

## 'Trampas Topics June, 2005

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.


## Sayings of 2005 Big Sir, Ron Domer

Many thanks to Bill McCord for his efforts in planning the Spring Party held on May $18^{\text {th }}$ at Blakes. We had a good turnout with over 170 paid (there were a few no shows due to the Flu - don't forget to bring a note from your doctor). Music and food were great and there was a lot of dancing and good conversation. I also want to thank John Story and Frank Crua who assisted Bill. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Christmas Party on December $7^{\text {th }}$ at Blakes.

We had a great day of golf at Poppy Hills on May $10^{\text {th }}$. It was the first time I can remember seeing the sun while playing golf in the Carmel/Monterrey area. We had beautiful weather and a good turnout. Many thanks to Tom Robinson, David Geary, Davy Harris and all the others who make our golf club such a success. I don't play Bridge with the SIR Bridge Club but understand it is also very successful. Thanks to Milt Greenstein and the others who lead the group.

For those of you who use the Branch 116 websites for golf information, etc., please note the new website addresses shown on Page 5 of this Newsletter!

We are coming up on six months into our club year. I must be having fun because it sure is goin' by mighty fast. Here are a few more Tennessee colloquialisms:

Cheer: A piece of furniture used for sitting. "Pull up a cheer and take a pull on this here jug."

Lag: A support. " I'm tard of sittin' on this damn cheer with only three lags!"
Hale: The nether region, the opposite of Heaven. " That Bob is mean. I tell you that boy'd cross Hale on a rotten rail!"

Flare: The colorful end of some plant stems, usually with several petals. "I was gonna' give Maw some purty flares for our anniversary but I got her a new wringer for the warsher instead."

## June Lunch Menu

Chicken Tortillas Spanish Rice
Salad
Bread \& Butter
Dessert


## Horoscope for Gemini / Cancer

You are developing a strangely magnetic personality. Soon people you don't even know will begin hanging around with you, hoping for some small sign of your attention. Also, iron filings will begin sticking to the tip of your nose.

## Branch 116 Leadership for 2005



## Committee Chairmen

| Attendance | Jim Nachtweih | $838-7417$ | Investment | Ben Smith | $820-5403$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Audit | Dick Thomson | $944-1760$ | Membership | Roland Scrivner | $938-9078$ |
|  | Dan Pope | $939-5483$ | Membership Roster | Dick Thomson | $944-1760$ |
| Bridge | Milt Greenstein | $376-5589$ | Newsletter Editor | Phil Goff | $831-3692$ |
| Candy Sales | Ron Radakovich | $939-4337$ | - Proofreader | John Maclay | $937-2399$ |
| Chaplain | Harry Shaner | $933-2493$ | Photographer | Ken Miller | $256-9419$ |
| Christmas Party | Bill McCord | $376-5280$ | Piano | Bob Lake | $837-4054$ |
| Computers | Dick Thomson | $944-1760$ | Poker | Bill Harrington | $935-1625$ |
| Fishing | Dick Thomson | $944-1760$ | Spring Party | Bill McCord | $376-5280$ |
| Golf | Tom Robinson | $798-4276$ | Sunshine | Bill Harrington | $935-1625$ |
| Golf Handicap | David Harris | $672-5543$ | Travel | Kirk McVean | $937-5403$ |
| Greeters | Bob Farmer | $933-3365$ |  | Jim Cobb | $689-1504$ |
| Historian | Matt Arena | $946-0404$ | Volunteers | Bob Kinser | $837-8886$ |
| Host | Frank Crua | $932-0975$ | Webmaster | Floyd Skelton | $838-2515$ |
| Interviewer | Bill Mowris | $672-2885$ |  |  |  |



## June, 2005 Sunshine Report

## Bill Harrington

Al Keefauver is home recuperating after receiving chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Sorry to report that Sheldon Lawrence had a heart attack on April 15. He is now home recovering.


## Membership Summary for May, 2005

## Roland Scrivner

Total Current Members - 259
This Month's Inductees - 1
Those in Interview Stage - 2
Total in Process - 10
On Inactive Status - 28
Left the Branch - 1

Patrick Bermingham \#158 resigned. He plans to spend more time in Tahoe.
Roland Scrivner \#116. e-mail changed to
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## NEW MEMBERS TO BE INDUCTED ON June

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## Guest Speaker for June



## Joe Roebuck

Our June 20 luncheon speaker will be Joe Roebuck. The subject of his talk will be "Silicon Valley Lessons". Joe is a graduate of Cornell with an BA in Liberal Arts.

