



SIR Branch 116
Trampas Topics
 Newsletter
 January, 2018

Next Meeting: 11:30 am
 Monday, January 15, 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 NEW SIR YEAR IS UPON US 2018

My year as Little SIR is over and I am excited about undertaking my new responsibilities as your Big SIR for 2018. To our Past Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti, thank you. This, would not have been possible without your Leadership. To Bob Donohue and Bernie Wroblewski, a big thank you for nominating me as the 2017 Little SIR. To the BEC thank you for your support of 2017 and your inspiration for 2018. So, what is in store for this year. A new Little SIR Jerry Hicks will be bringing us.



I am told some interesting, informative and creative Speakers. He also told me that this year he will draw the correct winning numbers for the Raffle.

So how will I lead Branch 116 in 2018? With your help and dedication to the growth of our fine Branch. The question that always seems to arise in organizations is Growth vs. Quality. I am a firm believer in both and we as a unit can share in this opportunity. I will be announcing some new and revised ideas to achieve this lofty Goal.

A big shout out to Jerry Christopherson and the Christmas brigade that assisted Jerry in bringing an entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable Christmas Social. The selection of Boundary Oak proved to be an excellent choice.

The membership Rosters will be available soon and we will be collecting our annual dues, so please bring your check or cash. At the January 15th meeting Little SIR Jerry Hicks has promised a rewarding and very interesting speaker. We will also bring back the tradition of honoring our Golfers and their achievements. Gentlemen, please all attend and show your support for your fellow members.

The Goal for 2018 means honoring and respecting each other. We have all earned the right in retirement to enjoy life, meet new friends and be a member of SIR Branch 116.

I can't close without a Special Congratulations to the newest Honorary Life Member, Neil Schmidt.

Marty Katz, Big SIR



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 by the Monday prior to
 the meeting to cancel your
 standing reservation or to
 bring a guest.

2018 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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484-0122



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2018 Activity Chairmen

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Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439
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Bridge	Jon Dickson	837-1178
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Golf - Carmel	Jim Barstow	938-2744
Hiking & Walking	Joel White	964-0994
Mexican Train	Richard Madden	788-4223
" " Asst.	Alex Lutkus	827-2828
Parties	J. Christopherson	393-9373
Poker	Lou Sandor	944-1634
\$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Walking Tours	Alan Fitzgerald	930-0449
Wine Appreciation	Lou Meylan	933-0675

2018 Support Chairmen


Activities Coord.	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
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Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477
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Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Travel	Don Murray	837-9402
Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037

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

January 2018

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 	2 Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Center)	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	4	5 Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	6
7	8 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	9 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	10 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ TBD)	11	12 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Arbolado Park lower parking lot, WC)	13
14	15 <u>SIR Br.116 Meeting</u> (11:30 @ Boundary Oak) Martin Luther King Holiday	16 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Blue Rock East GC)	17 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	18 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	19 Walking Tour (10:30@ Blackhawk Museum)	20 Walking Tour
21	22 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Canyon Lakes GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	23 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	24 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	25 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	26 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Osage Park, Danville)	27
28 Dine-O-SIR	29 Dine-O-SIR (10:30@ Crow Cyn CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:36@ Paradise Valley GC)	30	31			

JANUARY





Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	Dec. 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 10,297.00	\$ 74,591.44
Disbursements	\$ (7,267.16)	\$ (75,182.80)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 3,029.84	\$ (591.36)
Dec. 24th Cash Balance		\$ 8,079.97

January Birthdays

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

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ken Binning | 9. "T" Legler |
| 2. Dick Conger | 10. John Maerzke |
| 3. Neil Desmond | 11. Jim Nickels |
| 4. Hugh Duggan | 12. George Pryhuber |
| 5. Tom Eller | 13. Lou Sandor |
| 6. Jack Fucik | 14. Dennis Snarr |
| 7. Bill Ginter | 15. Dick Socolich |
| 8. Ed Klein | |



Membership

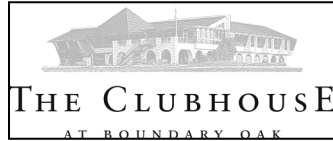
Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members: 213
 No New Members in December
 Resigned:
 George Glass
 Active to Inactive:
 Harry Kinney

