



Trampas Topics

March, 2016

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, March 21, 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



March is a wonderful month here in the Bay Area. Although our foothills are a beautiful emerald green, we all hope El Nino will provide us with copious amounts of rainfall during the month. We have enjoyed the unseasonably warm and sunny weather, but rain / snow in the Sierra's is greatly needed. March 2016 brings us a Din-O-SIR event (check with SIR Ben Smith), vernal equinox, Daylight Savings Time, Saint Patrick's Day, Palm Sunday, and Easter. March is indeed a busy month.

Looking ahead to May, SIR Jerry Christopherson and his staff have scheduled our Spring Fling for May 12th at Zio Fredo's in Concord. This is always a very enjoyable event, one our spouses / significant others also enjoy. Our Carmel Golf Outing is scheduled for May 17th and May 18th. As with the Spring Fling, spouses / significant others are encouraged to participate. If Golf is not their passion, the Carmel / Monterey area has many attractions / activities to enjoy.

For those of you who have yet to contribute, Jim Nickles will at the Luncheon payment table, willing to accept your \$40 voluntary contribution for 2016. Jim is more than happy to accept credit cards or cash.

Our March Luncheon is scheduled just a few days following Saint Patrick's Day, and SIR Marty Ratterree has volunteered to share a couple of Irish stories with us. I am sure we will enjoy Marty's Irish stories, delivered in Marty's Irish Brogue. In support, Marty would appreciate "The Wearing of the Green". Marty would enjoy looking out into a "sea of green shirts".

I would like to request everyone's support in our efforts to retain our current membership and attract new members. Please think about inviting your friends and acquaintances who might be interested in SIR activities to join us at one of our monthly luncheons. I am sure they will enjoy the fellowship and the interesting topics presented by our speakers. I believe they will enjoy the luncheon, and hopefully, decide to join our Branch. We have plenty of activities for them to enjoy, and you will receive a "Lunch Voucher" should they choose to join. This is necessary to keep our Branch active and healthy.

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



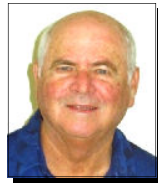
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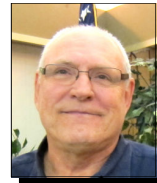
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2016 Activity Chairmen

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" " Asst.	Darrell McLaughry	933-1147
" " Asst.	Skip Berkson	437-1511
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Golf - Carmel	Jim Barstow	938-2744
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Mexican Train	Richard Madden	788-4223
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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
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Historian	Mat Arena	946-0404
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Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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"	Gary Boswell	673-3545
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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

March 2016

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	2 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	3 	4 <div> Walking Tour (10:00@ Jelly Belly, Fairfield) </div>	5 Walking Tour
6	7 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Sequoyah CC)	8 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (2:00@ TBD)	10 	11 	12
13	14 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	15  Saint Patrick's Day	16 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	17 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	18 	19
20	21 SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	22 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Dublin Ranch GC) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	23 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood CC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Old Spaghetti Factory, Concord)	24 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	25 	26
27	28 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Rancho Solano GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	29 	30 	31 Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)		

Easter



Membership

Phil Goff

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	239
This Month's Inductees:	1
Changed to Inactive:	1
Left the Branch:	3
On Inactive Status:	18



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer

(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	Feb. 2016	2016 YTD
Contributions	\$ 7,958.00	\$ 15,738.01
Disbursements	\$ (6,759.60)	\$ (10,635.10)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 1,198.40	\$ 5,102.91
Feb. 25th Cash Balance		\$ 12,838.27

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



Lunch Attendance

Sam Beret

(snb49@outlook.com)

Attendance at the February 15th Meeting

Total:	177
Members:	170
Guests & Visitors:	7
Speakers:	0
Excused:	42
Un-Excused:	21

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

March Luncheon Menu

Corned Beef & Cabbage with
Roasted Carrots & Potatoes
Mustard & Horseradish Sauce
Cole Slaw, Rye Bread & Butter
Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea & Lemonade



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

The group will next assemble at Orinda Books on
Monday, March 28 at 10:15

March Birthdays

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

1. Barrington, Michael	11. Hull, Cord
2. Benz, Andy	12. Jenkins, Phil
3. Bergamini, Dick	13. Leschot, Ron
4. Bryce, Ben	14. Powell, Troy
5. Christen, Urs	15. Pryhuber, George
6. Clark, Bill	16. Smith, Roger
7. Donohue, Robert	17. Smith, Wayne
8. Fucik, Jack	18. Williams, Dave
9. Gleason, Jim	19. Xavier, Carlos
10. Hicks, Jerry	

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 **Jerry Jacob** has received a pacemaker following his stroke. He is doing well at home. Jerry has virtually no deficits following his stroke,

SIR **Roger Colton** continues to deal with a chronic health problem. In speaking with his wife Laurie she tells me that there is no change in his condition.

