



Trampas Topics

July, 2016

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, July 18, 2016
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside
Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2016 Big Sir Jim Barstow



Summer officially arrived late last month, and we have plenty of warm sunny days ahead to enjoy. The highlight of July is the celebration of the anniversary of our Independence Day, July 4th. I hope we all are able to join in one or more of the many celebration of the anniversary of our Independence and remember the many patriots who sacrificed to insure the freedom we enjoy today. Freedom is not free!

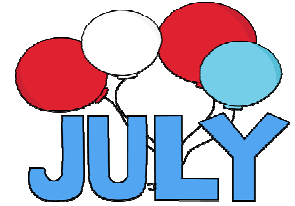
Please sign up for our September Carson City Golf Outing early. Early sign-ups are a big help to our organizers, Tim Hubbard and Jerry Hunter. This three day event is an excellent opportunity to meet and socialize with your fellow SIRs and their wives/significant others. Oh yes, we also enjoy dining, and Golf at this outing. I hope you and your wife/significant other will join us in Carson City this September.

We all need to not only bring a friend/associate to our Luncheons and activities, but we need to make a special effort to assure our guests/new members feel welcome. Please take time at our July Luncheon (and every Luncheon) to introduce yourself to our new members, inquire as to their interests and opinion of our Branch and its activities and even invite them to sit at your table (You can identify new members by a red dot on their Luncheon nametag). I am embarrassed to admit I have recently received comments from our newer members that this is not always the case. We must all do our best to make our new members feel welcome and appreciated.

At our July Luncheon we plan to have open discussions regarding our current Elks Lodge Luncheon venue. An optional venue will be discussed and we value your opinion.

I am looking forward to our July 18th Luncheon, and seeing all of our SIRs doing their best to introduce themselves to/welcome our newer members. Thanks Guys!

Jim Barstow, Big SIR



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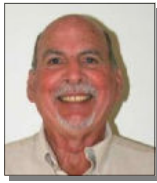
PLEASE CALL 806-8874
or send an email to
snb49@outlook.com by the
Thursday prior to the
meeting to cancel your
standing reservation or to
bring a guest.

2016 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



Big SIR

Jim Barstow
938-2744



Little SIR

Paul Ramacciotti
229-2564



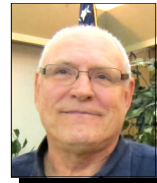
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2016 Activity Chairmen

Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376
Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439
" "	Dick Kauffman	838-2334
Bridge	Jon Dickson	837-1178
Candy Sales	Art Vogl	288-0488
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
\$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
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Audit	Ron Armijo	945-0637
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	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
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Guitar	Paul King	938-3035
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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Nominating	Bob Donohue	513-5141
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"	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

July 2016

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1	2
3	4 	5 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 First Christian Church, 3039 Willor Pass Rd, Concord)	6 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) 18_Hole Golf (9:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	7	8	9
10	11 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	12 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	13 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	14	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Walking Tour (10:00@ John Muir Historical Site, Martinez)</div> →	16 <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Walking Tour Event</div>
17	18 SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30@ WC Elks Lodge)	19 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Metropolitan GC)	20 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	21 Computer & Tech (9:30@ WC Elks Lodge)	22 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Reservoir West end Parking Lot)	23
24	25 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Tilden GC) Book Club (10:15@ Orinda Books)	26 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	27 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood CC)	28 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	29	30



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer

(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	June. 2016	2016 YTD
Contributions	\$ 2,671.00	\$ 33,025.05
Disbursements	\$ (3,299.19)	\$ (27,724.35)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (628.19)	\$ 5,300.70
June 28th Cash Balance		\$ 13,036.06



Lunch Attendance

Sam Beret

(snb49@outlook.com)

Attendance at the June 20th Meeting

Total: 168

Members: 161

Guests & Visitors: 6

Speakers: 1

Excused: 49

Un-Excused: 18

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

July Luncheon Menu

Teriyaki Baby Back Ribs with
Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob
Cole Slaw & Watermelon Wedges, Rolls & Butter.
Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea & Lemonade

July Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Amland, Jim | 11. Miller, Don |
| 2. Bernard, David | 12. Nichols, Bob |
| 3. Boswell, Gary | 13. Redsun, Hal |
| 4. Cherepy, Steve | 14. Takacs, John |
| 5. Clark, Bill | 15. Tinnes, Tim |
| 6. Girvan, Garrett | 16. Vanoncini, Chuck |
| 7. Hutchko, Al | 17. Vetro, Bob |
| 8. King, Paul | 18. Videle, Jim |
| 9. Krieger, Dick | 19. Wroblewski, Bernie |
| 10. Lee, Brad | |



Membership

Phil Goff

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	235
This Month's Inductees:	2
• Ross Gordon	
• Fred Wachowicz	
Inactive to Active:	1
• Mike Loughery	
Active Members Resigned:	3
• Tim Dorr	
• Al Reynolds	
• Ken Sandy	
Active to Inactive:	0
Inactive Resigned:	0
On Inactive Status:	19

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !

👉 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 no later than Thursday AM in the previous week.

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Trampas Topics
branch116.org/trampas/

Computer and Technology
a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Al Reynolds** passed away on June 6, 2016 following a walk with his wife Nancy. He decided to relax at home but sadly never woke up. Al was an original member of the Book Club and was responsible for starting the Wine Tasting group. Al was particularly proud of belonging to Cal's baseball team which won the only Baseball NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP at the university. He played AAA baseball but went on to be a successful businessman and raise a family.

SIR **Roger Colton's** condition has not changed. He is still dealing with long standing ailments. We hope he is seeing some improvement.

SIR **Tim Dorr** has not been able to attend our luncheons for some while. Since he doesn't see much improvement in his health on the immediate horizon he has decided to end his membership in the branch. We hate to see our members health keep them from attending our functions but it is inevitable in some cases.

SIR **Larry Johnson** is working hard to recover from his stroke but at this stage he is not ready to return to the Branch. Larry's a fighter and he will keep his therapy going

SIR **Don DeGraf** is seeing some good improvement in his back. The serious pain is gone but he uses a cane and can't stand for long periods. He was in good spirits and is feeling better.

"BE YOURSELF: EVERYONE ELSE IS ALREADY TAKEN"

—Oscar Wilde

In Memoriam
Allen G. Reynolds
July 18, 1935 - June 5, 2016

New Branch 116 Members



New member Fred Wachowicz with sponsor Dave Williams



New member Ross Gordon with sponsor Dan Green

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

We'll be taking a break and not meeting in July and August. Watch this space for info about our meeting on **September 28**.

Chair: Tom Henry Branch 174
(tomhenry925@gmail.com)

Co-Chair: Dave Sutton Branch 8
(davesutn@yahoo.com)



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. The next meeting will be **Thursday, July 28th**, 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.

We will be very busy this summer fishing for: catfish, striped bass, black bass, crappie, bluegill, sturgeon, crawfish, trout, crab, salmon, halibut, ling cod, and rock fish. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

Twelve of us, led by Chuck Vanoncini, enjoyed a trip to Lake Almanor for a great time. The fishing was only fair but the venue that was set up by Chuck and the scenery were outstanding. Ernie Wong and others are catching many shad on the Yuba. Ernie and Don Mittlestaed did very well at Pyramid Lake with flies. Pyramid Lake has become a real favorite for Ernie. Brad Hatcher got Mackinaws at Lake Tahoe. Lee Clark and Ralieg Davis got salmon on the ocean. Mike Corker and Tom Kostik have been hitting the black bass up on the Delta and have been doing real well catching and releasing. Stan Wong and Carl Moyer caught delicious rock fish from the ocean. The local Trout scene has been real slow. Many of us have tried both San Pablo Reservoir and Shadow Cliff Reservoir to no avail. I don't know what the problem is but the fish will just not bite. Summer winds have also been a real problem. The ocean is rough and the bay has been real choppy. Don Mittlestaed led a group of fly fishermen up to Lake Davis only to be blown off the lake. Just cannot control the weather.

