



# Trampas Topics

December, 2016

## SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, January 16, 2016  
Boundary Oak, 3800  
Valley Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

### Sayings of 2016 Big Sir Jim Barstow



2016 seemed to have passed much quicker than previous years, or is this thought merely the result of growing older? Regardless, it was a wonderful year and I

am so honored to have had the opportunity to serve Branch 116 as Big SIR. Branch 116 is blessed to have such a wonderful group of Guys. Thank You All, and I appreciate the support you provided..

I could not have performed my duties this year without the fantastic support of our Officers, Directors, Activity Chairmen, and all of our members. I Thank You! We will enter 2017 under the excellent leadership of Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti and Little SIR Marty Katz. Continuing support of our Officers, Directors, Activity Chairman and all of our members, will result in Branch 116 continuing to prosper in 2017.

My membership in SIR Branch 116 has blessed me with a number of friends I may not have known had I not joined SIR. I believe all of us have made "Friends for Life" as a result of joining Branch 116, one of the goals of the SIR organization. Let's keep participating in as many of our SIR activities as possible, continuing to make "friends for life".

I hope all of you are planning to attend our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance at Round Hill Country Club on December 14th. SIR Jerry Christopherson and his staff have an evening of Dining, Dancing, and Entertainment planned. We encourage all of our members to attend, not just those with a spouse or significant other. I strongly encourage all of our "single" members to attend.

**I wish to remind all that our January Luncheon Venue will be held on January 16th at Boundary Oak. At the conclusion of the January Luncheon, our members will be asked to vote on the venue for our 2017 Luncheons.** (In November, the Branch Executive Committee decided that a member cannot make an informed decision on the Luncheon venue if they have not attended meetings at both locations. Therefore, there will be no absentee voting and only those in attendance at the January meeting at Boundary Oak will be allowed to vote on the future venue location).

I wish to thank you all for a wonderful year, and wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and the best for all the year end holidays. May you all enjoy good health and prosper in 2017.

*Jim Barstow, Big SIR*



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***meeting to cancel your***  
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***bring a guest.***

## 2016 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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Jim Barstow  
938-2744



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229-2564



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648-4199



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**Director**

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### 2016 Activity Chairmen

Book Group	Rich Black	283-8376
Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439
" "	Dick Kauffman	838-2334
Bridge	Jon Dickson	837-1178
Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403
Duplicate Bridge	Art Donaldson	934-9391
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067
Golf-18 Hole	Al Zavatero	933-0465
" " Asst.	Carlos Xavier	947-6756
Golf-9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	932-5087
" " Asst.	Darrell McLaughry	933-1147
" " Asst.	Skip Berkson	437-1511
Golf - Carson City	Tim Hubbard	944-0742
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 Group 1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Poker Group 2	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
\$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Walking Tours	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256

### Some Other SIR Area 2 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

### 2016 Support Chairmen

Activities Coord.	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Attendance	Sam Beret	388-6145
Audio/Visual	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
Audit	Ron Armijo	945-0637
"	Carl Langhorst	672-2541
Chaplain	(rotating)	(various)
Computer Support	Phil Goff	831-3692
	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
E-mail Contact	Phil Goff	831-3692
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
Member Relations	Bob Donohue	513-5142
Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
Member. Secretary	Phil Goff	831-3692
Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
" " Asst.	Phil Goff	831-3692
Nominating	Bob Donohue	513-5141
Photographers	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
"	Phil Goff	831-3692
"	Gary Boswell	673-3545
Public Relations	Wayne Cook	933-8337
Raffle	Don Schroeder	837-6005
Storytellers	(rotating)	(various)
Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Travel	Marty Katz	484-0122
Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037

# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## December 2016

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	<b>5</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Contra Costa CC )  <b>Book Group</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	<b>6</b>  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (10:00 First Christian Church, 3039 Willor Pass Rd, Concord)	<b>7</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Field GC)	8	<b>9</b>  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Denica's Café, Oak Grove & Ygnacio Vallery, WC)	10
11	<b>12</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	<b>13</b>  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	<b>14</b>  <b>Christmas Dinner Dance</b> <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Brentwood CC)  <b>Mexican Train</b> (10:00@Church of Christ)	<b>15</b>  <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	<b>16</b>	17
18	<b>19</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Creek GC )	<b>20</b>  <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo Country Club)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Delta View GC )	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>New Years Eve</b>



