



SIR Branch 116
Trampas Topics
 Newsletter
 September, 2018

Next Meeting: 11:30 am
 Monday, Sept. 17, 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



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

Can you believe it that summer is almost over. With that Branch 116 has nominated and elected the new Branch Executive Committee. Better known as the BEC. I would like to introduce to you your 2019 BEC.



Big SIR Jerry Hicks, Little SIR Michael Barrington, Secretary Fred Schafer, Asst. Secretary Paul Ramacciotte, Treasurer Jim Nickels, Asst. Treasurer Al Satake and Bob Shader. Directors, Pete Coggiola, Dave Harris, Norm Alberts, Harry Sherinian and New Directors, Gary Boswell and Roger Craig. Nominating Committee, Marty Katz. Welcome and a Branch 116 Congratulations to all.

We are two months into our new seating program. I am hearing that it is working out well. Thank you all again for your cooperation and help.

I am reaching out to all of you. Our last lunch had an attendance of 140 out of 204 members 68%. We had 52 excused members. That is 25% of you missing. I realize some are sick, vacation, doctors appointments. I don't think it is 25% of the membership. We all joined for our own reasons. The operative phrase is, We Joined. What do you say, that we recommit our joining and give it our best shot of attending. What say you? Our venue is excellent, the food outstanding, our speakers entertaining and a lot of friends to share our third Monday of every month with.

My best to you all, Branch 116

Marty Katz, Big SIR



2018 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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945-7465



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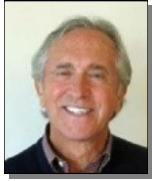
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2018 Activity Chairmen

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| • Book Group | Rich Black |
| • Book Exchange | John Fraser |
| • " " | Dick Kauffman |
| • Bridge | Jon Dickson |
| • Computer & Tech. | Neil Schmidt |
| • Dine-O-SIR | Alex Lutkus |
| • Duplicate Bridge | Conrad Robertson |
| • Fishing | Harry Sherinian |
| • Golf-18 Hole | Bernie Wroblewski |
| • " " Asst. | Jim Johnson |
| • Golf-9 Hole | Dick Chaffee |
| • " " Asst. | Darrell Mclaughry |
| • " " Asst. | Skip Berkson |
| • Golf - Reno | Paul Ramacciotti |
| • Golf - Carmel | Jim Barstow |
| • Hiking & Walking | Joel White |
| • " " Asst. | John Riordan |
| • Mexican Train | Richard Madden |
| • " " Asst. | Alex Lutkus |
| • Parties | J. Christopherson |
| • Poker | Lou Sandor |
| • \$ums in Retirement | Ben Smith |
| • Walking Tours | Alan Fitzgerald |
| • " " Asst. | Greg Hughes |
| • Wine Appreciation | Lou Meylan |

2018 Support Chairmen

RAMP Committees (or Chairmen or Departments)

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|--------------------|----------------|
| • Recruitment | Skip Berkson |
| • Activities | Norm Alberts |
| • Member Relations | Bob Donohue |
| • Publicity | Allan Chasnoff |

2018 Support Chairmen:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| • Audit Committee | Ron Armijo |
| • Nominating Committee | Paul Ramacciotti |
| • Sunshine Committee | Matt Arena |
| • Travel Committee | Don Murray |

Luncheon Support:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| • Attendance | Kevin Donohue |
| • Audio Visual | Neil Schmidt |
| • Chaplain Committee | Art Donaldson |
| • Greeters Committee | Paul Ramacciotti |
| • Interviewer | Max Foust |
| • Raffle Committee | Don Schroeder |
| • Speakers Committee | Jerry Hicks |
| • Storytellers Committee | Pete Coggiola |

Membership Relations Committee

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| • Computer Support | Neil Schmidt |
| • Email Contact | Phil Goff |
| • Membership Roster | George Pryhuber |