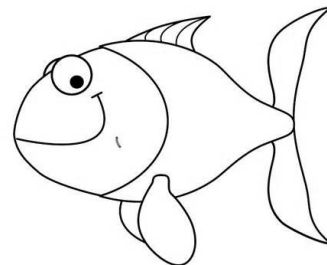
Our next meeting will be **Thursday, July 28th**, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Paul Dubow, Big Fish (415-495-6504); Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925-846-7067)

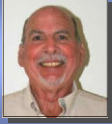


Paul King showing off his catch at Lake Almanor



Br. 116 Members at Lake Almanor Fishing Trip





Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Paul Ramacciotti
(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

Hi Guys,

The July luncheon speaker will be Branch 116 SIR, Wayne Smith.

Wayne graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1968 and became an indentured servant of the federal court in East Texas while awaiting US citizenship. Wayne spent two years in law practice in East Texas before waking up one morning and saying, "What have I done?" and moved to Walnut Creek in 1970. Wayne has worked in the area of Wills, Trusts and Probates in California since 1971, and has served on local and state Bar Associations sections on Estate Planning. Wayne is married, has raised four children, and has successfully maintained a golf handicap north of 16 for all these years.

Topic: Wayne's presentation will cover the Whims and Whimsies of Wills, Trusts and Probate, including a fanciful review of how people see estate planning; why a probate might be better than a trust; a review of digital assets; reasons people don't like to do a Will, and other arcane pieces of trivia about probate and estate planning.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman
(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



Looking for a good book to read?

Check out the Book Exchange at the next SIRS Luncheon

This is a no hassle Book Exchange

Bring a book and take a book or take a book and bring a book to the next luncheon

Enjoy your reading!

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

September 7, 8, 9, 2016

This event has something for everyone: 2 rounds of golf, bridge, Mexican Train, banquets, **hosted cocktails**, prizes, gambling, shopping and lots of socializing.

The Getaway includes: 3 nights lodging (a choice of hotels), 2 rounds of golf with cart, 3 banquets with open bar, ladies bridge/games, \$1,200 of raffle prizes, golf balls, tee gift and bar, food & gaming coupons --- **all for one reasonable price.**

We will be playing Dayton Valley and Eagle Valley West (the women will play the East Course). Golf carts will be provided both days. There will be 3 flights for men and 2 for women. The mens' 3rd flight will hit from the red tees. Format will be shot gun. Couples will play together on the first day. Several prizes will be awarded to both men and women for lowest net scores in each flight, closest to the pin and most improved from the first day to the second.

A group of ladies will be playing bridge, Mexican Train and other games both days, or if one chooses they can play bridge or games one day and golf the next. There are also many things for the ladies who do not golf to do in the Carson City, Reno and Tahoe area. In addition to the Casino, a beautiful new shopping center is near by, there are many good restaurants, and sight seeing trips and tours are available.

If you have never attended this 3 day event, we suggest you sign up and find out what a fun time we have every year. **Friends, relatives and all SIRS are welcome.** Several join us each year and always have a great time.

The **Entry Form** is on page 8 and also on the Branch golf web-site <http://branch116golf.org/schedules-signups/other> tournaments. Early sign ups would be greatly appreciated as it gives us the opportunity to get more rooms should it become necessary. If you would like more information contact Tim Hubbard (925) 944-0742 or e-mail tthubbs@astound.net.