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

January Lunch Menu



SIRS 116 Luncheon January 2018

Salad

Cabbage Salad

Napa Cabbage, Garbanzo Beans, Green Beans,
Carrots, Red Bell Peppers, Toasted Almonds
Spicy Cumin Cilantro Dressing

Entrees

Jerk Chicken

Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables
Orange Glaze & Pineapple Salsa

Or

Mango Glazed Baked Salmon

Steamed Jasmine Rice, Seasonal Vegetables,
Ginger Butter Sauce

Dessert

Red Velvet Cake

Cream cheese Frosting, Chantilly Cream,
Raspberry Sauce

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE!

To accommodate friends and groups sitting together and also to have plenty of room for those wishing individual seating, we will have one open table as well as the usual guest table. Additionally approximately eight of our tables will be marked and two chairs will be available for open seating. **At these tables you will be limited to 8 reserved chairs.** It may be assumed that **those reserving seats for friends or groups will have checked prior to the luncheon to confirm their attendance.** In today's communication by email, text, and cell phone, that can be readily accomplished.

2018 Golfing NCGA Dues Reminder

Our Branch 116 annual NCGA registration is due. If you are registered with the NCGA through Branch 116, you need to renew your registration by the end of the year.

The NCGA has increased its annual registration from \$36 to \$39. Typically, we also collect \$20 each year for prize money, golf balls, awards, etc. This year we are rounding up to \$60 to cover these costs.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, make your checks payable to SIR Branch 116 Golf and send your check for NCGA registration renewal to: Sir Branch 116 Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA

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/

The Secret Password

The question keeps being asked: "What is the secret password to access the up to date Branch roster on our web site?" There are two ways to get this secret password: 1) Attend our lunch Meeting where this password is mentioned or 2) Get it from our Membership Chairman Phil Goff. (Maybe write it down so you don't forget it.)

The online Branch roster has all our member phone numbers and addresses including newly inducted members.

The roster, can be found under the "Member Info" tab on our Branch web site, and is password protected for security. The SIR Br. 116 Web Site address is:
branch116.org



Meeting Speaker

2018 Little SIR Jerry Hicks

Speaker for January 15, 2018 Luncheon



With our usual year end golf awards, we will have as speaker from the First Tee of Contra Costa, Monica Sanders. Monica is a Class "A" member of the LPGA, Teaching & Club Professionals who grew up locally and was a member of the Alhambra HS Golf Team (Boy's).

She then helped to begin the Girls Golf Team. She was one of the first founding helpers and instructors when the LPGA Girls Golf was brought to Boundary Oak in 2006. Monica will, weather permitting, conduct a putting seminar for 10 Sir's following our meeting.

Please make plans to stay for our entire luncheon. It has been a little embarrassing to have members leave prior to the Speaker's presentation.

The Speaker for the February 19 Luncheon will be the always entertaining Michael Butler. Michael is the artistic director for the Center Repertory Company at the Leshner Center for the Arts.

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

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



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, January 25th**, 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.

Trout continue to be our main winter prey. Pete Gates, Paul Dubow, Carl Moyer, Ray Pixton, Bob Hillaker, Lee Clark, and Brion Beetz all participated. Some days were fruitful, some sad. Tom Boltz and Tom Kostik caught stripers, on other trips Tom Kostik got more stripers, black bass, and steelhead. Joe Miscione and son caught a sturgeon too big to keep and some stripers. Rich Fiscina and Pedro Contreras got crab and rockfish from the ocean. Ken Konzakk enjoyed some steelhead fly fishing. The year finished off with our annual Christmas Dinner. This function was held at Zio Freido Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Close to sixty fishermen and guests enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship at this annual event. A special thanks to Pete Gates for organizing the event and to Dick Thomson for assisting him. This event and our Summer Back Yard Bar-B-Que are the two functions a year that we have where our wife's or significant other joins us.

For more information about the Area Two Fishing Club, contact, Harry Sherinian, 925-846-7067, Branch 116 Coordinator.