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

September 2018

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 	4 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Diablo Creek GC) Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr.)	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	----- Reno Golf Getaway -----		8
9	10 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	11 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	13	14 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Danville Railroad Museum Parking Lot)	15
16	17 SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30 @ Boundary Oak)	18 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Metropolitan GC)	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	20	21	22
23	24 18-Hole Golf (9:36@ Redwood Cyn GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	25 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	26 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	27 Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD) Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	28 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Reservoir West Parking Lot)	29
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Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	August 2018	2018 YTD
Contributions	\$ 7,676.82	\$ 49,761.51
Disbursements	\$ (7,359.40)	\$ (49,075.38)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 317.42	\$ 686.13
August 31st Cash Balance		\$ 8,819.10

September Birthdays

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

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Michael Barrington | 9. Henry Haugse |
| 2. Rich Black | 10. Allen Leschot |
| 3. Mike Carpenter | 11. Mike Loughery |
| 4. Mike Corker | 12. Hank McDermott |
| 5. Chris Doan | 13. Terry Miller |
| 6. Jim Dugan | 14. Jim Nachtweih |
| 7. Alan Fitzgerald | 15. Mel Williams |
| 8. Warren Garrison | 16. Carlos Xavier |



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is 204

Active Members Resigned:

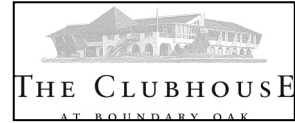
- Skip Berkson (moved out of area)
- Paul Harris (change to inactive)

Inactive Members Resigned:

- Dave Tittle (passed away 7/9/2018)

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

September Lunch Menu



SIRS 116 Luncheon
September 17, 2018

Salad

Spinach Strawberry Salad

Baby Spinach, Strawberries, Feta Cheese
Poppy Seed Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Chicken Piccata

Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables
Piccata Lemon Sauce

Or

Potato Crusted Cod

Alaskan Cod, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables
Lemon Chive Butter Sauce

Or

STUFFED CANNELLONI

Stuffed Pasta with Spinach & Ricotta Cheese, To-
mato Basil Sauce

Dessert

Pineapple Coconut Cake

Vanilla Cake, Caramel Sauce, Chantilly Cream

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/



Meeting Speaker
2018 Little SIR Jerry Hicks
(jerryhicks@astound.net)

Guy Bjerke is the **Director of Community Reuse Planning for the City of Concord**. He's responsible



for overseeing the implementation of the Reuse Area Plan for the redevelopment of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station. During his career he was the Manager, Bay Area Region for the Western States Petroleum Association; the Economic Development Director for the City of Antioch; CEO of the Homebuilders Association of Northern California (now Building Industry Association of the Bay Area); and a staff member for the Concord Chamber of Commerce and the California State Senate. He has over 30 years' experience in Bay Area issues through his governmental affairs work for the business community and the building industry. Guy earned a BA in Government from CSU, Sacramento. He is a former Mayor and Council member for the City of Concord and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Concord.

Valerie Barone has served as the **City Manager for the City of Concord, CA** (pop 129,000) since February of 2012. Concord is a full service



City with over 400 full-time, regular employees. Valerie has experience in the public and private sector. Prior to her role as City Manager in Concord, she

served as the Assistant City Manager in Concord, the Community and Economic Development Director for the City of Walnut Creek, and as Community & Recreation Services Director for the City of Milpitas. She also worked as a land use and environmental planner for the Company of Eric J. Toll, a Nevada Company, and served in the Peace Corps as a Community Development Specialist on Panay Island in the Philippines. She holds a B.S. degree in Natural Resources Planning from Humboldt State University and an MBA from Cal State Sacramento. She is on the Boards of the City Manager's Department of the League of California Cities and Women Leading Government, an affiliate organization to the International City and County Manager's Assn.

FISHING JOKE

A guy had planned a fishing trip to his favorite fishing spot on the flats of Florida.

He packed and began the trip to the water.

He launched his boat, motored to his sea trout honey hole, and began fishing.

In no time, he caught the biggest trout he'd ever caught.

He cast out again and was delighted to catch an even larger trout.