He served 4 years as a Naval Officer in U. S. Navy. He spent three years as an Account Executive in the Wall St. Office of Merrill Lynch.
He left Merrill Lynch to enter the computer business with Honeywell Information Systems. Started as a salesman in New York City and left in 1980 as Vice president of Sales for the Western United States in San Francisco.
He joined Apple Computer in 1980 as Director of Market Development. Over a three year period, drove Apple to number 1 in education market and helped grow the company from $\$ 48$ million to over $\$ 1.5$ billion in sales.
He joined Osborne Computer as Vice President of Marketing in 1983 as part of a team to take the Company public. Left four months latter when Osborne went into bankruptcy (Learned a lot!).
He joined Sun Microsystems as Vice President of Sales for U.S. and Asia in 1983. Retired from Sun In 2000 as Vice President of Worldwide Sales. During that period, built sales from 8.9 million to 18.9 billion, and increased the sales staff from 10 people to over 10,000 people worldwide. Also opened the China market for Sun, and started "Evenings at the White House " web broadcasts for President and Hillary Clinton. Was major player in building Sun into a large Fortune 500 company .
Joe is currently retired, serving as an advisor to Arcot Systems, Net Continuum and Liquid Computing. He is also appearing in theater productions in the Bay Area, including The Willows Theatre in Concord and the Center for the Performing Arts in Walnut Creek.

## Guess which Branch 116 SIR is a Theater Performer!



The Glacier Guild of the John Muir Medical Center Auxiliary held a Mystery Theater presentation on April 15 at the San Ramon Community Center for about 200 guests. Our very own Ben Smith played Sam Slayed in Penny Warner's "Murder in the Library."


## Dick Thomson

Lots to talk about this month. April 10-15, seven members of our group went to Collins Lake near Marysville for trout. Branch 8's Richard Bal was the Fishmaster. All participants did well and had a great time. But, no records as to fish caught. Tom Hensley of Branch 8 was the heavyweight as far as those catching were concerned. In the very first week of May, six of our members went to McSwain/McClure Reservoir in the foothills near Snelling. This was a trip for real "hairy chested men", who weren't afraid to sleep on the ground and otherwise rough it. This time they really hit it big!!! In the four days they were there they caught 60 good sized trout. Most ranged from 14 - 16 inches; some were 18 inches. Tom Hensley, as usual, was the winner on weight. But, all had plenty to bring home and brag about. Way to go guys!!!

Tom Hensley's "Newby" program took another step forward on May 5, with two of our members taking out Bill Mohair, Branch 8 member in waiting, for a fishing trip to San Pablo Reservoir. They caught two "crappie" (panfish with lots of bones) but no trout. Tom was out there that same afternoon with two of his grandsons. The boys had a bit better luck, catching some trout, but, all had a great time and hopefully learned some tricks for the next trip(s).

The Fishing Group had its annual "Day at the Races" at Golden Gate Fields on May 12. Bob Olson (Branch 116) was the Fishmaster and did a bang-up job. Some 32 members and their wives attended to watch the races from the spectacular Turf Club. The Track, of course, served an exceptional, complementary buffet, with choices of mexican, fish and roast beef. Lots of chocolate cake and other deserts for those so inclined (and most were so inclined). The weather was perfect, track was fast and the parimutual vendors happy to take your money. From what appears, there were more winners than losers, so much to look forward to for next year.

Our "Newbies" and, for that matter, our regular members were treated to a great talk by Bob Aguilar of Aguilar Fishing Adventures, a guide at Eagle Lake and Almanor, at our last regular meeting (April 23) on the lures and other techniques needed to be successful at these venues. We're looking forward to additional speakers (e.g. Coast Guard on boat safety,
etc). Remember, if you're not fishing, you're not trying.

As far as the calendar for the next 3 months, the Fishing Group still has planned one or more trips to McAvoy's (Pittsburg) in the Delta for stripers (as soon as conditions allow); day trips for Newbies to San Pablo Reservoir for trout as conditions permit (Tom
Hensley is Fishmaster); trip to Pit River for trout but mainly fly fishing, May 15-20 (Don Mittelsteadt is Fishmaster); trip to Lake Almanor for trout May 2227 (Richard Bal is Fishmaster); trip to the American River for shad June 1 (Tom Hensley is Fishmaster); social for families at Irish Pub June 16 (Ed Dijkman and Bill Hooy are Fishmasters); trip (fly and lake) to Norden for trout June 20 to 24 (Tom Hensley is Fishmaster); trip (fly and lake) to Grass Valley for trout/kokanee July 24 to 28 (Bill Hooy is Fishmaster); trip to New Melones Reservoir near Angel's Camp for kokanee August 7-12 (Al Brunner is Fishmaster); and Trip to Montana for trout September 12-16 (John Wall is Fishmaster). Much more is planned, but this summarizes the next 3 or so months.

