBERS.

Remember there will not be a meeting in May so let's have the largest turnout of the year April 16. There might be some surprises handed out. Spoiler alert! Someone might win a dinner for two. With your Big Sir. Not! with your someone special.

That is about it. Have a Wonderful Easter. May your lives be filled with Joy.

WHEN THE WHY IS CLEAR THE HOW IS EASY.



Marty Katz, Big SIR



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PLEASE CALL 322-1318
 or email to
luncheon116@gmail.com
 by the Monday prior to
 the meeting to cancel your
 standing reservation or to
 bring a guest.

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| • Book Group | Rich Black |
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| • " " | Dick Kauffman |
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| • Dine-O-SIR | Alex Lutkus |
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| • \$ums in Retirement | Ben Smith |
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|--------------------|----------------|
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- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
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| • Sunshine Committee | Matt Arena |
| • Travel Committee | Don Murray |

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|---------------------|-----------------|
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Some Other SIR Area 16 Activities

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Apple User Grp. | Dick Macy (Br.171) | 376-1180 |
| Astronomy | Bill Hunter (Br.8) | 947-6947 |
| Bocce | Bob Barnes (Br.8) | 686-0106 |
| 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 |

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

April 2018

| Sun. | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat. |
|------------------|---|---|--|--|---|------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Easter | 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC) | Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Contra Costa Bridge Center, Concord) | 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) | | | |
| | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC) | Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) | 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train Dominos (2:00@ TBD) | | Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Olympic Blvd. & Pleasant Hill Rd) | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | SIR BR. 116 MEETING (11:30 @ Boundary Oak) | "Ladies Day" Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Canyon GC) | 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields) | Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club) | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Earth Day | 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Las Positas GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books) | Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) | 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) Mexican Train Couples (2:00@ TBD) | Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) | Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Community Center) | |
| | 29 | 30 |  | | | |
| | 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Tilden GC) | | | | | |



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

| | Mar. 2018 | 2018 YTD |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Contributions | \$ 4,482.94 | \$ 18,657.92 |
| Disbursements | \$ (4,883.16) | \$ (18,272.25) |
| Net (gain/(loss)) | \$ (400.22) | \$ 385.67 |
| Mar. 31st Cash Balance | | \$ 8,518.64 |



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership: **210**

1 New Member Joined:

Dick Savage, sponsor Andy Benz

Total Inactive Members: 29



Meeting Attendance

Kevin Donahue
(luncheon116@gmail.com)

March 19, 2018 Meeting Attendance

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Active Members: | 210 |
| Guests/Visitors: | 3 |
| Transfers & Inductees: | 1 |
| Speakers: | 1 |
| Members Excused: | 40 |
| Excused due to long term illness: | 7 |
| Members NOT excused: | 11 |
| Total Attendance: | 157 |
| % of Active Members in Attendance | 73% |

Members not excused will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.

**Want a Free \$25 Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !**

April Lunch Menu



SIRS 116 Luncheon April 16, 2018

Salad

Wedge of Baby Iceberg Lettuce

Hard Boiled Eggs, Cherry Tomatoes
Thousand Island Dressing

Entrees

Grilled Breast of Free Range Chicken

Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables
Orange & Mint Butter Sauce

Or

Herb Marinated Cod

Confetti Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables
Brown Butter Sauce

Or

Roasted Vegetable Napoleon

Layered & Served With Melted Plum Tomatoes, Fresh
Basil

Dessert

Chocolate Hazelnut Cake

Dark Chocolate Cake, Raspberry Sauce, Chantilly
Cream

April Birthdays

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

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jerry Bennett | 9. Richard Madden |
| 2. John Canane | 10. Mac Mcloughlin |
| 3. Dick Chaffee | 11. Joe Ostler |
| 4. Jim Clizbe | 12. Bob Shader |
| 5. Denny Giambastiani | 13. Ben Smith |
| 6. Bill Hemmelsbach | 14. Duane Spencer |
| 7. Ron Henrickson | 15. Marsh Stashyn |
| 8. Jake Jacob | |



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday March 9 walk was led by Richard White. Walkers today were Rich Black, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Dave and Colleen Geary, and Richard and Aase White. We met at the Iron Horse Trail and Stone Valley Road in Alamo and walked north toward Walnut Creek. Afterwards we reconvened at Panera Bread.