Every cast, he caught a trophy fish.

Then his mobile phone rang; it was the hospital telling him his wife had been admitted to the emergency room.

She may die, they told him.

The fisherman is worried, but he wants to catch the world record trout, so he decides to have just a few more casts.

He pulls in three more really huge trout, but his conscience begins to get the better of him, so he reluctantly pulls anchor and motors back to his car to go to the hospital.

Running into the emergency room, he meets up with a stern-looking doctor.

The doctor sees the man dressed for fishing and scolds the husband: "Your wife has been at death's door for hours now. You kept fishing after you were called, didn't you? You ought to be ashamed!"

The fisherman sobbed it was true.

"Well," said the doc, "I hope you had a good time; your wife will survive, but your fishing days are over..."

She will require constant care from now on... 24 hours per day. You will have to do everything for her."

The fisherman sobbed, "Oh God, I didn't think it was that bad, I feel terrible!!!!"

The doc grinned and nudged the fisherman with his elbow...

"Just kidding, buddy... she's dead. How many did you catch?"



Hiking & Walking

Joel White & John Riordan

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com, gcriordan@com)

The Friday August 9 walk led by Art Donaldson met at Panera Bread in the Countrywood shopping center on a perfect 70-degree morning. We walked west on the Regional Park trail past Heather Farm Park toward the Pleasant Hill BART, but were turned back by trail repairs. We all enjoyed coffee and conversation at Panera Bread. An unexpected surprise was meeting Jai and Gladys Yee on the walking trail.

The Friday August 23 walk led by John Riordan met at Inspiration Point in Tilden Park on a cool overcast morning. Sights included blowing mists, a bevy of quail, and a pair of rabbits. Walkers were Rich Black, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David Geary, Essie Nadaff, and John and Gail Riordan. Post-walk convocation was at Geppetto's, where we were met by Colleen Geary and Donna Arganbright (who is recovering from a concussion).

Joel White will lead the **Friday September 14** walk. Meet at 8:15 at the Danville Railway Museum (aka Museum of the San Ramon Valley). Post-walk convocation will be at the Sideboard Café at 90 Railroad Avenue in Danville. RSVP to Joel at zpz2mrz@gmail.com

David Geary will lead the **Friday September 28** walk. Meet at 8:15am at the west end of the Lafayette Reservoir parking lot and walk counter-clockwise around the reservoir. Post-walk convocation will be at Chow in Fiesta Square on Lafayette Circle. Bring a credit card or quarters for parking at the reservoir and Fiesta Square. RSVP to David at dsgeary@comcast.net

All walks are with or without significant others. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even 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 is a particular walk.

Anyone, including those from other SIR branches, wishing to join this mellow group, or to be added

to the e-mail contact list, should contact John Riordan at gcriordan@comcast.net or 925-284-3394.



Hiking & Walking Group at Panera Bread

(left to right are Al Farbman, Dan Green, Andrea Green, David Geary, Colleen Geary, Essie Naddaf, Richard Black, Alan Chasnoff, Joel White, Susan White, Lynda Chasnoff, and Mary Alice Donaldson; Art was behind the camera)



"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 meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:00 AM at the Church of Christ in Walnut Creek.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Jerry Bennett** returned to our luncheons after a short detour at Kaiser Hospital. It was good to see him active again.

SIR **Jerry Zampini** was to have surgery for a chronic condition very recently. As of this writing I do not have an update on his condition. Let us hope that every thing went well.

SIR **Tim Dorr** is now in San Ramon doing some rehabilitation. He sounded good on my last contact with him. Tim is ever the optimist so not to worry.

SIR **Cliff Egan** lost his wife Grete on August 16 . Services will be at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 29,2018 at 2 pm - 399 Wiget Lane ,Walnut Creek. Both Cliff and Grete were responsible for starting the Diablo Light Opera company as well as providing college scholarship to foster young women.

The more I think it over, the more I feel that there is nothing more truly ARTISTIC than to LOVE people.