If you want to hear more, please come to one of our meetings (the $4^{\text {th }}$ Thursday of the Month) at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meetings start at 8:30 a.m. For further information, please contact Bill Hooy (Big Fish)(925-686-2627); Dick Thomson (Branch 116 Coordinator)(925-9441763) or Terry Miller (Treasurer/Secretary)(925-686-9298). All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged, to participate in the fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings.


## Bridge

## Milt Greenstein

The Branch 116 Duplicate Bridge group convened at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center on April 5 at 9:30 am for a session with 22 players attending. First place was won by the team of Dick Chaffee/Jai Yee with 119 points, ( 62.0 \% ). Second place went to Jack Butler/ Floyd Skelton with 58.3 \%, and third place to Dick Schlueter/Paul Weiby with 51.6 \%.

## (Bridge, cont. from page 4)

On the $12^{\text {th }}$ of April, the lunch/bridge group met at Roundhill CC with 35 men gathering. High scorer was Bill Sullivan with 6010 points, followed by Jai Yee ( 5270 ), in third place was Paul Weiby (5080) . Fourth place was a tie between Dick Chaffee and Bill Andrews ( 5060 ). Small slams were bid and made by Paul Weiby/Jai Yee, Paul Weiby/Bob Anderson, and Roy Heidtke/Ben Yeraka.

On April $26^{\text {th }}, 24$ men joined in lunch and bridge (we had 10 of our regulars off on a one week bridge cruise to Baja California, arranged by Ben Yeraka ). Warren Westrup was high man with 6640 points, closely challenged by Jack Butler with 6500 . Third place went to Dick Chaffee with 5340, fourth to Bob Wolf with 5080, and fifth to Jim Nachtweih with 4700. Only one small slam was bid and made today by Jack Butler/ Bob Wolf.
On April $15^{\text {th }}$, the Area 2 annual bridge event was held. Branch 116 was well represented with 20 players joining in. Unfortunately, the cards weren't coming our way, and all of our teams finished out of the money. But we had a good time anyway.


## Area 2 Computer User Group

Floyd Skelton \& Dick Curry


Meetings of the Area 2 Computer Users Group are held at the Social Hall of the Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave. (off N. Main, one block north of the Treat/Geary/N. Main intersection). Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All SIR members are invited to attend these informative sessions.
Our next scheduled meeting will be held June 16th. At this meeting we will follow on to our May presentation on Microsoft's Office XP with a presentation on tips for using Microsoft's Word software program. We'll also have time to talk and hopefully resolve your computer problems and talk about some interesting web sites. For more information please visit our web site which has been relocated to : http://www.sir-web.org/computer/.

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## Branch 116 New Website Addresses

Floyd Skelton has arranged for a new company to host our websites. Effective immediately the new addresses are as follows. Please bookmark the changes.

Main Web Site - http://www.sir-web.org/116-web/ Golf - http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf/
Activity Calendar - http://www.sir-web.org/calendar/ Trampas Topics - http://www.sir-web.org/trampas/


## \$ums In Retirement

## Ben Smith

\$ums In Retirement (Area-2) Financial Group, will meet on Wednesday, June 22, 2005.
The meeting will take place at Diablo Creek Golf Course (Grill Room) starting at 8:00am. Breakfast will be served at anytime after 7:00am. The meeting will conclude around 9:30am.
The meeting location is at the northern intersection of Hwy 4, and Port Chicago Hwy, Concord. No Reservations are required, just come and join the group and bring your questions and ideas. Feel free to bring a friend.
Our Guest speaker will be MR. TIM A. SMITH, Vice President, Wachovia Investments.

Mr. SMITH will offer his insights into Investments strategies in this volatile and ever-changing Investment climate. He will offer suggestions on how to formulate your investments and build your Retirement income.
If you have questions, contact SIR Ben Smith-tele: 925-820-5403, e-mail-bjsssmith@aol.com


Speakers, John Glazier and Jill Lubarsky of CMG Mortgage Services spoke in May about strategies on how to make money in today's real estate market.