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

**Jim Nickels, Treasurer**

(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	Nov. 2016	2016 YTD
Contributions	\$ 2,830.00	\$ 55,905.18
Disbursements	\$ (4,168.74)	\$ (55,588.76)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,338.74)	\$ 316.42
Nov. 26th Cash Balance		\$ 8,051.78



## Membership

**Phil Goff**

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	234
This Month's Inductees:	1
Inactive to Active:	0
Active Members Resigned:	0
Active to Inactive:	1
• Tom Hickey	
Inactive Resigned:	0
Inactive Members:	20



## Lunch Attendance

**Sam Beret**

(snb49@outlook.com)

Attendance at the November 21th Meeting

Total: 163

Members: 160

Guests & Visitors: 3

Speakers: 0

Excused: 53

Long-term impairment: 9

Un-Excused: 12

The un-excused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.

## January Luncheon will be at Boundary Oak

and the menu will be as follows:

### SIR 116 Luncheon

**The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak**

**January 16, 2017**

#### Salad

- Green Bean Salad Mixed Greens, Baby Green Beans, Tomatoes Feta Cheese, Spicy Almonds Red Wine Vinaigrette

#### Entrees

Choice of:

- Roast Beef Eye Round Herb Dijon Marinated Eye Round of Beef, Brown Gravy Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes & Roasted Corn

Or

- Potato & Chive Crusted Cod Filet Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Tartar Sauce

#### Dessert

- German Chocolate Cake Whipped Cream Caramel Sauce

## December Birthdays

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

1. John Antczak	11. David Harris
2. Skip Berkson	12. Larry Heaton
3. Pat Bermingham	13. Tim Hubbard
4. Nick Bowles	14. Phil Jenkins
5. Jack Butler, Jr.	15. Norm Jokerst
6. Allan Chasnoff	16. Walt Kawecki Jr.
7. Ed Cole	17. John Kopchik Jr.
8. JC Collins	18. Conrad Robertson
9. Marv DeHeus	19. Wayne Smith
10. Jim Gleason	20. Doug Waterman





## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Harry Honestein** passed away with a stroke this month. Harry had been dealing with arthritis for many years but kept his wonderful disposition to the very end. He will be missed by his many friends.

SIR **Chuck Cuny** passed away with heart failure this month. He had been dealing with neuropathy for a number of years. Chuck played golf until his legs held him back. He will be missed.

SIR **Don McQueen** was dealing with kidney failure which caused him to be hospitalized. His wife Ingrid tells me he is under care of the V.A. hospital in Martinez.

SIR **Gary Howard** was being medicated for a severe arthritis but two competing medications caused severe complications. The medications have now been adjusted and he is recovering.

SIR **Roger Colton** has not improved from his long standing health problems. He is doing his best but he spends much of his time in any easy chair with his books and TV.

SIR **Tim Dorr** is using his walker to get around but he is not strong enough to make it to a luncheon. He is hoping he gets strong enough to join us for lunch in the new year.

"INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, BUT EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS." —Narcotics Anonymous

### In Memoriam

**Harry C. Honestein**

April 21, 1926 - November 18, 2016

### In Memoriam

**Chuck Cuny**

October 23, 1925 - November 18, 2016



## Activity Chairman

**Jerry Christopherson**

(jchris161k@aol.com)

### LAST CHANCE

#### TO SIGN UP TO:

- HAVE A GREAT MEAL
- DANCE WITH YOUR HONEY
- HEAR SOME WONDERFUL HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS
- WELCOME JOLLY ST. NICK
- SEE THE PASSING OF THE GAVEL
- GO TO THE BEAUTIFUL ROUND HILL COUNTRY CLUB
- IT HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th AT 5:00PM!
- SO, DON'T JUST SIT THERE, **DO IT**.....
- GET A RESERVATION FORM IN THIS ISSUE, MAKE MENU CHOICES, WRITE A CHECK, AND SEND IT IN BY **DECEMBER 2**.

### New Branch 116 Members



Naval Officer Fred Wachowicz presents new Member Fred Ward to Branch 116 at the November luncheon



## 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, December 15th**, 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.