Vincent van Gogh



Meeting Attendance

Kevin Donahue

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

August 20, 2018 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	204
Guests/Visitors:	5
Transfers & Inductees:	3
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	58
Excused due to long term illness:	2
Members NOT excused:	11
Total Attendance:	142
% of Active Members in Attendance	66%

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



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's bridge meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month for lunch & bridge at Diablo Country Club. If you have any interest in playing bridge, please join us for the afternoon. Play is Chicago Style, changing partners every 4 hands, with small prizes for the high total scores. Very relaxed and low key!

We usually have 5 or 6 tables for the game and you get to meet & play with a whole new group of SIR's. Do join us for bridge!

There is also a duplicate game every first Tuesday of the month at the Bridge Center in Concord. Contact Conrad Robertson for details on this game.



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus

(alutkus@yahoo.com)

The Dine-O-SIR group last met on August 28th at FAZ RESTAURANT in Danville. The next meeting will be in October. If you are interested in attending one of these popular events, contact Alex Lutkus, by e-mail: alutkus@yahoo.com or by phone: 827-2828.



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



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

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The Book Group met on Monday August 27, 2018 to discuss "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann" a tale of ethnic serial killing of the Oklahoma Osage Native Americans. Tom White, a former Texas Ranger turned FBI investigator, systematically worked the voluminous and contradictory accounts to eventually identify several of the men responsible for some of the murders.

Rich Black led the discussion with John Kopchik, Bob Wolf, Tim Tinnes, Richard White, Art Donaldson, Larry Heaton, John Riordan, Mike Schneider, Jerry Zampino, Al Farbman, Jim Flessner, Mike Barrington, Nick Bowles, Garret Girvan, and Jerry Christopherson.

Most found the book well research and written especially as it reveals a little known and deplorable situation which careful and savvy agents of the new FBI were called to address. The group awarded it 4.1 stars.

The group agreed to meet again on **September 24** to discuss "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen.

The Book Group meets at 10:15 am at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Everyone is invited to participate in the book exchange you have a three tables works for you to pick from we welcome donations , your participation if you were cleaning out your library welcome the donation of any books that you have enjoyed



Don Schroeder and Al Zavatero have a "puzzled" look following a Jim Clizbe putting lesson
(Taken at Crow Canyon GC)

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$UMS in Retirement is back from its summer break. We'll meet again on **Wed Sep 26** at 8 AM at Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4.

Our speaker will be one of our regulars, John W. Hutchinson of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Walnut Creek. His topic is "The place for municipal bonds in your portfolio."

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

Also see the \$UMS website which lists topics covered at \$UMS meetings starting in 2013. Many of these include attachments with speaker's outlines and slides. See: <http://www.a2sums.sirinc2.org/>

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

Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.net



Walking Tours

Alan Fitzgerald

(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

The next outing will be on the 4th Saturday instead of the 3rd Saturday in September (Sept. 22). Hope this doesn't cause any problems for anyone.

We will be heading to the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco. The Museum is located across from the Civic Center Plaza and City Hall. We will meet in the lobby at 10:30 for a photo opt. Bart is a very good option for transportation. Exit at the Civic Center Station and walk the couple of blocks to the Museum. The Museum has a Café which is a good possibility for lunch. Additional information about the Art Museum can be found on their Web Site: Asianart.org.



Wine Appreciation Group

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

Our July 26th Wine Appreciation get together was at the home of Jon Dickson. It featured wines from the Grgich-Hills Cellars of Rutherford, CA. The wines sampled were Fume Blanc, Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon.

The next get together will be **September 27th** at the home of Bill McCallum. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Bill McCallum at 925-939-5045.

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



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The next meeting of the Area 16 Computer and Technology Group will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday September 20, 2018 starting at 9:30 am. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend. Plan to come early for coffee, goodies and chat.