## Ladies Day Dance on May 18, 2005 was a Great Success! Thanks to Our Organizer, Bill McCord




## TRAVEL- Kirk McVean and Jim Cobb

Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated in the announcement.

## 2005 SIR Sports Schedule

SF Giants v Atlanta Braves. SBC

Oakland A's v Anaheim Angels. Oakland Coliseum, Wednesday, August 11th at 12:35 p.m. Contact Bob Lippincott, 21305 Kahlert Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94596. 510-538-9291.

## Local Travel:

## July 20, 2005 SIR Day at SBC Park

Branch \#171 is sponsoring an escorted bus trip to SBC Park for SIRs Day. Departs from Rheem Shopping Center in Moraga and drops off at SBC Park. Price includes Transportation and Tips, Tickets to the Game, and a Gourmet Box Lunch and Refreshements. Price is $\$ 60$ per person. Contact Fred Stammen at 283-1956.

## September 8, 2005 - Beach Blanket Babylon

Branch \#191 is sponsoring a night at Steve Silver's Beach Blanket Babylon. Includes roundtrip coach from Heather Farms, dinner at Caesar's restaurant and balcony seating at the Club Fugazi. Contact Ed DiBetta at 925-228-5606.

## September 6, 2005-The Italian Girl of Algiers

A night at the San Francisco Opera. Includes Motorcoach transportation from Heather Farms. A no host dinner at Pier 39, admission to the humorous Opera, The Italian Girl of Algiers. Call Bob Hagler at 925-934-7620.

## Not So Local Travel:

## August 30-31, 2005

Tea and Tiaras. Join us for a very special tea party and a vintage fashion show at the Reno Hilton. Tour includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, one night accommodations at the Reno Hilton, Complimentary breakfast and dinner buffet, and admission to a special tea party and vintage fashion show.. Cost is $\$ 87 \mathrm{pp}$, dbl occ. Call Carl Raaka at 925-254-0482.

## September 29-October 10, 2005

Black Sea Cruise. Discover the beauty of Eastern Europe on a new deluxe River Cruise Ship starting in Budapest and ending in Bucharest. Cruise includes $\mathrm{r} / \mathrm{t}$ air, 25 meals, shore excursions and transfers. Two precruise nights in Budapest and one post cruise night in Bucharest. Cost is $\$ 3295 \mathrm{pp} \mathrm{dbl}$ occ. Call Bob Spellman, Branch \#146 at 934-8428.

## October 12 - Noember 2, 2005

Australia and New Zealand. A 22-day excursion through Australia and New Zealnad featuring Auckland, Cambridge, Rotorua, Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Dunedin, Twizel, Melbourne, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef \& Sydney. Tour includes RT airfare, accommodations in 3 to 4 star hotels for 19 nights, deluxe motorcoach transportation, daily breakfast, 2 lunches and 17 dinners. Cost is $\$ 4980 \mathrm{pp} \mathrm{dbl}$ occ. Call Bob Hagler at 925-934-7620.

## November 6-7, 2005

Fiddler on the Roof. Sunday matinee Musical performance at the Carson City Community Center. Includes motorcoach transportation, luggage handling, one night accommodations at the Sands Regency Hotel Casino, Admission to the Sunday matinee performance of Fiddler on the Roof. Cost is $\$ 85 \mathrm{pp}, \mathrm{dbl}$ occ. Call Carl Raaka at 925-254-0482.

## December 30, 2005-January 9, 2006

Mexico and the California Coast. Cruise round trip from San Francisco for 11 days on the Dawn Princess. Stops include Catalina Island, Cabo San Lucas, Maztalan, Puerto Vallarta and San Diego. A gala New Year's eve celebration will be provided on board the Dawn Princess. All inclusive price ranges from $\$ 1605 \mathrm{pp}$ for an Interior Stateroom to $\$ 2035 \mathrm{pp}$ for an Oceanview room with Balcony. Contact Fred Stammen at 925-283-1956.



9 Hole Golf Group

## The Golf Website has a New Address and More Info.

## May 4 Results:

17 golfers participated today in our 9 hole golf tournament at Buchanan Fields. The rains held off and we had a very pleasant golfing day.

Two teams tied for the team title. The team of Bob Shader, Jai Yee, Troy Powell \& Al Leschot and the team of Bob Daily, Grove Fox \& Cord Hull both had net 22 s.