The Friday February 23 walk was led by Paul Freitas. We met at the Iron Horse Trail and Stone Valley Road in Alamo and walked south toward Danville on a cold but sunny morning. Walkers today were Richard and Donna Black, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David and Colleen Geary, Dan and Andrea Green, Paul and Anna Freitas, Es-sie Naddaf, John and Gail Riordan, and Richard and Aase White. Afterwards we reconvened at Cerubini for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

The **Friday, April 13** walk, led by Bob Wolf, will meet at **8:15 am** at the Olympic Staging area on Olympic Blvd. just west of Pleasant Hill Road in Lafayette. Be sure to put everything in the trunk before leaving home because of recent car break-ins. We will walk west on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail toward Lafayette. Post-walk convocation will be at Starbucks 3343 Mt. Diablo Blvd, next to El Charro. **RSVP** to Bob at rwolf318@gmail.com.

The **Friday, April 27** walk, led by John Riordan, will meet at **8:15 am** in the parking lot behind the Lafayette Community Center at 500 St. Mary's Road in Lafayette. We will walk south on the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail toward Moraga. Post-walk convocation will be at the new Town Bakery, 337 Rheem Blvd. (across from the theater) in Rheem (Moraga). **RSVP** to John at gcriordan@comcast.net. If you're running late (as often happens because of slow traffic on Reliez Station Road) please call John's cell phone at 925-391-5749.

All walks are with or without significant others. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate when the member is unable. Also,

members and/or spouses are invited to join the post walk convocation even if they are unable to participate in a particular walk.



Meeting Speaker

2018 Little SIR Jerry Hicks

(jerryhicks@astound.net)

Speaker for April 16th Luncheon



"I absolutely love what I do," Dick Callahan said as he recounted his sports casting odyssey which began partly due to an ankle injury and an absent PA announcer back in his college basketball years. This event began an astounding

public address announcing career including University of California Berkeley, Stanford, 20 years with the Golden State Warriors, over 31 with the Saint Mary's Gaels and still counting with the Oakland Athletics as well.

Dick will be our speaker for our April 16 luncheon. Mr. Callahan's worldly wisdom is what really shines once he opens up about the lessons he has learned over his life. When the topic of 'how' comes into question, such as how did he get his opportunities, he credits a personal tenacity couple with, "preparation, preparation, preparation." Urging anyone listening, "If your ship doesn't come in, go swim out to it!" And also to not use geography as an excuse, "Bloom where you are planted!"

Calling Dallas Braden's perfect game on Sunday, May 9th, 2010 is one of Dick Callahan's most memorable moments. As it surely was for Braden who also acknowledged Callahan's prowess in his signature on the announcer's scorecard that reads, "Dick, Thanks for 'A' perfect broadcast!" We're looking forward to hearing Dick's many pearls of wisdom.



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be **Thursday, April 26th**, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am, come early. Contacts are Harry Sherinian 510-207-7067, Branch 116 Coordinator and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243.

Our great start with trout has slowed down, as it usually does this time of year. Gordon Linebaugh, Bob Stein, Phil Scimonelli, George Vogt, Mike Corker, Carl Moyer, Brion Beetz, Alex Go, Rick Person, Jerry Hicks, and Rick Parker all caught trout. Rick got a nice 3 pounder from the shore. Ron Lew and friend got a keeper sturgeon from the delta on their second try. Terry Miller caught some small stripers and a too big sturgeon in the delta. Tom Kostik caught some stripers, but the Giants pre-season kept him in Arizona. Many of the gang went on a trip to Fisherman's Warehouse and Bass Pro Shop. This is an annual outing where we go to these two great sources for fishing equipment and play touchie feelie with all the great gear. Then a fast lunch and head home. Stan Wong went to Bakersfield for the BIG fishing EXPO. Bad news on the salmon season, it is being cut short this year to increase the returning fish in the Sacramento River.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



The book exchange is in the room next to the bar. You are all encouraged to stop by and take a book or two. We welcome books from you that you have read and enjoyed. NO RULES. If you enjoy reading we would love to have you join us at the book club, we read interesting books and enjoy an exchange of opinions

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

Our next meeting is **Wed April 25** at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

We have a speaker tentatively lined up, but won't have a commitment until after April 1. Stay tuned. \$UMS attendees will be notified by email.