SIR Phil Goff will present detailed instructions about downloading, installing and running the most popular password manager program called LastPass. It's the best way to store all of your passwords and have the program automatically enter them when you visit a secure website. Lastpass works on Desktops, laptops, smartphones and both PC's and Apple. Once you start using it, you will wonder how you ever got along without it. No more forgotten passwords or nasty messages that your username or password is incorrect.

Additionally, Phil will show you how to send and receive text messages with ease. As most of you know, younger people and all business people, constantly use texting.. We know that typing text messages on those small screens is nearly impossible, so Phil will show you how to dictate and edit your messages with ease. Also, we show how to attach photos and even send emojis. We'll do it in real time so bring your smartphones and you will become a texting pro.

Presentation notes should be available on the CAT Web page (a2cat.sirinc2.org) several days prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 AM, Thursday September 20.. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. 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

SIR State Convention

The State SIR annual convention was held in early August at the Thunder Valley Resort and Casino north of Rocklin, a superb site. Election of State Officers was held and Walnut Creek resident Ed Benson was elected to succeed Derek Southern as 2019 president.



Ed spoke of the four commitments:

- Improve Training quality and increase participation by bringing training closer to the branches.
- To look at the future of SIR.
- He reported that his team is looking into new branch startups in four geographical areas and will report progress.
- As a result of some personal study & research he believes that the keys to growth are tied to our ability to do several things. We must recruit effectively and satisfy our members so as to eliminate avoidable resignations. We must establish an attractive image and remove barriers that prevent men from joining SIR. We must lead effectively while cooperating and communicating with each other.

Ed introduced the slogan; "Let's all work together and turn this place around". He also recommends removing the word "retirement" from our logo and communications. It's not been a requirement for membership for some time.

A member asked how many lunch meetings does a member have attend to maintain his membership. Derek noted that this is the subject of a rule change to be addressed at the September Special meeting. Derek suggested the answer could be that the decision be left up to the branch.

RAMP is working. Presentations were made by four Branches.

Ed stated that the four expectations of our membership are: Be a fairly sociable guy, participate, bring guests, and volunteer when asked.

By Jerry Hicks, substituting for Big SIR Marty Katz



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, September 27th**, in 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. Contact Harry Sherinian 510-207-7067 Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator.

It is the policy of this report to give the names of the successful fishermen. However, this year fishing for salmon is so wonderful, that list would take pages. EVERYBODY scored! BIG fish, too. It is splendid. Bob Fuller went far afield to Georgia for striped bass, and Isla Morada Florida for yellow-tail. Tom Kostik, Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, and Mike Corker continue to enjoy black bass fishing in the delta. Pete Gates, and Tom Boltz had success in Alaska on their annual trip, catching salmon, halibut, and rockfish. Carl Moyer, Bob Stein, Phil Scimollini, Ray Pixton, Gordon Linebaugh, Bob Hillaker, Rich Fiscina, and Brion Bates all caught ling cod and rockfish locally. Ron Lew got a shark and halibut in the bay, and Harry Sherinian got a 6ft. Thresher shark while fishing for salmon. Karl Droese enjoyed the fishing in Baja for Dorado.



Harry Sherinian with his 6 ft. Thresher Shark

2019 SIR Branch 116 Officer & Director Nominations



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SIR Travel

Don Murray

(dmurray721@comcast.net)

September 3-13: Alaska Inside Passage: 11 day Grand Princess Cruise starting in SF With ports of call at Skagway, Ketchikan, Juneau, Glacier Bay National Park and Victoria, BC .Includes R/t transfers to SF Pier, Luggage Handling for One Suitcase per person, Govt ,Port Taxes, Porter Gratuities and Pre-Trip Orientation. Price from \$2265 Inside to \$3235 Balcony per person. Contact Roy Newman #45 530 755-3713 roy.newman@comcast.net

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 Yarberr, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

Sep 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage. 11-day Grand Princess Cruise starting in SF with ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria B.C. Trip includes R/T transfer, Gratuities, Shipboard credit, and Photo. Cost \$1899.00 to \$3249 depending on cabin. Tom Molinari, Br 147, 707-762-1880. stmolinari@sbcglobal.net