New Meeting Hotline Phone Number

The Meeting Hotline phone number has been changed to: 925-322-1318. Please use this number when calling to cancel your standing lunch meeting reservation. You may also cancel your reservation by emailing luncheon116@gmail.com



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Everyone is invited to visit the book exchange in the room adjacent to the bar. We have a wide variety of books for you to borrow and read. We welcome your contribution of books you have read and enjoyed. No rules! Please enjoy



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"The Last Days of Night" by Graham Moore

The Book Group met on Monday, 4 December, 2017 to discuss "The Last Days of Night" by Graham Moore, a fictionalized account of the struggle in the early days of the electrification of America between Edison's direct current and the alternation current made practical by Nicola Tesla and sponsored by Westinghouse. Representing Westinghouse in a flurry of lawsuits was a recent graduate of Columbia Law named Paul Cravath. Every tale needs of heroine and by the end of this one Paul not wins for Westinghouse but also wins the hand of a Metropolitan Opera diva, Agnes. Garret Girvin recommended the book while Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Bob Wolf, Joel White, Steve Bort, Richard White, Dick Kauffman, Tim Tinnes, Mike Schneider, and John Kopchik. The group awarded the book an enthusiastic 4.14 stars.

On **Friday, January 5** the Book Group has scheduled an extra session where SIR Bob Wolf will discuss, "Honey, I sold the Red Cadillac," based on the experiences of himself and his wife as she experiences Lewy Body Dementia. The book, easily read in an evening, is available on Amazon or from Bob. The discussion will be at 10:15 at Orinda books.

The next regular meeting of the Book Group will be on **Monday, January 22** to discuss "The Crossing Place: A Journey Among the Armenians," by Philip Marsden. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books,



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Ed Cole** passed away on December 17, 2017 following a serious fall at home. He was operated at John Muir but did not recover. Ed's funeral was held on December 22, 2017, at St Isidor Catholic Church in Danville. Ed enjoyed golf with our members until his health prohibited him from playing.

SIR **Henry Sicabaig** has not joined us for lunch in quite a while for health reasons. Henry turns 95 this month and shortly after buying a new Lexus his driver's license has been taken away so his daughter becomes the owner of Henry's new car.

SIR **Tim Dorr** continues to work on his health issues. He and his wife Cathy are both on meds to clear up these ailments. This couple is always upbeat. What a wonderful attitude while dealing with one's health.

SIR **Lloyd Plank** has his hands full with not only his cancer but now he has to deal with the neighbors who are suing him after his Lafayette home took a slid down the back of his property. Thankfully he has a wonderful daughter in Sacramento who is taking care of both of them.

SIR **Frank Bryant** lost his wife to a rare form of cancer on December 9, 2017. Sue was a regular with the ladies who enjoyed golf in Carson City.

THE PESSIMIST SEES DIFFICULTY IN EVERY OPPORTUNITY

THE OPTIMIST SEES THE OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY DIFFICULTY

WINSTON CHURCHILL

In Memoriam

Edward Custis Cole

December 29, 1930 - December 17, 2017



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Join us for lunch & bridge on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month for a good afternoon of bridge at Diablo Country Club. Starts at 11:30 AM, lasting the afternoon.



Do You Play Chess?

Branch 146, & possibly branch 8 would like to start a chess group. Any interested members can contact Jerry Kaplan at mgkaplan@astound.net, or 925-938-1037 for more information



Honorary Life Member Award



SIR State representative Derek Southern presents Honorary Life Member Award to Neil Schmidt while Chu Assapimonwait provides support.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday, December 8 walk was led by David Geary. As always, the Inspiration Point walk was magnificent but on this day also had perfect weather with clear views. The walk was enjoyed by our walk leader, Richard Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Allan Farbman, Dan and Andrea Green, John Riordan, and Joel and Susan White. Coffee and Conversation convocation thereafter was at Gepettoes in Orinda. Joel, Susie, and Al had to leave but the group was joined by Colleen Geary.