The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

\$UMS Chair Tom Henry - tomhenry925@gmail.com
Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

The Book Group met on Monday 26 March, 2018 to discuss "Genghis Kahn and the Making of the Modern World" by Jack Weatherford. It is the author's thesis that Genghis and his son's came to administer a world that stretched from Germany, Poland and Syria in the west to the Pacific Ocean in the east. This world allowed free trade, religious plurality and a communication system that spanned all of Eurasia. Only the Black Plague could cause it to contract.

Mike Barrington recommended the book while Rich Black led the discussion with Mac Mcloughlin, John Kopchick, Richard Rossland, Bob Wolff, Tim Tinnes, Paul Freitas, Nick Bowles, Richard White, Garrett Girvan and Jerry Christopherson. The book informed the group about a historical character and a time that few had appreciated previously and as a result earned 3.8 stars.

The group next meets at 10:15 on **Monday, April 23** at Orinda Books to discuss "How Democratic is the American Constitution" by Robert A. Dahl.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Jim Altomare** has not been with us at our luncheons for quite a while. He has been dealing with Lewy Body dementia (LBD). I spoke to his wife Joy who reports Jim has good days when he can connect very nicely, however, this is not the typical day. He has the best caregiver a SIR could ask for.

SIR **Lloyd Plank** and I keep missing each other but he assures me on my answering machine that he is OK. He has moved into his new residence in Sacramento designed for seniors. He is on to his 93rd birthday which qualifies both he and Joyce for special consideration.

SIR **Al Farbman** is progressing nicely from his back surgery and since he can't drive as yet he has become a Uber customer. Al expects to join us for lunch this month. Sadly we must report the passing of three spouses of our members.

SIR **Jerry Christopherson**'s lovely wife Sally passed away this past month

SIR **Bob Testa**'s lovely wife Ann passed away this past month .

SIR **Tim Dorr**'s lovely wife Kathy passed away this past month.

The older you get the more you realize that it isn't about the material things or pride or ego.

It's about our hearts and who they beat for.

unknown



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's has lunch & plays bridge every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club. All are welcome to play 6 rounds of 4 hands each, Chicago Style bridge with a like group of bridge experience. Changing partners every four hands.

On **Tuesday, April 17th** we have our semi-annual LADIES DAY LUNCH & BRIDGE where couples play together for the full day. "Couples" can be the usual couple of man & woman, two women or two men. Choice of chicken, salmon or vegetarian meal for lunch. Prizes for the winning couples. Lunch starts at 11:30 AM and we will finish bridge about 4:00 PM. Do find a partner and join us for bridge. Call or contact Jon Dickson (925-837-1178 or still26@sbcglobal.net) to sign up for a fun afternoon of bridge.

SIR's has many more bridge offerings. Every 1st Tuesday of the month we have duplicate bridge at the Concord Bridge Center starting at 10:00 AM. Partners are assigned each session.

On the 2nd Monday of the month there is duplicate bridge at Ageis in Moraga with partners assigned each month.

We can also join in playing bridge with our other SIR's chapters with both duplicate and Chicago style bridge. Bridge is a great game to keep the mind thinking and active plus gets you out of your house and makes your wife happy.

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site (With new design)
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Computer and Technology
a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday **April 19, 2018** starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

The topic for the April CAT meeting will be "*Computer & Technology Information 'Potpourri'*". How do you keep abreast of advances in technology? Our CAT meetings provide some information about new and interesting technology but there are numerous other sources available.