Crabs, trout, and stripers! Raliegth Davis and Stan Wong cashed in on the crab season with big crabs and rockfish on party boats. Terry Harris, Carl Moyer, Gordon Linebaugh, and Terry Miller caught trout from San Pablo Reservoir before it closed for the winter. Lee Clark, Stan Wong, Terry Harris, Carl Moyer, Gene Schulting, Reggie Fromm, Gordon Linebaugh, Thom Wadkins, Hal Tatro, and Pete Gates all caught lots of trout from Shadow Cliffs reservoir to 5 lbs. Tom Kostik, Joe Miscione, Terry Miller, Joe Karg, Stan Wong, Mike Coric, and Pete Gates have had a terrific fall fishing for stripers, catching lots including several over 20 lbs. Ernie Wong spent 3 cold and windy days at Pyramid Lake in Nevada releasing 7 big cutthroat trout to 10 lbs on flies, fishing from his ladder. Howard Berkman and Paul Dubow win the distance fishing award. Howard got porgy in New York, and Paul got snappers and grouper in Florida. We will be very busy this winter fishing for: catfish, striped bass, black bass, sturgeon, trout, and salmon. We live in a fishermen's paradise

Contacts are Paul Dubow (415-495-6504) and Harry Sherinian Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator (925-846-7067).

**Want a Free Lunch ?  
Sponsor a New Member !**



Ernie Wong hanging on to his gigantic 10 pound cutthroat trout caught fly fishing off a ladder at Pyramid Lake



Terry Miller showing off his catch at San Pablo Reservoir





## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday, November the 11th, led by Dan Green, walk was from Moraga Commons into St. Mary's campus and back. Participants were Donna and Rich Black, Aase and Richard White, Bobbie Schoenfeld, John Riordan, Mary Alice and Art Donaldson, Colleen and David Geary, Julie and Dave Carlson, Andrea and Dan Green. Coffee/Breakfast at the Moraga Ranch House Cafe

The **Friday, Dec. 9** walk will be led by me (see below for RSVP). Meet 8:15 am at Denica's café in the Citrus Shopping Center on Oak Grove road near Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek.

There is **no walk scheduled for December 23.**

Happy Holidays to all.

This Group is open to all members and spouses. Walks are on an "out and back" basis for 30 minutes in each direction, with groups walking at various paces and designed so all can return to the start at roughly the same time. We then join together for coffee and conversation at a local breakfast type establishment. Wives are invited to participate without their husbands if they so wish. Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@gmail.com.

## Do You Want Hardcopies of the Trampas Topics?

For Branch 116 members who don't like reading electronic issues on the Trampas Topics, you can select to get hardcopy distribution of the newsletter. The subscription price for receiving printed copies of the "Topics", sent to you each month in the mail, is \$20/year. If you want to receive, or to continue receiving printed copies in Year 2016, send a \$20 check now, payable to "SIR Branch 116", to our Treasurer:

Jim Nickels 52 Ball Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596



## Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

November 17th was the occasion for our most recent wine appreciation event. Larry and Fran Heaton hosted the event at their home. Cool fall weather kept us indoors this time circulating around between the living room and dining room Hors d'oeuvres table.

Larry tried a new theme, all Costco Kirkland wines (plus one other). He started with their chardonnay while everyone arrived and got settled in. It was a very nice refreshing chardonnay, one of the favorites of the day.

A Kirkland pinot noir came next. It was not as well received as the Chardonnay.

By this time we were enjoying the sausages, cheeses and other goodies.

The third Kirkland wine was a Zinfandel, also popular.

The final two wines were a Kirkland Meritage and the "plus one other" for comparison. It was a Hendry Red. The poor Kirkland wine didn't have a chance in that matchup.

Our next event will be on **January 26th, 2017.**

For information contact Jack Bevis, jackb435@comcast.net or 925-254-7256.

## 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](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings)



THE 2016 EDITION OF SIR BRANCH 116

# CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 5:00 to 10:30PM

ROUND HILL Country Club

3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo, CA

**5:00-6:00 Registration and No Host Bar**

**6:00-7:00 Entertainment/Brief Business Meeting**

**7:00-10:30 Dinner/Door Prizes/Dancing**

**Choice of Entree @ \$53.00 per person:**

**Chicken Breast in Chardonnay Sauce,**

**Angus New York Steak or Baked Atlantic Salmon**

**Includes salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert**

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**CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE - ROUND HILL COUNTRY CLUB - 12/14/2016**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2, 2016**

**(Circle entrée choice)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken      Steak      Salmon

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **SIR Branch 116 (\$53.00 Per Person)**

MAIL CHECK TO: Lou Sandor, 581 Cesar Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-2228

**I WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A TABLE WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: (tables of eight)**





## Walking Tours

**Bernie Wroblewski**

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next walking tour is scheduled for January 2017. An announcement will appear in the January Trampas Topics and details will be presented at January meeting.