SIR **Tim Dorr** had a fall from which he has recovered. He still uses his walker but he told me he is doing some things he enjoys. You can't hold down a member of the GREATEST GENERATION.

SIR **Lloyd Plank** is dealing with a chronic condition but as usual is in great spirits. He shared with me a story of his growing up years in the days of prohibition. It is a fascinating story. Lloyd will be 90 this year.

SIR **Carl Cline** was hospitalized with another but milder stroke. He was preparing to play poker with the SIR POKER GROUP when his wife Karen called for the EMT'S . Carl had lost his voice. He is at John Muir recovering .

SIR **Don DeGraf** is dealing with a bad back . As he tells it " it is a pain above the ass". He is planning to get another epidural for pain relief in April.

SIR **Jerry Hicks** has given me a good report on Kathy and her final surgery of her hip. She is on a walker but can only put 50 pounds of weight on it for the next 2 months .

SIR **Larry Johnson** experienced a stroke over a year ago and now is loosing strength in his right hand. He continues to go to the gym to regain his strength . He has had too many events to mention but as a good trooper he continues to stay strong.

SIR **Oscar Krikorian** has suffered a fractured vertebra and is progressing nicely. He uses crutches and his walker to get about. I spoke to him today and he sounds in good spirits.

"ALWAYS FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES; NOTHING ANNOYS THEM SO MUCH." - Oscar Wilde

SIR **Larry Johnson** fainted while at the gym riding a stationery bike. Before he was extracted

from the bike, in order to go to the hospital, he hurt his wrist,pulled his right quad,and pulled his

back muscle. Larry has been discharged from the hospital with a heart monitor to wear for a

week.

SIR **Don DeGraf** is dealing with a painful back .He has had an epidural which is giving him

some relief.

" TWO THINGS ARE INFINITE: THE UNIVERSE AND HUMAN STUPIDITY; AND I AM NOT SURE ABOUT THE UNIVERSE' -

-Albert Einstein



Poker Group #2

Jim Shurr

(shurrjim@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.



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next SIR Branch 116 Walking Tour is scheduled for **Saturday, March 5, 2016**. We will be touring the Jelly Belly factory in Fairfield. We are planning to meet in the Jelly Belly parking lot around 10:00 am. Guided tours are conducted approximately every 20 minutes and last about 35-40 minutes. An optional lunch will follow.

Those interested in participating can e-mail Bernie Wroblewski at bbwroblewski@comcast.net for directions and further tour details. Spouses and guests are welcome.



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, March 24th**, 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.

We made our annual trek to the Sportsmen's Expo in Sacramento, and our visit to Bass Pro Shop and Fisherman's Warehouse in Manteca. These outings are more for information and to see the newest and greatest new fishing gear. Its really great to have an opportunity to speak to manufactures reps and in some cases the people who actually design some of the latest hot items. Both ventures were well attended. Romano Gnusti caught and released a 74 inch sturgeon, 120 pounds according to the chart. It was Romano's first sturgeon, and biggest fish ever. Carl Moyer caught and tagged a 53 inch sturgeon the very next day. Our reliable winter pond, Shadow Cliffs was dismal this winter. Several days of fishing there got not one bite. San Pablo reservoir, however, produced nice limits for Terry Miller, Carl Moyer, and Reggie Fromm. Paul Dubow went to Hawaii to catch a 15 lb ono, an 8 lb red snapper and several tasty blue snappers. Mike Corker and Tom Kostik caught many small stripers and several keeper sturgeon. A big sturgeon took about 15 minutes of Mike's life before saying good-bye. Several of us fished from Pittsburg for the sturgeon without a bite.