The April CAT meeting will look at some of these supplemental sources and members will also be encouraged to contribute their favorite sources as well (Hint: One great source is on our new CAT web site). In addition, some articles such as "What Google and Facebook Knows About You" and "Highest Rated and Free Antivirus Software" will be discussed. Come to the meeting to learn and contribute.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday **April 19**, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies - but some months are free, so come and see if our April meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Poker

Lou Sandor

(lsandor@astound.net)

Contact Lou Sandor at 925-944-1634 or lsandor@astound.net if you are interested in joining the Poker group

New Branch 116 Member



New Member Dick Savage with sponsor Andy Benz



Art Donaldson receiving 20 Year Membership Award from Little SIR Jerry Hicks



John Story receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Little SIR Jerry Hicks



Wine Appreciation Group

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The Wine Appreciation group met in January at the home of Lou Meylan. We had 26 in attendance.

Four different varieties of Old Vine Zinfandel were served. All very good.

Our March get together will be at the home of Bob Wolf on **March 29** from 4pm to 6pm. If interested in attending RSVP to Bob at bob.wolf@mnconsult.com or 925-932-0706.



Walking Tours

Alan Fitzgerald

(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

The last Walking Tour was on March 10th at the Oakland Aviation Museum. 14 people attended and I think everyone was surprised and pleased at what the museum has to offer. It is a very good air museum with a lot of historical displays, not just aircraft.



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus

(alutkus@yahoo.com)

The Dine-O-SIR (DOS) group had their latest dining event on March 21, 2018 at The Greenery, in Walnut Creek. The next dining event is presently in the planning stage for the month of June. An e-mail announcement will be sent out in May, with the particulars, to all SIR members on our e-mail list. If you are not receiving our e-mails and are interested in being informed of and/or participating in one of our Branch's most popular events, contact SIR Alex Lutkus at the e-mail address above and he will see to it that you are added to the DOS e-mail list.



SIR Ladies Having Fun at "The Greenery"
"Mo" Johnson, Chu Assapimonwait (Schmidt),
and Marty Grummitt

Trampas Topics Submissions



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

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com

State 'SIR Happenings'

Enjoy reading *SIR Happenings* and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website located at:

sirinc.org/sirhappenings



Branch 116 Carmel Golf Outing

Golf at Carmel Valley Ranch Golf Course
Wed/Thu May 23rd and 24th in Carmel, CA



Hotel -- Our Group Hotel is Carmel Mission Inn, Phone (831) 624-1841. We have a SIR Branch 116 Group Rate of \$139. Reservations must be made by April 3, 2018 to guarantee this rate. Various Hotel on-line promotions look attractive, but when our dates are selected, I have found none better than our guaranteed rate.

Golf Course -- We are returning to last years fantastic course, Carmel Valley Ranch. This is an exceptional course/facility. Entry fee includes Two rounds of Golf (including Range Balls), prize money, and Dinner. It will be Medal Play on Wednesday (two flights), and a Scramble on Thursday. Thursday's Teams will be determined by blind draw at Wednesday's Dinner

Wednesday's Dinner -- We have arranged to have Wednesday's Dinner at our host Hotel, the Carmel Mission Inn. Dinner will be a "Plated Dinner", including coffee\tea, salad, choice of entree (Salmon or New York Steak), and dessert.

Cost -- You will be responsible for your own Hotel reservations/payments. The entry cost is \$200 and includes \$130 for two days of golf/range balls, \$20 prize money, and \$50 Dinner. Non-Golfers are encouraged to attend Wednesday evening's Dinner, at a cost of \$50 each.

Detach Here _____

Carmel Valley Golf Event, May 23rd and 24th

Name _____ Name _____

No. of Golfers x \$200 (Includes Dinner) _____

Non Golfers Attending Dinner x \$50 _____

Total Amount _____

Send your Checks to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683.

Questions? Email Jim Barstow, jbarstow@aol.com



“Mexican Train” Dominos

Richard Madden

(maddenram@sbcglobal.net)

“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 did not have couples train in February.

The next Couples Train is scheduled for **April 25th**.

I will be sending out notices. Let me know if you would like to be put on our list.

You can contract Richard Madden at maddenram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223



Activity Chair

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

SPRING IT AND FLING IT

There's less than 2 months left to sign up for that BIG day in May. Yes, the annual stupendous

SPRING FLING

This year we have a great venue, great food and great entertainment.