The first walk of the New Year, Friday **January 12**, will be led by Joel White. We will meet at *8:15 am in the lower parking lot of Arbolado Park* in Walnut Creek. We will plan on coffee and conversation at Denica's after the walk. Please RSVP to Joel: zpz2mrz@gmail.com.

The Friday **January 26** walk, led by Don Murray, will meet at 8:15am at Osage Park in Danville off of Sycamore Valley Road. Post walk convocation will be at Black Bear Diner, Danville. Please RSVP to Don: dmurray721@comcast.net.

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.



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



Walking Tours

Alan Fitzgerald

(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

BlackHawk Museum

January 20, 2018 at 10:30 AM

The museum is not just about cars, although there are a lot of cars on display. There is display on the "Spirit of the West"; "Art of Africa"; and "Into China" in addition to the "Automotive section". This is a rain or shine event since it is indoors.

We should meet at 10:30 inside the museum. The cost is \$10.00 for seniors and all others are welcome as well and the price varies by age.

The Museum web site is Blackhawkmuseum.org, click on "Plan Your Visit".

There are a number of restaurants in the area for lunch.

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

Our next meeting is **Wed., January 24** 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.

Our speaker will be a new Branch 8 member, Jamshed Gandhi, CPA, CFP, CVA, MS (Tax), who will tell us all we need to know about the new tax law.

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

\$UMS Chairman Tom Henry - tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.net



Wine Appreciation Group

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The next Wine Group tasting will be January 25, 2018 from 4pm to 6pm at the home of Lou Meylan. RSVP to Lou at 925-933-0675.

We meet every other month at the home of one of the members. The host decides on the theme of the event, secures the wine and the hors d'oeuvres. He is reimbursed by the group for expenses.

Contact Lou Meylan for more information on the Wine Appreciation Group at loumeylan@hotmail.com or call him at 925-933-0675.



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus

(alutkus@yahoo.com)

The "Dine-O-Sir" Annual Sunday Champagne Brunch is all set for Sunday, January 28, 2018, starting at 10:30 am, and continuing until 2:00 pm. The price is \$37 per person, all inclusive (including tax and tip), and takes place at the elegant Crow Canyon Country Club located at 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA. Ample free parking is available. We will be located in the Mark Twain/Bret Harte rooms, with tables set for seating of 8 persons per table. Upon your arrival, servers will be pouring champagne and orange juice, to kick-off the social hour. A full "no-host" bar will also be available. Come early and review the extensive buffet displays featuring a meat carving station; cooked to your order omelet station; many hot breakfast/lunch entrée dishes; seafood and cheese board selections; as well as a large selection of dessert delicacies.

Reservations become firm on a first to pay basis. So, fill in the Reservation Form, located on page 10, and mail it in with your check ASAP. (Make the check to: SIR Branch 116 Dining and mail it to: Alex Lutkus, 4054 Castlewood Court, Concord, CA 94518) If you have any questions call Alex Lutkus at (925) 827-2828 or e-mail at alutkus@yahoo.com.



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group [formerly A2CAT] invites you to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, **January 18, 2018** starting at 9:30 am. Come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches, and their guests, are welcome.

Our January topic is:

"Quicken and Other Financial Management Alternatives".

Did you know that Quicken, which was split off from Intuit earlier this year, is changing to a "software by subscription model" where you will have to annually pay to use the program? All previous versions of Quicken, depending on the version, will eventually expire and restrict all online services.

At our January meeting we will discuss effects of this upcoming Quicken change and review various financial management program alternatives. Come prepared to share your own financial management techniques highlighting the features that are important to you. The discussion will be facilitated by Phil Goff and Neil Schmidt

We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 AM, Thursday January 18, 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 this meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Branch 116 Dine-O-Sirs

January 2018 Dining Event

SUNDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

At Crow Canyon Country Club - 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA
(Ph. 925-735-5700)

Sunday, January 28, 2018

SOCIAL HOUR WILL START AT 10:30 AM WITH ENDLESS FLOWING CHAMPAGNE & ORANGE JUICE

THE EVENT SHOULD CONCLUDE NO LATER THAN 2 PM.