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for catfish, striped bass, sturgeon, and trout in local lakes. We live in a fishermen's paradise. Try to make one of our meetings and get back in the swing of things fishing.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 24th**, 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.



Terry Miller's catch from San Pablo Reservoir



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

The Hiking and Walking Group typically meets twice a month on Fridays. The March schedule is not yet available and will be announced via the Group's e-mail list when it is available.

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

New Branch 116 Members



New Branch member Peter Ciarlo
with Sponsor Andy Benz



Computer & Technology

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



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday March 17, 2016 at 9:30 am. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

We are planning a presentation by a representative from Lawrence Livermore labs. The subject and speaker are being agreed so please watch the Area 2 CAT website (A2cat.sirinc2.org) for an announcement of the details. They have a tremendous scope of research there, from super computers for weather forecasting to developing diagnostic tests for a wide range of ailments. They are leaders in many fields, so come to hear a very interesting talk.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, March 17, 2015, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if this meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Small slams are on the rise with our spring weather as last game four were made, two by Jim Nachtweth, but he still did not come in as top scorer for the day. All are welcome to join us for bridge, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 for lunch and bridge at Round Hill Country Club. Please plan to join us for our spring COUPLES BRIDGE on Tuesday, April 19th at 11:30 for lunch and bridge. When we say couples, we mean any two bridge players who wish to have an enjoyable day playing as partners. All our bridge is Chicago Style, changing tables every four hands. Hope to have all bridge players join us for enjoyable afternoons of bridge.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Wine article, Dick Breitwieser Jan. 2016

Dick and Gayle Breitwieser hosted the most recent event of the Wine Appreciation Group on Jan. 28th at their home. 13 of us gathered for a very enjoyable afternoon. Dick's theme was Alexander Valley. He started with a Sonoma Coast La Follett Chardonnay 2012 which he compared with a Reserve

Lot 17 -2013 Chardonnay from Alexander Valley. Then he served the Alexander Valley reds; Cabernet Sauvignons; one from Michael Pozzan a 2014 and a

Longhand-2012. All enjoyable. For hors d'oeuvres there were copious quantities of sliders and other goodies.

Our every- other- month schedule means that the next event will be on March 31st. For more information contact Jack Bevis at jackb435@comcast.net or 925-254-7256.



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

It's That Time Again!

This year's Spring Fling will be Thursday, May 12th at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. Look for the advertisement on the next page in this month's Trampas Topics and clip the form to sign up. Come as a single, a couple, or organize a table of eight.

ONLY TWO MONTHS LEFT --SIGN UP NOW!!



SIR BRANCH #116
PRESENTS THE FABULOUS

2016 edition of the

SPRING FLING

A Special luncheon for our ladies (replacing our regular May meeting)

Zio Fraedo's

611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA Phone 925-933-9091

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

11:30 No Host Social Hour

12:30 Luncheon Served

Fun! Entertainment! Special Drink Prices! DoorPrizes! Surprises!

\$43.00 Per Person

Menu Choices

**New York Steak, Salmon, Chicken Toscana,
Pasta primavera**

Menu includes appetizers, salad and dessert

SPRING FLING AT Zio Fraedo's
MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 2nd

Name _____ Steak _____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Pasta _____

Name _____ Steak _____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Pasta _____

Make Check Payable to : SIR Branch 116

Number x \$43 = \$ _____

Mail Check to: Lou Sandor, 581 Cesar Court, Walnut Creek, CA, 94598-2228

Note: I would like to reserve a table with the following people (tables of eight).

\$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.



"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 plan to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The location of the meeting will be determined by the number of players we have.

You can contact Richard Madden, maddenram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223