Cord Hull won individual scoring honors with a 36 . He was followed by Al Leschot with a 37.
In fact, Cord carried his team of Grove Fox, Bob Daily and himself to a tie for team honors with a net 22 .

## Closest to the Pin winners were:

Hole 3: 1. Grove Fox, 2. Bill Hoban, 3. Bill Stoll Hole 5: 1. Bill Hoban 2. Dick Chaffee 3. Otto

## Rinkert

## May 18 Results:

15 golfers braved the weather and participated in our May 18th 9 hole golf tournament at Buchanan Fields. The rains held off, but we had a cool, windy day.

This was a team event. The team of Dick Chaffee, Doug Aalders, Grove Fox and Bill Hoban won the event with net 20 .

Dick Chaffee won the individual scoring honors with a 35 followed by Troy Powell and Doug Aalders with 40s.

Closest to the Pin winners were:
Hole 3: 1.Doug Aalders, 2.Bob Kinser, 3.Bill Hoban
Hole 5: 1.Bob Daily, 2.Bob Shader, 3. Floyd Skelton

Effective Immediately the Golf Website has a new address, http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf/ The old address will continue to work for awhile, but will discontinued in July. Please bookmark the change in your "Favorites" list of websites.

Also, the new website will continue much more information. Highlights of the new features follow:

- 2005 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.
- 18-Hole Pairings: Weekly, usually on the Friday or Saturday prior to the event, showing captains, teams, starting times, and handicaps.
- $\quad$ 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Weekly, usually within a day or two of the event.
- 9-Hole Results: Bi-weekly, also usually within a couple of days of the event.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Weekly, showing checks that have been received for the next 3 or 4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Weekly, shortly following 18 -hole events, and the monthly luncheon when most signups occur. This listing will show who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions, and whether they have indicated using a cart.

All SIR 116 members are encouraged and invited to offer comments, additions, suggestions, and corrections to the site. Please send your e-mail to: sir116.golf@sbcglobal.net

## Preventing Identity Theft

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed that I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed.

When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature on the credit card with the signature I just signed on the receipt.

So I signed the credit card in front of her.
She carefully compared that signature to the one I signed on the receipt.
As luck would have it, they matched!

## 18 Hole Golf Leader Board as of March 28, 2005



# SIR BRANCH 116 <br> CARSON CITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 

## AUGUST 24, 25, 26, 2005 The Perfect Golf Getaway

Three Night's Lodging, Two Rounds of Golf including cart), Three Hosted Cocktail Parties, Three Private Banquets, Breakfast Coupons, Gaming and Bar Coupons, and Free membership to the Prospector's Club.

Golfing: Thursday the $25^{\text {th }}$ at Genoa Lakes and Friday the $26^{\text {th }}$ at Empire Ranch Golf Course. Cost for all this is $\$ 298$ for Golfers and $\$ 160$ for Non Golfers. Singles add \$35

Prize money collected upon arrival at $\$ 10$ per player. Spots are filling up quickly!

For more information contact SIR Art Miller at 934-6881.

Member One Hundred and Seventy Seven

## Volunteer Fire Fighters

A fire started in the grasslands close to a farm. The county fire department rushed to the scene, but the fire was more than they could handle. Someone suggested calling the volunteer fire department. Despite some doubt that they would be of any assistance, they were called.

The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and stopped! The firefighters jumped from the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire only leaving two small parts which were easily put out.
As the farmer watched all this, he was impressed and grateful that his house and farm had been spared. He quickly got his checkbook and donated $\$ 1000$ to the volunteer fire department.
A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain how they planned to use the funds.
The captain replied, "The first thing we're gonna do is get the damned brakes on our fire truck fixed!"


Remember: Sir Branch 116 Golf Hotline is 906-5355
Golf Checks should be made out to: "SIR Golf, Branch 116"
Mail Golf Checks to: P.O. Box 55, Moraga, CA 94556-0055

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RETURN TO: Roland Scrivner
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## Please Remember our Rules of Attendance and Membership for Branch 116

Regular members missing 3 consecutive meetings without notifying their attendance chairman or attending less than 7 meetings within the last 12 months, shall be notified by form letter of their membership termination. Certification of attendance at another Branch meeting will be considered a credit to the attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

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Checks for trips of 3 nights or less must be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Checks for trips in excess of 3 nights must be made payable to the travel agency involved.