SIR BRANCH 116

2016 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 7-8-9, 2016



Sept. 8 at Dayton Valley 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept. 9 at Eagle Valley West (Men) 8:00 Shotgun
 Sept. 9 at Eagle Valley East (Ladies) 8:00 Tees

36 holes of golf, including cart



Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast

Golfer\$387.00 Double Occupancy

Non-Golfer\$277.00 Dbl Occupancy

Single\$486.00

Staying at City Center Motel

Golfer\$356.00 Double Occupancy

Non-Golfer\$245.00 Dbl Occupancy

Single\$401.00

ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights

Golf balls, tee prize and raffle prizes

Food, gaming and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 collected upon arrival

Entry deadline is August 24



Mail to: **Tim Hubbard**
1744 Carriage Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598



Non-Golfers!!

*Ladies Bridge, Mexican Train & other Games are
being planned*

Please indicate your interest below**

Please complete the form and circle your selections

Hardman House or City Center Motel

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. _____ 2. _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to ***SIR Branch 116 Golf***

Your e-mail address: _____

** I'm Interested in Playing Bridge & Other Games – One Day or Both Days (circle choice)

For Questions: e-mail Tim at tthubbs@astound.net
 or call (925) 944-0742



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

June is a month without a wine event. Wine Tasting events are normally held every other month. On the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. The next one will be on July 28th.

These informal gatherings are held at member's homes on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four or five different wines are tasted and discussed.

The cost is nominal. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend.

Contact Jack Bevis at jackb435@comcast.net or 925-254-7256, for more information.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)



The next Area 2 Computer and Technology Group meeting will be on **Thursday July 21, 2016** at 9:30 am at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge (1475 Creekside Dr., WC).

The presentation topic will be an in-depth discussion on **Windows 10**. This is Microsoft's latest PC operating system and is currently available free for upgrading existing computer systems. Note that after July 29, 2016 this software will cost \$119/per computer and individuals wishing to upgrade, need to do so before this deadline.

Barry Brown and Dean Steichen will be the presenters and will be talking about upgrading and tips and tricks for using Windows 10.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive a little earlier to chat with friends and enjoy the coffee and cookies. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

The Book Club met on June 27 at Orinda Books to discuss "*The Speechwriter*" by Martin Swain. The meeting opened with a moment of silence to remember SIR Al Reynolds, who was a founding member of the Book Club in 2008, and passed away on June 5. Later in the meeting, his widow, Nancy, stopped by the meeting to say how much Al enjoyed his participation in the Book Club over the years. He often discussed the books with Nancy and related members' observations about the books to her. We will miss Al.

Art Donaldson led the discussion of "*The Speechwriter*." Other participants were Steve Bort, Jerry Christopherson, Jim Flessner, Paul Freitas, Garret Gavin, John Kopchek, Mac McLoughlin, Tim Tinnes, Richard Rossland, Joel White, and Bob Wolf. The book related Martin Swain's experiences as the speechwriter and communications officer for Governor Mark Sanford of South Carolina from 2007 – 2010. SIRs appreciated the "backstage peek" into the often hectic operations of the Governor's office and description of his idiosyncrasies as a speaker and correspondent with constituents. Many SIRs were surprised the discussion of the "hiking the Appalachian Trail" incident, which almost brought down Governor Sanford's administration, was given only minimal coverage. Also the final chapter, which was an extended criticism of politicians in general, didn't seem to follow from the previous parts of the book. The group awarded the book a rating of 3.2 stars out of 5.

The next Book Club meeting is at Orinda Books on Monday July 25 at 10:15 AM to discuss "*Matterhorn, a Novel of the Vietnam War*" by Karl Marlantes.



Bridge
Jon Dickson
 (still26@sbcglobal.net)

Chicago Style Lunch & Bridge every second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Round Hill Country Club. We welcome all bridge players to join us for an afternoon of enjoyment.

Round Hill Country Club has announced they will have a major overhaul of their facilities starting January 2nd but will make arrangements for all monthly groups to continue to meet and enjoy. We are not sure what these arrangements will be but have faith we will have a location to play bridge and have lunch.

Scores were not too high last session and many excuses were made by all with "you gotta have cards" being the most used. Only one small slam was made in 120 deals, which is not too many. We must stop shuffling so much! Do join us for an afternoon of bridge.