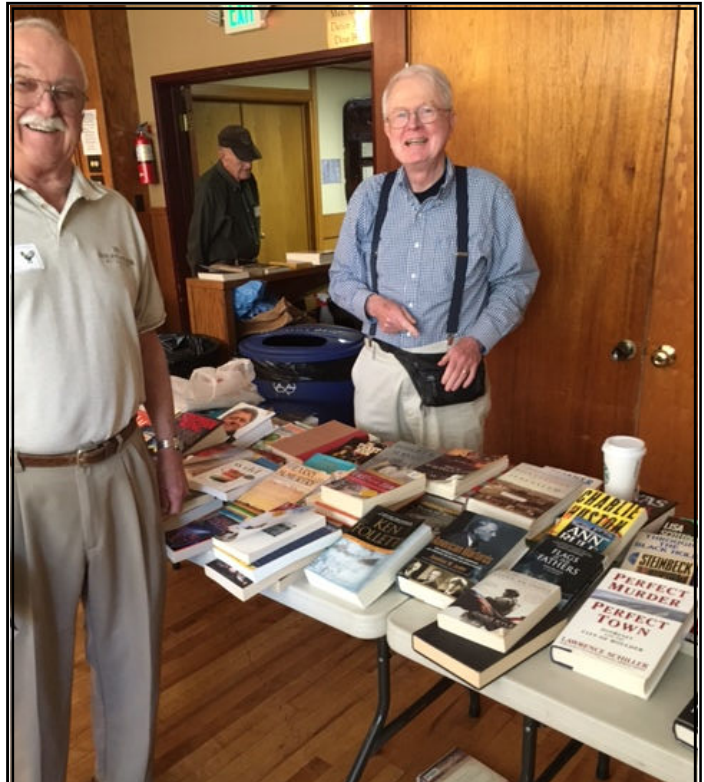
Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



The Book Exchange has many books for you. Browse through the book selection as you wait to pay your luncheon fee. Remember, there is no charge, just make an exchange. If you don't have a book with you, and you see a book you want, just take the book and bring one to the next meeting. Enjoy your reading.



Ken Sandy asking Rich Black questions about the Book Exchange

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

Golf at Rancho Canada in Carmel, CA May 17 and 18, 2016

Branch 116 is going back to Carmel.
Spouses and Significant others are invited.
Non-golfers are welcome.



Here are the Details

We will stay at the Carmel Mission Inn (Tel 1-800-348-9090.) You must make your own reservations and pay separately. Mention you are with the SIR 116 event and the room rate will be \$139/night.

We will play golf at Rancho Canada on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17 & 18. First tee time on Tuesday is 10:00 so you may drive down that morning if you wish. Those driving down that morning will be assigned the later tee times. Golf fees for the two days are \$147 (\$113 for walkers.) This price includes \$20 for prize money and a Buffet dinner on Tuesday night.

Non-golfers will pay \$33 for the Buffet on Tuesday night.

Detach Here ----- Detach Here
Rancho Canada Golf Event, May 17 and 18, 2016

Name _____ Name _____

No. of Golfers x \$147 (\$113 for walking) _____

Non-Golfers x \$33 _____

Total Amount _____

Send Your Checks to SIR Branch 116 Golf - P. O. Box 683 - Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

Questions? Email Jim Barstow, jbarstow@aol.com



SIR Travel

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

Happy Travels to all and wish you all well. A little Travel Story to brighten your day:



Bob said to his friend Marty (Travel Chairman): "I'm ready for a vacation. But this year I'm going to do it a little differently. The last few years I've taken your advice Mr. Travel Chairman, about where to go. Three years ago you told me to go to Hawaii. I went to Hawaii and Sue got pregnant. Then two years ago you told me to go to Italy, and Sue got pregnant again. Last year you suggested Spain, and guess what? Sue got pregnant again!" Marty asked: "So what are you going to do differently this year?" Bob replied: This year I'm taking Sue with me."

So Branch 116 here is a fun place to go:
Mar 13-17, 2016: Spring Training with #SIR 146. 5 day trip with something for everyone. Upon arrival in Phoenix you will be transferred to your accommodations at the Embassy Suites for your 4 night stay. Amenities include hosted breakfast and happy hour. All meals during your stay are included.

You will enjoy morning activities that include a variety of local attractions and guest speakers. Your game tickets are the best seats available. Every effort will be made to include A's and Giants games. Cost of \$1795.00 includes RT to and from airport, three games, 4 night accommodations, tours, and guide services. Contact Ken Richter, Br 146, 689-6217.

Future Local Travel Plans, TBA:

- Blackhawk Auto Museum, with Lunch
- Levi Stadium and Museum with Lunch, a Bus will take us.
- Oakland Zoo, a bus will take us
- Alameda Pin Ball Museum, with Lunch, a bus will take us.
- Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields, a Bus will take us

And so fellow Travelers, Be Good, Be Kind, Bye Bye and Buy "Bonds"

Again thank you SIRS and see you on the Open Seas, The Clouds Above and Down the Roads of Life.