## SIR Travel

**By Marty Katz, Travel Chairman**

(mctkatz@pacbell.net)

Enjoy your travels where ever they may take you...

Dear Fellow SIRS, it has been a pleasure serving as your Travel Chairman for 2016. Alas it is a time for a change. I will be serving as Little Sir for 2017. As such Branch 116 is looking for my replacement. Are You the one to lead us in our Travel Adventures? If so please contact me and I'll set you on your way to Adventure and Thrills as Branch 116 TRAVEL CHAIRMAN.



Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years to You and Yours.

Marty Katz, Little Sir 2017

## SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site  
[branch116.org](http://branch116.org)

Branch 116 Golf  
[branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org)

Trampas Topics  
[branch116.org/trampas/](http://branch116.org/trampas/)

Computer and Technology  
[a2cat.sirinc2.org/](http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/)

SIR Happenings State Newsletter  
[sirinc.org/sirhappenings](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

State SIR Web Site  
[sirinc.org/](http://sirinc.org/)



**Finalist in the 2016 Two Man Match Play Tournament: Hugh Duggan, Don Schroeder, Marty Katz and John Story (Schroeder & Katz WON!)**

## SIR State 2017 Golf Schedule

### Napa 2017

A two day tournament in Napa at Eagle Vines GC and Chardonnay GC on **April 24th (Low Net) and 25th (Best Ball)**. Women are encouraged to play. They will have their own tournament on their own course; day 1 will be a scramble and day 2 will be a Best Ball format. All entrants will check in at Eagle Vines on day 1 and at Chardonnay on day 2.

### Reno 2017

This year the Reno tournament will be held **June 19th through June 22**. Ladies are welcome. It will be limited to two days of golf; both days will be scramble format. Day 1 will be at Red Hawk Lakes and Day 2 will be at Red Hawk Hills. Golf clubs

### The Fall Classic

A two day tournament to be held **September 18th and 19th** at Fig Garden GC and Dragon Fly GC. Ladies are welcome.



## Poker Group #2

**Jerry Kaplan**  
(mgkaplan@astound.net)

Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. Low stakes ,good times and fun. To play, contact Jim Shurr (925-937-9142) or Jerry Kaplan (925-938-1037) at least 24 hrs. before the game.



## Book Exchange

**John Fraser & Dick Kauffman**

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



We have a table just inside the check in area.

The books are there for you to enjoy, please do and return them if you wish for others to read as well.

If you have books at home that you have read and think our members would enjoy, please bring them.

If reading is something you enjoy, please consider joining our book club

## 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](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com)



## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

**Ben Smith**  
(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The next Dine-O-SIR event will be in January. In the meantime, don't forget to signup for our annual Dinner Dance that is going to be held on December 14th at the Round Hill Country Club (See details and signup sheet on page 8).



## "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 only three players as some of our regulars were in Mexico and the Caribbean. Richard Madden, Bob Wolf and Robbie Robinson were at the November meeting. Richard was the winner with Robbie coming in second beating out Robert by just a few points. Its easier to win with only three players. Low score wins. We meet at **10:00 AM on the second Wednesday** of each month at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek. Our next meeting is on December 14th.

We had our second meeting of Couples Train in November. Three couples played and everyone had a good time . Couples Train is scheduled for December 15th so as not to be to close to Christmas. I will send out an announcement to the regular Train List. Let me know if you would like to be added to this list.

You can contract Richard Madden,  
[maddenram@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maddenram@sbcglobal.net) or 925.788.4223

## Some SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

The quarterly State SIR Happenings Web Site at: [sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/) offers additional SIR travel options.





Past Big SIR (1990) Bill Hayes, now a Super Senior SIR at age 95, is presented a Presidents Award by Acting Area Governor, Bill Holly.