Walking Tours
Bernie Wroblewski
 (bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next Branch 116 Walking Tour is scheduled for **Saturday, July 16**, at the John Muir Historical Site in Martinez. The location of the historical site is 4202 Alhambra Ave. The tour is free, scheduled to start at 10:00 am, includes a 20 minute video, and an approximately 45 minute walking tour. An optional lunch will follow.

Directions:

Take westbound Highway 4 and exit at Alhambra Ave. Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp. The parking lot for the historical site is located immediately on the left. Plan to arrive at the parking lot about 9:45.



"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 five players and one guest, Jerry Kaplan, at the June meeting. Jerry watched to see how the game plays. We hope to see him at future events. Scores ranged from 254 to 487. Three players were within 25 of each other so the game can be decided by the score of one round. As in golf 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. We hope to see you on July 13th. You can contact Richard Madden, maddenram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223



**Alex Lutkus presents Match Play Plaque to
 2016 Champion Hugh Dugan**



SIR Travel

By Marty Katz, Travel Chairman
(mctkatz@pacbell.net)



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

Sep 13-26, 2016: Essence of the Elbe: Berlin to Prague. 13 day river cruise tour aboard the M/S River Allegro, a privately owned 90 passenger ship exclusively for American Travelers. Ports of call include Prague, Dresden, Meissen, Torgau, Wittenberg, Magdeburg and Berlin. Trip includes 2 night hotel stay in Prague and 3 nights in Berlin, 29 meals, 10 exclusive tours with headsets, transfers, port charges, gratuities for local guides, motor-coach drivers and a dedicated Program Director. Cost \$3595 to \$4195 depending on Cabin. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 925-689-6217.

Sep 28-Oct 3, 2016: Custer State Park. Feel the thunder of pre-historic beasts as they rumble by during this fall tradition in the beautiful Black Hills. This one of a kind program also includes the Buffalo Roundup Art Festival, a buffalo steak dinner, a ride on the famous 1880 train, Rushmore, Crazy Horse and much More. Cost \$1565 or \$2065 with air. Contact **Larry Yarberry**, Br. 8, 925-890-9245.

Oct 8, 2016: Fleet Week (Blue Angels) Join us on the San Francisco Belle Paddlewheeler the crown jewel of San Francisco Bay. There is no better vantage point to see the Air Show then on the SF Belle. Cost is \$141.00 including RT Motorcoach, Cruise aboard the Belle, Reserved seating, Hosted Hot Buffet Lunch with Beverage, Music Entertainment, Special viewing of Blue Angel Show, and Driver Gratuity. Contact **Milt Smith** Br. 146, 925-280-0328 or **John George** 408-600-4635.

See the quarterly State SIR Happenings Web Site at: sirinc.org/sirhappenings/ offers additional SIR travel options.

SIR Branch 116 Officer & Director

Nominations for 2017

Officers:

- Big SIR - Paul Ramacciotti (new)
- Little SIR - Marty Katz (new)
- Secretary _ Fred Schafer (incumbent)
- Asst. Sec. - Dave Williams (new)
- Treasurer - Jim Nickels (incumbent)
- Asst. Treas. - Al Satake (incumbent)
- Asst. Treas. - Bob Schader (incumbent)
- Membership Sec. - Phil Goff (incumbent)

Board of Directors:

- Norm Alberts (incumbent - term extends through 2017)
- Peter Coggiola (to replace Wayne Cook. Term extends through 2019)
- Al Hutchko (incumbent - term extends through 2018)
- Harry Sherinian (incumbent - term extends through 2018)
- John Story (incumbent - term extends through 2017)
- Jim Barstow (ex Big SIR - term extends through 2017)

Nominating Committee:

- Bob Donohue - Chairman
- Bernie Wroblewski - Committee Member
- Marty Katz - Committee Member



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.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

There will be **no walk** on **Friday, July 8th** as there were no volunteers to lead and I will be away most of the month of July. Anyone wanting to independently organize a walk for that day please feel free to do so, and let me know as follow-up.