TYPICAL FOOD SELECTIONS:

Extensive Salad Bar: Fruit, Greens and Pasta Salads
Hot Entree Dishes: Eggs Benedict, Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Waffles
Custom Omelet Station, cooked to order
Prime Rib carving station – and other meats
Seafood Selections, Shrimp, Smoked Salmon
Asian Dim Sun Selections
Cheese Board Selections
Dessert Table with Pastry, Pies, Cakes, Strawberry, Tarts
Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea

Cost just \$37 per person, all inclusive

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*Sunday Brunch at
Crow Canyon Country Club, Sunday January 28, 2018*

NAME: _____ EMAIL _____

NAME: _____ NO. ATTENDING: ___ x \$37 = \$ _____

*Please make check to: SIR Branch 116 Dining
Mail to: Alex Lutkus, 4054 Castlewood Court, Concord, CA 94518
Call or e-mail Alex if you have questions. 925-827-2828 – alutkus@yahoo.com*

Having Fun at 2017 Christmas Dinner Dance





SIR Travel

By Don Murray, Travel Chairman
(dmurray721@comcast.net)

Some SIR Travel Opportunities Include:

Mar 4-8, 2018: Giants Spring Training. 5- day trip to Scottsdale to see three MBL Cactus league games. Reserved seats, R/T air for SFO, Accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn including breakfast. Hosted dinner at Talking Stick Resort/Casino and more for only \$1445.00pp. Contact Derlin German, Br. 58, Petaluma, 707-763-6162

Apr 22-30,2018: Explore the magnificent Northwest. Cruise about the American Empress from Clarkston WA, Richland, WA, The Dalles, Or. Stevenson, WA, Astoria, OR. and Portland, OR. Highlights include R/T airfare, all port tax, porter gratuities, wine and beer with dinner, complimentary shore excursions in each port. Free stay at famous Davenport Hotel. Lee Suess, Br.96, 408-309-1480

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.

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



"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 had four players and one viewer in December. There was a hard fought battle for first place with John Riordan edging out Alex Lutkus with a score of 256 to 260. John joined the ranks as a first time winner. I came in with 286 points with Gary Bonfiglio finishing with a few points more. Our viewer was Robbie Robinson who came by and watched a couple of rounds. Our scores ranged from 256 to 413.

Our regular game of Mexican Train is scheduled for **January 10th**. I am out of town both January and February but I will see if someone will host during those months.

We had Couples Train on November 29th. From memory we had four couples, McVean's, Powell's, Acamo's and Madden's. We were all winners as I don't have the scores with me in Kauai where I am preparing this report.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Alex Lutkus and Gary Bonfiglio celebrate 1st-time Mexican Train Winner John Riordan (sitting)



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.

January 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 03	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 10	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 17	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 24	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson
Wed. 31	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry

January 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 08	9:32	Boundary Oak	Fred Schafer
Tues. 16	9:32	Blue Rock East	Fred Schafer
Mon. 22	9:30	Canyon Lakes	Fred Schafer
Mon. 29	9:30	Paradise Valley	Fred Schafer

18-Hole Results

Canyon Lakes, Tue, Dec 26, 2017

David Harris, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Denny Giambastiani	72 3	1st	Gary Boswell	71 3	1st	Terry Sherman	69 3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	66 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	75 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	72 2	2nd	Kevin Donahue	83 2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	69 2
Tie 3rd	Phil Goff	79 1	3rd		3rd		3rd		3rd	Jerry Christopherson	76 1
Tie 3rd	David Harris	79 1									
<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>		
	Denny Giambastiani	85		Gary Boswell	92		Terry Sherman	102		Bill Hemmelsbach	102
<u>Closest-to #5</u>			<u>Closest-to #5</u>			<u>Closest-to #5</u>			<u>Closest-to #5</u>		
	Denny Giambastiani			Al Hutchko							