Branch Officers and Directors for 2017 were installed at the November Luncheon



"Jump-In Band" performing at our November Luncheon with band member SIR Paul King



Acting Area Governor, Bill Holly presents award in recognition of Senior SIR Jack Bevis at the November Luncheon.



**Computer & Technology**  
 Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt  
 (SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group takes a hiatus in December. The next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday, January 19, 2016 at 9:30 am.**



## Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

**"Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates and "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow**

The Book Group alters its schedule for the holidays. It did not meet in November. It will next meet on **Monday, December 5, 2016** at 10:15 am in Orinda Books to discuss "Between the World and Me." The first meeting in 2017 will be on January 23 to discuss "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow. Orinda Books is at 276 Village Square in Orinda, California.

## 👉 REMINDER 👉

To cancel your standing Luncheon reservation, please call the Luncheon Hotline (925-806-8874) or send an email to the Attendance Chairman at [snb49@outlook.com](mailto:snb49@outlook.com) no later than Thursday AM in the previous week.

## \$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment group meets at 8:00 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except November when we meet on the third Wednesday and **December when there is no meeting**) at the Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord, off Port Chicago Highway.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m. so plan to have a leisurely breakfast along with your fellow members. Bring along a prospective member or two to hear this very timely talk and see what the Investment Group offers as an activity. Let me know if you are bringing a guest so we can acknowledge them. Let's support the restaurant and its excellent staff.

Occasionally we will ask for a \$2.00 donation which we need to pay for items that come up. Please make sure that you all support us in this regard.



## Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

We welcome all who like to play bridge to our games on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month for lunch and bridge at Round Hill Country Club. Play is "Chicago Style", playing 24 hands in the afternoon. Call Jon Dickson, 837-1178, to join in.

Our LADIES DAY BRIDGE game on Tuesday, October 18th was a great success with 16 couples joining in for lunch and bridge. The big news is Ben and Helen Yeraka did not win first place. Ben & Helen have won the past two Ladies Day games. Our next Ladies Day bridge game will be April 18, 2017, if you wish to mark your calendars.

**December 13 and January 10** are our next Tuesday bridge games at Round Hill CC.

## 2017 Golf Fees are Due

Have you paid your 2017 Golf fees?

The fees are:

- 18-Hole with NCGA fee: \$56
- 18-Hole without NCGA fee: \$20
- 9-Hole without NCGA fee: \$15

If possible, bring a check to the **November 21st Luncheon**. If you forget to bring a check or cannot attend the luncheon, send your check made out to:

SIR Branch 116 Golf  
PO Box 683  
Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

Please send your check before the end of the year.







## SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman  
(jandazav@juno.com)

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. 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](http://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, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 address is:

[branch116golf.org](http://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,

starting times & handicaps for next event.

- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Shows results from recent events and leaders in each group.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Shows checks that have been received for the next 3-4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Shows who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions.

### December 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 07	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 14	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

### December 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:30	Contra Costa CC	Don Schroeder
Mon. 12	9:30	Boundary Oak	Don Schroeder
Mon. 19	10:00	Diablo Creek	Don Schroeder
Tue. 27	9:30	Delta View	Don Schroeder

# 18-Hole Results

## Franklin Canyon, Mon, Nov 28, 2016

Wayne Cook, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Neil Schmidt	64 3	1st	Frank Crua	63 3	1st	Bernie Wroblews	65 3	1st	Kevin Donahue	73 3
2nd	David Harris	69 2	2nd	Al Zavattero	67 2	Tie 2nd	Alex Lutkus	66 2	Tie 2nd	Bill Hemmelsbac	76 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	74 1	3rd	Don Schroeder	70 2	Tie 2nd	Bob Testa	66 2	Tie 2nd	Conrad Robertso	76 2
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
Neil Schmidt 83			Frank Crua 85			Bernie 91			Kevin Donahue 103		
<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>		
Jim Barstow			Don Schroeder			John Story					

## Canyon Lakes, Mon, Nov 22, 2016

David Harris, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Jim Barstow	74 3	1st	Don Schroeder	64 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	65 3	1st	Conrad Robertso	64 3
2nd	David Harris	76 2	Tie 2nd	Mel Williams	68 2	2nd	John Story	68 2	Tie 2nd	Phil Jenkins	72 2
3rd	Bill McCord	80 1	Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	68 2	3rd	David Carlson	73 1	Tie 2nd	Fred Schafer	72 2
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
Jim Barstow 94			Don Schroeder 85			Alex Lutkus 94			Conrad Robertso 102		
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
David Harris			Frank Crua			John Story			Fred Schafer		