Sep 17-25, 2018: The BIG E. The largest fair on the East Coast. Fall colors, culture, history, entertainment, shopping, food and drink. Highlights include Eastern States Exhibition, Storrowton Village, Springfield Museum, Dr Seuss Sculpture Garden, Big E Circus and Parade, Ben and Jerry Factory, Lunch at Trapp Family Lodge, Quechee Gorge Loon Gondola ride, Portland City Tour and Lighthouse Lovers Cruise. Trip includes R/T air, accommodations, deluxe motor coach, Meals, admission fees, gratuities. all taxes, and driver, step on guide fees. Lee Suess, Br 96, 408-309-1480.

Sept 20 – 27 2018 Islands of New England: Eight-day escorted tour. Highlights – Providence, Newport, Boston, Cranberry Bog, Plymouth Plantation, Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, Lobster Dinner, Provincetown, Hyannis, Nantucket. Br. 38 Escorted by Bill Rodman 408 274-4521 or Alan Patmore 408

867-4197 Cost: \$3349 pp dbl occupancy Covered are air taxes & fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, gratuities & R/T air fare from SFO & transfer to/from airport. Please note: Spots of this trip are guaranteed only until March 13, 2018

Oct 21-31-2018: Crystal Mozart River Cruise. Enjoy Europe’s majesty and history of the scenic Wachau Valley, An Austrian wonderland. Stops include Durnstein, Melk, Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna. Prices start at \$6485 for deluxe stateroom with large picture window. Crystal’s complimentary services includes butler, gratuities, unlimited refreshments, free internet, port charges, and transfers. Larry Martinson, Br 114, 408528-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

Oct 24 – Nov 2, 2018: Tastes and Sounds of the South 3 Nights Nashville, 2 Nights Memphis, 1 Night Natchez, 3 Nights New Orleans. Price \$3595.00 per person. Price includes all transportation, all gratuities, hand-picked Insider Experiences, plus other First Class Travel highlights. Contact: Bill Stires Br. #143 (209) 544-2684

Nov 5 -13, 2018 Branson, MO Bentonville, Arkansas and Beyond Wine, Dine and Yacht with Branson entertainers and see beautiful scenery and historic sites of Northwest Arkansas. Price includes home pick-up, professional tour guide, round-trip air fare and transfers, 8 night deluxe hotel accommodations, and more./ Cost: \$2935 per person dbl occupancy – \$3470 Single. Br 141 Co-escorts: Brian Serpa 408 227-7658 & Rollo Parsons 408 268-5245

Some SIR Travel

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





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:

- 2018 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.

September 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 12	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 26	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

September 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 10	9:32	Boundary Oak	Phil Jenkins
Tues. 18	9:30	Metropolitan	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 24	9:36	Redwood Cyn.	Phil Jenkins

18-Hole Results

Eagle Vines, Mon, Aug. 27, 2018

Fred Schafer, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st David Harris	66 3	1st Bernie Wroblewski	73 3	1st Al Hutchko	72 3	1st Fred Schafer	73 3
2nd Jim Barstow	68 2	2nd Harry Oberle	74 2	2nd Dave Carlson	73 2	2nd Wayne Cook	79 2
Tie 3rd Jim Johnson	70 1	3rd Don Schroeder	78 1	3rd Terry Grummitt	80 1	3rd Bill Hemmelsbach	80 1
Tie 3rd Mel Williams	70 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
David Harris	83	Harry Oberle	95	Al Hutchko	97	Fred Schafer	108
<u>Closest-to #14</u>		<u>Closest-to #14</u>		<u>Closest-to #14</u>		<u>Closest-to #14</u>	
Jim Barstow		Bernie Wroblewski		Dave Carlson		Fred Schafer	