Delta View, Mon, Dec 18, 2017

Terry Sherman, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Bill McCord	69 3	1st	Al Hutchko	65 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	68 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	69 3
2nd	Al Zattero	75 2	2nd	Gary Boswell	70 2	2nd	Marty Katz	70 2	2nd	Art Vogl	72 2
3rd	Jom Johnson	73 1	Tie 3rd	Jim Barstow	72 1	3rd	Kevin Donahue	73 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	76 1
			Tie 3rd	Carlos Xavier	72 1						
<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>		
	Bill McCord	88		Gary Boswell	90		Alex Lutkus	95		Conrad Robertson	107
	Phil Goff	88		Jim Barstow	90						
<u>Closest-to</u>			<u>Closest-to</u>			<u>Closest-to</u>			<u>Closest-to</u>		
	Phil Goff			Don Schroeder			Dave Carlson			Robbie Robinson	

Boundary Oak, Mon, Dec 11, 2017

Gary Boswell, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Tie 1st	Al Zattero	71 3	Tie 1st	Bob Donohue	70 3	1st	Richard Madden	66 3	1st	Matt Arena	72 3
Tie 1st	Jim Johnson	71 3	Tie 1st	Don Schroeder	70 3	2nd	Kevin Donahue	69 2	Tie 2nd	Conrad Robertson	75 2
3rd	Denny Giambastiani	72 1	Tie 3rd	Al Hutchko	73 1	3rd	Ken Duley	72 1	Tie 2nd	Robbie Robinson	75 2
			Tie 3rd	Gary Boswell	73 1						
<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>		
	Denny Giambastiani	84		Don Schroeder	90		Richard Madden	94		Matt Arena	110
									Robbie Robinson	110	
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
	Phil Goff			Jim Barstow			Ken Duley				

Boundary Oak, Mon, Dec 4, 2017

Marty Katz, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Al Zattero	70 3	1st	Don Schroeder	74 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	70 3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	73 3
Tie 2nd	Alan Fitzgerald	73 2	2nd	Carlos Xavier	75 2	2nd	Dave Carlson	71 2	2nd	Wayne Cook	75 2
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	73 2	3rd	Al Hutchko	76 1	Tie 3rd	Kevin Donahue	73 1	3rd	Jerry Christopherson	76 1
						Tie 3rd	Terry Sherman	73 1			
<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>		
	Phil Goff	87		Don Schroeder	94		Alex Lutkus	97		Bill Hemmelsbach	108
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
				Al Hutchko			Dave Carlson			Bill Hemmelsbach	

Final 18-Hole Second Half Leaders, July-December 2017

<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>
Al Zavattero	23	Al Hutchko	30	Alex Lutkus	26	Bill Hemmelsbach	33
Phil Goff	21	Gary Boswell	28	Kevin Donahue	22	Robbie Robinson	25
Jim Johnson	21	Jim Barstow	24	Marty Katz	21	Conrad Robertson	21
Denny Giambastiani	18	Don Schroeder	23	Terry Sherman	17	Matt Arena	19
Alan Fitzgerald	14	Terry Grummitt	12	Bernie Wroblewski	15	Phil Jenkins	11
David Harris	14	Jim Clizbe	9	Dave Carlson	11	Art Vogl	10
Mel Williams	12	Carlos Xavier	7	Richard Madden	10	Jerry Christopherson	9
Michael Barrington	8	Hugh Duggan	5	Bob Testa	8	Wayne Cook	8
Bill McCord	8	Dirk Meyer	5	Pete Coggiola	6	Carl Langhorst	7
Jerry Hicks	6	Randy Welker	4	Phil Perrelli	4	Fred Schafer	5
Harry Oberle	5	Bob Price	4	Dick Chaffee	4	Ron Armijo	3
Bill Clark	2	Sam Beret	4	Jim Nickels	3		
Warren Garrison	2	Hank Mc Dermott	3	Al Satake	3		
		Bob Donohue	3	Kirk McVean	3		
		Andy Benz	2	Jim Videle	3		
				Ken Duley	2		

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, January 16	Blue Rock East	Jan. 07	\$44
Monday, January 22	Canyon Lakes	Jan. 11	\$40
Monday, January 29	Paradise Valley	Jan. 20	\$45
Tuesday, Feb. 20	San Ramon	Feb. 05	\$36
Monday, Feb 26	Lone Tree	Feb. 20	\$38

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



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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.

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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.