The **Friday, July 22nd** walk will be led by John Riordan.. It will meet at **8:15am** at the Lafayette Reservoir, west end of the parking lot. Coffee, breakfast, and conversation will follow at the Rising Loafer, immediately west of the Post Office on Mt. Diablo Blvd.

I am out of town. Please send RSVP to John: gcriordan@comcast.net.

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@yahoo.com.

Trampas Topics Submissions



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

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com

State 'SIR Happenings'

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

sirinc.org/sirhappenings

Slow Golf Play

As (almost) all our SIR golfers are aware, SIR golf can be very slow, often taking 5+ hours to complete an 18-hole round when it should be completed in 4 1/2 hours or less.

Golf Digest recently published an article on "**25 Easy Ways to Speed Up Play**". Listed below are 10 items from this list. To see the entire list go to:

<http://www.golfdigest.com/story/25-easy-ways-to-speed-up-play>

Speed Up Play Steps:

1. Play like you have only three hours to finish the round before the sun sets.
2. Mixed foursome? Forward-tee players should ride with other forward-tee players. Back tees with back tees.
3. Agreeing to play "ready golf" is essential for a casual round. But you'll play even faster if you keep putting until your ball is conceded or holed.
4. Don't wait for dawdlers. They'll start playing faster as a result.
5. First golfer on a par 3 gets the yardage and announces it to everyone.
6. Waiting? Take as many practice swings/strokes as you want. Your turn? You get one.
7. Always be moving forward. If you have to double back for anything—bag, cart, clubs—you're losing time.
8. Hit your ball first, then help others search. They'll typically find the ball without your help.
9. Unless the cart is going to or from a tee box, there should never be more than one person in it.
10. Have an exit strategy. Know where the next tee box is and be prepared to make a direct exit toward that box as soon as the hole is finished.



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. 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 address is:

branch116golf.org

Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

- 2016 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.
- 18-Hole Pairings: Shows captains, teams,

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.

July 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 06	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 13	10:00	Diablo Hills	D. McClaughry
Wed. 20	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 27	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

July 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 06	9:00	Boundary Oak	Jim Videle
Mon. 11	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Videle
Tue. 19	9:30	Metropolitan	Greg Hughes
Mon. 25	9:30	Tilden Park	Greg Hughes

18-Hole Results

Lake Chabot, Tue, Jun 21, 2016

David Harris, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Hugh Duggan	65	3	1st	Don Schroeder	65	3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	65	3	1st	Art Vogl	66	3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	69	2	2nd	Mel Williams	73	2	2nd	Bob Testa	66	2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	67	2
Tie 2nd	Alan Fitzgerald	69	2	3rd	Phil Goff	74	1	Tie 3rd	David Carlson	70	1	3rd	Phil Jenkins	69	1
Tie 2nd	Neil Schmidt	69	2					Tie 3rd	Alex Lutkus	70	1				
	Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross		
	Alan Fitzgerald	85			Don Schroeder	84			Bob Testa	91			Art Vogl	99	
									Bernie Wroblewski	91					
	Closest-to #9				Closest-to #9				Closest-to #9				Closest-to #9		
	Bill McCord				Phil Goff				David Carlson				No One		

Boundary Oak, Mon, Jun 13, 2016

Phil Goff, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	Neil Schmidt	73	3	1st	Jim Johnson	68	3	1st	Terry Sherman	60	3	1st	Kevin Donahue	66	3
Tie 1st	Bill McCord	73	3	Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	69	2	2nd	Jerry Hunter	66	2	2nd	Jim Nickels	68	2
3rd	Hugh Duggan	74	1	Tie 2nd	Carlos Xavier	69	2	3rd	Kirk McVean	68	1	Tie 3rd	Marty Katz	70	1
				Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	69	2					Tie 3rd	Art Vogl	70	1
	Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross		
	Neil Schmidt	92			Jim Johnson	85			Terry Sherman	94			Kevin Donahue	101	
													Jim Nickels	101	
	Closest-to #12				Closest-to #12				Closest-to #12				Closest-to #12		
	Hugh Duggan				Al Zavattero				John Story				Sam Beret		