Rossmoor, Tue, Aug 21, 2018

Harry Oberle, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Tie 1st Alan Fitzgerald	67 3	1st Al Zattero	65 3	Tie 1st Terry Grummitt	72 3	1st Fred Schafer	75 3
Tie 1st Jim Johnson	67 3	2nd Don Schroeder	69 2	Tie 1st Terry Sherman	72 3	2nd Jerry Christopherson	77 2
3rd Don Benioff	71 1	3rd Hank McDermott	70 1	3rd Kirk McVean	73 1	3rd Greg Hughes	84 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald	82	Al Zattero	85	Terry Grummitt	97	Fred Schafer	109
<u>Closest-to #16</u>		<u>Closest-to #16</u>		<u>Closest-to #16</u>		<u>Closest-to #16</u>	
Jim Barstow		Al Zattero		Terry Sherman			

Crow Canyon CC, Mon, Aug 13, 2018

Bernie Wroblewski, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Jim Johnson	64 3	1st Bob Price	64 3	1st Al Hutchko	64 3	1st Wayne Cook	64 3
2nd Mel Williams	65 2	2nd Bernie Wroblewski	67 2	2nd Bob Conlon	69 2	2nd Art Vogl	73 2
3rd Jim Barstow	68 1	Tie 3rd Marty Katz	75 1	Tie 3rd Dave Carlson	40 1	3rd Kevin Donahue	77 1
		Tie 3rd Don Schroeder	75 1	Tie 3rd Pete Coggiola	70 1		
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Jim Johnson	81	Bob Price	89	Al Hutchko	90	Wayne Cook	99
<u>Closest-to</u>		<u>Closest-to</u>		<u>Closest-to</u>		<u>Closest-to</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald				Randy Welker		Kevin Donahue	

Dublin Ranch, Mon, Aug 6, 2018

Conrad Robertson, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Jim Johnson	55 3	1st Al Zattero	53 3	1st Richard Madden	59 3	1st Jerry Christopherson	53 3
2nd David Harris	58 2	2nd Hank McDermott	55 2	2nd Al Hutchko	63 2	2nd Conrad Robertson	57 2
Tie 3rd Phil Goff	59 1	3rd Don Schroeder	57 1	3rd Dave Carlson	66 1	3rd Art Vogl	58 1
Tie 3rd Jim Barstow	59 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Jim Johnson	71	Al Zattero	71	Richard Madden	79	Kevin Donahue	85
<u>Closest-to</u>		<u>Closest-to</u>		<u>Closest-to</u>		<u>Closest-to</u>	
Phil Goff		Marty Katz		Terry Sherman		Conrad Robertson	

2018 Second Half Leaders (as of Eagle Vines, Mon, August 27, 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>
Jim Johnson	15	Al Zavattero	15	Dave Carlson	11	Wayne Cook	10
Mel Williams	9	Harry Oberle	13	Al Hutchko	11	Fred Schafer	9
Phil Goff	7	Bernie Wroblewski	9	Richard Madden	8	Conrad Robertson	6
Jim Barstow	7	Don Schroeder	5	Terry Grummitt	6	Jerry Christopherson	6
David Harris	5	Bob Price	3	Bob Testa	4	Art Vogl	5
Jerry Hicks	3	Hank McDermott	3	Kirk McVean	4	Kevin Donahue	4
Alan Fitzgerald	3	Tom O'Brien	1	Terry Sherman	4	Matt Arena	3
Jim McCormick	2	Marty Katz	1	Bob Conlon	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	3
Bill McCord	1			Randy Welker	1	Robbie Robinson	2
Don Benioff	1			Pete Coggiola	1	Greg Hughes	1

2018 First Half Winners (June 25, 2018)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Jim Barstow	28	Don Schroeder	25	Al Hutchko	40	Wayne Cook	24

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>
September 18	Metropolitan	Sept. 06	\$36
September 24	Redwood Canyon	Sept. 15	\$37
October 16	Paradise Valley	Oct. 06	\$45
October 22	Rancho Solano	Oct. 12	\$45
October 29	Lone Tree	Oct. 20	\$38

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
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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.