## Boundary Oak, Mon Nov 14, 2016

Jim Johnson, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Hugh Duggan	72 3	1st	Don Schroeder	68 3	1st	Bob Testa	67 3	1st	Fred Schafer	69 3
2nd	Bill McCord	75 2	2nd	Al Zavattero	72 2	Tie 2nd	Jai Yee	73 2	2nd	Conrad Robertso	71 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	78 1	3rd	Norm Alberts	73 1	Tie 2nd	Bernie Wroblews	73 2	Tie 3rd	Robbie Robinson	72 1
						Tie 2nd	Sam Beret	73 2	Tie 3rd	Kevin Donahue	72 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
Hugh Dugan 96			Don Schroeder 89			Bob Testa 94			Fred Schafer 101		
<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>		
			Don Schroeder			Randy Welker			Robbie Robinson		

### Match Play Results

Don Schroeder/Marty Katz def. Hugh Duggan/John Story 2 & 1

## Mira Vista, Mon, Nov 7, 2016

Bernie Wroblewski, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Michael Barringt	72 3	1st	Al Zavattero	68 3	1st	Al Satake	66 3	1st	Kevin Donahue	66 3
2nd	Jim Barstow	75 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	69 2	Tie 2nd	Bob Price	68 2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	71 2
3rd	Jerry Hicks	77 1	Tie 3rd	Mel Williams	70 1	Tie 2nd	Bob Testa	68 2	Tie 3rd	Wayne Cook	73 1
			Tie 3rd	Frank Crua	70 1				Tie 3rd	Marty Katz	73 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
Michael Barringt 84			Al Zavattero 87			Bob Price 93			Kevin Donahue 97		
<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>		
Michael Barrington			Al Hutchko			Bob Testa			Phil Jenkins		

## 2016 18-Hole Leader Board

**Second Half Leaders, July - December, 2016  
As of Franklin Canyon, Mon, Nov 28, 2016**

<u>FLIGHT 1</u>		<u>FLIGHT 2</u>		<u>FLIGHT 3</u>		<u>FLIGHT 4</u>	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Alan Fitzgerald	23	Don Schroeder	29	Bob Testa	16	Robbie Robinson	22
David Harris	22	Jim Johnson	24	Bernie Wroblewski	15	Fred Schafer	19
Jim Barstow	21	Mel Williams	23	David Carlson	14	Conrad Robertson	19
Michael Barrington	14	Al Zavattero	23	Sam Beret	12	Marty Katz	17
Neil Schmidt	12	Frank Crua	12	Richard Madden	11	Matt Arena	13
Hugh Duggan	11	Norm Alberts	7	Alex Lutkus	10	Kevin Donahue	12
Phil Goff	9	Wayne Smith	3	Terry Grummitt	8	Carl Langhorst	7
Bill McCord	9	Dick Socolich	3	Randy Welker	7	Wayne Cook	6
Jerry Hicks	4	Carlos Xavier	2	John Story	7	Phil Jenkins	6
Denny Giambastian	2	Harry Oberle	2	Terry Sherman	5	Jim Nickels	4
		Charles McInnis	2	Bob Price	5	Bill Hemmelsbach	4
		Al Hutchko	1	Al Satake	5	Art Vogl	3
		Gary Boswell	1	Pete Coggiola	4	Ron Armijo	3
				Jim Videle	3	Jerry Christopherso	2
				Jerry Hunter	3	Greg Hughes	1
				Kirk McVean	3		
				Bob Conlon	2		
				Jai Yee	2		
				Phil Perrelli	1		
				Dick Chaffee	1		

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

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

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

### **Electronic Signups and Cancellations**

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

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, December 19	Diablo Creek	Dec. 10	\$40
Tuesday, December 27	Delta View	Dec. 17	\$28
Tuesday, January 17	Deer Ridge	Jan. 10	\$30
Monday, January 23	Poppy Ridge	Jan. 13	\$43
Monday, January 31	Canyon Lakes	Jan., 23	35

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



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

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### **Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116**

RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) 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 (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

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### **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.

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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.