THURSDAY MAY 17 IS THE DATE

Look for our AD on page 12 in this edition of the Trampas Topics. Clip the registration form and mail it in with your check.

DO IT NOW. Before it's too late!!



SIR Travel

Don Murray

(dmurray721@comcast.net)

Some SIR Travel Opportunities Include:

May 12-18, 2018: Southern Charm Discovery. Trip features Jekyll Island, Savannah & Charleston, Jacksonville, St Simons Island, Andrew Low House, and choice of Boone Hall Plantation or Patriots Pt. Naval Museum. Cost is \$2836.00 covers air taxes & fees, hotel & transfers, gratuities and R/T air, Bill Rodman, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

May 25-Jun 9, 2018: Historic Cities of Eastern Canada & New England. 16- day trip begins in Toronto then Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal. Then travelers will board Holland America cruise ship and cruise down the St Lawrence river to Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax and onto Bar Harbor ending in Boston. Cost is \$3695 to \$5185 (with out Airfare). Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

Aug 6 – 12, 2018 Yellowstone, A Wildlife Safari Tour Highlights: Yellowstone NP , Idaho Falls, Grand Teton NP, Snake River Float trip, Salt Lake City w/Mormon Tabernacle choir and Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center Includes: home pickup, transfers, R/T air Salt Lake City, (10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners) all taxes and gratuities. Cost: \$2789 per person dbl occupancy. \$3509 Single.Br. 32 Escorts John Pletsch 408 504-1255 and Mike Console 408 2461080

Sep 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip. 7- day trip with stops at the US Airforce academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Colorado National Monument and Colorado Museum. Cost \$3035 and includes 15 meals, R/T Air, home pickup and back, professional tour manager, Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

Some SIR Travel Opportunities

SIR Area 16 web site has many other travel opportunities. Check them out at: <http://area2.sirinc2.org/>

SIR BRANCH #116

PRESENTS THE FABULOUS

2018 edition of the

SPRING FLING

A Special luncheon for our ladies (replacing our regular May meeting)

BRIDGES GOLF CLUB

9000 S. Gale Ridge Road, San Ramon, Phone # 735-4253

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

12:00 No Host Social Hour with appetizer table

Followed by a wonderful Luncheon

Fun! Entertainment! Special Drink Prices! Surprises!

\$42.00 Per Person (includes tax and tip)

Our Menu Consists of:

Three Entrée Salad Choices:

Sliced Tri-Tip with Baby Spinach and Arugula

Grilled Chicken with Mixed Asian Greens

Vegetarian with Mixed Greens

Menu includes Cheesecake for dessert

SPRING FLING AT Bridges Golf CLUB
MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 1st

Name _____ Steak ___ Chicken ___ Veggie ___

Name _____ Steak ___ Chicken ___ Veggie ___

Make Check Payable to : SIR Branch 116

Number x \$42 = \$ _____

Mail Check to Lou Sandor, 581 Cesar Court, Walnut Creek, 94598

Note: I would like to reserve a table with the following people (tables of eight).



SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman
(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

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.



Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman
(rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)

SIR 116 9-Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields-Concord, Diablo Hills-Walnut Creek, and other 9 hole courses in the area.

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2nd place 2 and 3rd place 1. The 2016 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

In December, we will again hold our 9 Hole Golf Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be 3 rounds of golf. One round at each of the courses we play. The Tournament Champion will be the golfer with lowest net total for 2 rounds. If a participant plays all 3 rounds, he can choose which 2 rounds will count.

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:

- 2016 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, start-

ing 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.