Boundary Oak, Mon, Jun 6, 2016

Phil Jenkins, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	69	3	1st	Phil Goff	65	3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	59	3	1st	Phil Jenkins	64	3
2nd	Neil Schmidt	71	2	2nd	Jim Johnson	69	2	2nd	John Story	63	2	2nd	Art Vogl	67	2
3rd	Hugh Duggan	72	1	Tie 3rd	Frank Crua	70	1	3rd	Bob Testa	66	1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	68	1
				Tie 3rd	Don Schroeder	70	1								
				Tie 3rd	Mel Williams	70	1								
	Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross		
	David Harris	88			Phil Goff	82			Bernie Wroblewski	86			Phil Jenkins	96	
	Closest-to #2				Closest-to #2				Closest-to #2				Closest-to #2		
	Bill McCord				Jim Johnson				Bob Testa				Kevin Donahue		

Two-Man Scramble Special Event

Blue Rock Springs-E, Mon, Jun 27, 2016

Wayne Cook, Official Scorer

FINISH	TEAMS	TEAM SCORE	HDCP	TEAM HDCP	NET SCORE
1st	BERNIE WROBLEWSKI PHIL JENKINS	77	26 31	28.5	48.5
2nd	ALAN FITZGERALD ROBBIE ROBINSON	77	18 34	26	51
3rd	PHIL GOFF GREG HUGHES	80	17 37	27	53
4th	DON SCHROEDER CONRAD ROBERTSON	80	20 33	26.5	53.5

2016 18-Hole Leader Board

Final First Half Leaders, January - June, 2016

As of Hiddenbrooke, Mon, May 23, 2016

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Hugh Duggan	43	Jim Johnson	28	Bob Testa	20	Art Vogl	30
Jim Barstow	28	Don Schroeder	22	Bernie Wroblewski	20	Marty Katz	19
David Harris	17	Al Zavattero	17	David Carlson	19	Fred Schafer	18
Bill McCord	16	Phil Goff	17	Randy Welker	14	Phil Jenkins	16
Neil Schmidt	16	Frank Crua	12	Jim Videle	12	Conrad Robertson	13
Jerry Hicks	11	Harry Oberle	11	Pete Coggiola	10	Kevin Donahue	11
Alan Fitzgerald	8	Mel Williams	11	Terry Sherman	9	Ron Armijo	9
Michael Barrington	4	Bill Clark	7	Al Serafino	6	Carl Langhorst	7
Craig Elliott	3	Wayne Smith	7	Terry Grummitt	6	Jim Nickels	7
		Carlos Xavier	7	John Story	5	Greg Hughes	6
		Dirk Meyer	5	Richard Madden	4	Matt Arena	4
		Frank Portillo	3	Jerry Hunter	4	Wayne Cook	4
		Jim Clizbe	2	Alex Lutkus	4	Jerry Christopherson	4
		Bob Donohue	1	Dick Chaffee	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	3
		Dick Socolich	1	Bob Price	3	Robbie Robinson	2
				Jed Daniel	2		
				Sam Beret	2		
				Mark Jordan	1		
				Kirk McVean	1		

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

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

If you are registering for Boundary Oak, please indicate whether you are Walking or Riding.

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

Electronic Signups and Cancellations

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

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, July 19, 2016	Metropolitan	July 08	\$35
Monday, July 25, 2016	Tilden Park	July 08	\$35
Tuesday, August 16, 2016	Chardonnay	Aug-03	\$45
Monday, August 22, 2016	Blue Rock Springs—West	Aug-03	\$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.
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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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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.