April 9-Hole Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | Organizer |
|---------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wed. 04 | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed. 11 | 10:00 | Diablo Hills | D.McClaughry |
| Wed. 18 | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed. 25 | 10:00 | Brentwood | Skip Berkson |

April 18-Hole Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | Organizer |
|---------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Mon. 02 | 9:32 | Boundary Oak | Neil Schmidt |
| Mon. 09 | 9:32 | Boundary Oak | Neil Schmidt |
| Tue. 17 | 9:30 | Franklin Canyon | C. Robertson |
| Mon. 23 | 10:00 | Las Positas | Neil Schmidt |
| Mon. 30 | 9:30 | Tilden | C. Robertson |

18-Hole Results

Rancho Solano, Mar 26, 2018

Phil Jenkins, Official Scorer

| <u>Flight 1</u> | | | <u>Flight 2</u> | | | <u>Flight 3</u> | | | <u>Flight 4</u> | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------|-----------------------|----------------|------|-----------------------|----------------|------|-----------------------|------------------|------|
| Tie 1st | Phil Goff | 69 3 | Tie 1st | Frank Portillo | 69 3 | 1st | Al Hutchko | 67 3 | 1st | Bill Hemmelsbach | 70 3 |
| Tie 1st | Jim Johnson | 69 3 | Tie 1st | Don Schroeder | 69 3 | Tie 2nd | Pete Coggiola | 71 2 | 2nd | Carl Langhorst | 72 2 |
| Tie 3rd | Jim Barstow | 71 1 | 3rd | Al Zavattero | 71 1 | Tie 2nd | Terry Grummitt | 71 2 | 3rd | Robbie Robinson | 74 1 |
| Tie 3rd | David Harris | 71 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | |
| | Phil Goff | 85 | | Don Schroeder | 88 | | Al Hutchko | 94 | | Bill Hemmelsbach | 105 |
| <u>Closest-to #15</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #15</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #15</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #15</u> | | |
| | Phil Goff | | | Don Schroeder | | | Alex Lutkus | | | Fred Schafer | |

Poppy Ridge, Tue, Mar 20, 2018

David Harris, Official Scorer

Cancelled due to rain

Boundary Oak, Mon, Mar 12, 2018

Fred Schafer, Official Scorer

| <u>Flight 1</u> | | | <u>Flight 2</u> | | | <u>Flight 3</u> | | | <u>Flight 4</u> | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------|----------------------|---------------|------|----------------------|----------------|------|----------------------|------------------|------|
| 1st | Jerry Hicks | 68 3 | 1st | Carlos Xavier | 67 3 | 1st | Dave Carlson | 70 3 | 1st | Fred Schafer | 62 3 |
| 2nd | Jim Johnson | 69 2 | 2nd | Al Zavattero | 69 2 | 2nd | Al Hutchko | 71 2 | 2nd | Conrad Robertson | 66 2 |
| 3rd | Phil Goff | 75 1 | 3rd | Jim Clizbe | 71 1 | Tie 3rd | Richard Madden | 72 1 | 3rd | Kevin Donahue | 67 1 |
| | | | | | | Tie 3rd | Terry Sherman | 72 1 | | | |
| <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | |
| | Jerry Hicks | 86 | | Carlos Xavier | 90 | | Dave Carlson | 97 | | Kevin Donahue | 99 |
| | | | | Al Zavattero | 90 | | | | | | |
| <u>Closest-to #2</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #2</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #2</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #2</u> | | |
| | | | | | | | Jai Yee | | | | |

Boundary Oak, Mon, Mar 5, 2018

Wayne Cook, Official Scorer

| <u>Flight 1</u> | | | <u>Flight 2</u> | | | <u>Flight 3</u> | | | <u>Flight 4</u> | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|------|----------------------|-------------------|------|----------------------|--------------|------|----------------------|-----------------|------|
| Tie 1st | Warren Garrison | 68 3 | 1st | Al Zavattero | 69 3 | 1st | John Story | 69 3 | 1st | Fred Schafer | 64 3 |
| Tie 1st | David Harris | 68 3 | 2nd | Gary Boswell | 70 2 | Tie 2nd | Dave Carlson | 74 2 | 2nd | Carl Langhorst | 68 2 |
| Tie 3rd | Jim Barstow | 69 1 | 3rd | Bernie Wroblewski | 74 1 | Tie 2nd | Alex Lutkus | 74 2 | 3rd | Robbie Robinson | 72 1 |
| Tie 3rd | Denny Giambastiani | 69 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tie 3rd | Jim Johnson | 69 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | | <u>Low Gross</u> | | |
| | Denny Giambastiani | 83 | | Al Zavattero | 90 | | John Story | 96 | | Fred Schafer | 103 |
| <u>Closest-to #2</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #2</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #2</u> | | | <u>Closest-to #2</u> | | |
| | Warren Garrison | | | Al Zavattero | | | Dave Carlson | | | Carl Langhorst | |

RENO GOLF GETAWAY 2018

Save these dates: **Sept. 5, 6, & 7th**

The Carson City Tournament is moving to Reno

This 3-day event includes:

- Two rounds of golf with cart at two of Reno's signature golf courses: Lakeridge and Wolf Run
- A choice of lodging at the Silver Legacy or Circus Circus for three nights
- A "no host" reception Sept. 5th
- An "open night" Sept. 6th
- Awards Banquet Sept. 7th
- Tee gifts and a sleeve of balls for each golfer, raffle prizes, coupon book for food and much more.
- Friends and relatives are welcome.

Entry forms will be available in May with complete sign-up information.



First Half Leaders as of Rancho Solano, Monday, Mar. 26, 2018

| <u>FLIGHT 1</u> | | <u>FLIGHT 2</u> | | <u>FLIGHT 3</u> | | <u>FLIGHT 4</u> | |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| <u>Name</u> | <u>Pts</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Pts</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Pts</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
| David Harris | 13 | Al Zavattero | 11 | Al Hutchko | 18 | Fred Schafer | 12 |
| Jim Johnson | 10 | Bernie Wroblewski | 9 | Dave Carlson | 11 | Matt Arena | 8 |
| Phil Goff | 9 | Don Schroeder | 9 | Alex Lutkus | 8 | Phil Jenkins | 5 |
| Alan Fitzgerald | 6 | Marty Katz | 6 | Terry Grummitt | 5 | Kevin Donahue | 5 |
| Jim Barstow | 6 | Carlos Xavier | 6 | Terry Sherman | 4 | Robbie Robinson | 5 |
| Warren Garrison | 4 | Dirk Meyer | 4 | John Story | 3 | Conrad Robertson | 4 |
| Jerry Hicks | 3 | Frank Portillo | 3 | Pete Coggiola | 2 | Carl Langhorst | 4 |
| Mel Williams | 2 | Gary Boswell | 2 | Bob Donohue | 1 | Wayne Cook | 3 |
| Bill McCord | 1 | Jim Clizbe | 1 | Richard Madden | 1 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 3 |
| Denny Giambastiani | 1 | | | | | Greg Hughes | 1 |
| | | | | | | Jerry Christopherson | 1 |



Golf Hotline: The Golf Telephone Hotline can be reached at 925-906-5355.

You may leave a message to register for 9-Hole & 18-Hole tournaments, cancel a previous registration, make special requests for pairings, ask to be added to a waiting list after the deadline and check to see if a tournament has been cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons.

- If you are registering for Boundary Oak, please indicate whether you are Walking or Riding.
- If you are registering for Paid-in-Advance tournaments, please mail your check prior to the deadline to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P. O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683.

Electronic Signups and Cancellations

Please note that you may also signup for Boundary Oak & Paid-in-Advance tournaments on this website. Simply navigate to 18-Hole Group/Schedules & Signups and choose either Boundary Oak or Paid-in-Advance. You may cancel a previous signup either by using the telephone hotline or by sending an email to branch116golf@gmail.com.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

| <u>Event Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Deadline</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Tuesday, April 17 | Franklin Canyon | Apr. 8 | \$35 |
| Monday, April 23 | Las Positas | Apr. 11 | \$43 |
| Monday, April 30 | Tilden | Apr. 18 | \$35 |
| Monday, May 21 | Lake Chabot | May 9 | \$31 |
| Tuesday, May 29 | Hiddenbrooke | May 17 | \$35 |

Send checks made out to SIR Branch 116 Golf, PO Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA
94596-5805

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Rules of Attendance & Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member shall be notified in writing and/or telephone by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership should he be responsible for any of the following:

- Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.
- Did not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.
- All legitimate alternatives to termination shall be explored. The member's response may suggest an alternative to termination such as inactive status.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12-month period.

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.