Marty

SIR Day at AT&T Park
31 July, 2016-Sunday, 1pm
SF Giants vs Washington Nationals
section 308-324, view reserve infield



"Dynamic Pricing": subject to availability/demand urgency is recommended-book by February
Group rate for 25+ branch members: \$46 pp

1. **Have one branch/group representative call:**
Peter Sercia, (415) 972-2243
SF Giants Group Sales
2. **Confirm numbers**
3. **Send one branch/group check**

Lee Moy, State SIR Sports
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com
(559) 709-9851

Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

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





"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

MAMA MIA.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE YA

.....At the next DINE-O-SIR events scheduled for a two night affair on Wed. Mar. 23 and Wed. Mar 30, We will be meeting at THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY, located at 1956 Diablo, Concord, CA 94520. This fine old restaurant is located in the center of Concord on the south end of the city Square. It has been in operation for many years and although it uses the OSF name it is operated by a private family.

You will have a choice of Minestrone Soup or Mixed green salad with special house dressing to start, followed by LOTSA PASTA dishes. (You will have five to choose from) Fresh baked warm bread is served with the meal, along with coffee, tea, soft drinks and-- Ice cream for dessert. This excellent spread of authentic Italian food will be made available for just \$18 per person, inclusive of tax and tip. As usual, special Wine, Beer and House well drinks will be available on a NO HOST basis. As always seating is open and tables will be available in grouping of 6-8-10.

We will have our own Olde Worlde Private room with lots of area to socialize and kick back for a casual fun evening with our Dine-O-Sir friends. We are set up accommodate some 50 people each evening. Reservations are coming in fast, so if you wish join in this fun affair, send you reservations request in ASAP to Sir-Ben Smith- bjsssmith@aol.com, Tel. 820-5403, 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA 94507

Parking is available on the street, a parking lot is available to the left of the book store next to the restaurant and a large city parking facility is just around to corner on the street to the right of the OSF. You may want to choose to drop off your

spouse or guest in front of the restaurant, before parking.



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Paul Ramacciotti

(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

Guest Speaker for March 21, 2016 meeting.

Name: Bill Green

Topic: Vietnam War and The Wall

Bill was drafted into the Army in August 1967, volunteered for the infantry and landed in Vietnam in January 1968. His unit was the 198th Light Infantry Brigade. Six months into his tour he rose to the rank of Sergeant and squad leader. During his tour he was wounded twice, receiving two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars. He returned to the states in August 1969 where he began an apprenticeship with the IBEW and worked as an electrician until his retirement in 2002. He and his wife Peggy, and family, have lived in Alamo since 1977. Bill is the co-director of the Speakers Bureau of the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley, which has spoken to over 65,000 students in the past thirteen years. Bill has served on the Board of Directors for the VNVDV for the past decade and is currently the president. He is also a mentor at the Concord Vet Center for returning troops. Bills presentation will touch on his tour in Vietnam and The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, a running history of the people on the wall, such as age groups, youngest to the oldest, where they were from, how many were related, etc...."things most people don't know about".





SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman
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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.

March 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 02	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 09	10:00	Diablo Hills	D. McClaughry
Wed. 16	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 23	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson
Wed/ 30	10:00	Diablo Hills	D. McClaughry

March 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:30	Sequoiah CC	Al Zavattero
Mon. 14	9:30	Boundary Oak	Marty Katz
Tue. 22	9:30	Dublin Ranch	Frank Portillo
Mon. 28	9:32	Rancho Solano	Frank Portillo

18-Hole Results

San Ramon, Mon, Feb 22, 2016

Pete Coggiola, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Barstow	69	3	1st	Bill Clark	70	3	1st	Dick Chaffee	76	3	1st	Marty Katz	67	3
2nd	Hugh Duggan	71	2	2nd	Jim Johnson	73	2	Tie 2nd	Dave Carlson	77	2	Tie 2nd	Ron Armijo	74	2
3rd	Alan Fitzgerald	72	1	3rd	Don Schroeder	75	1	Tie 2nd	Randy Welker	77	2	Tie 2nd	Fred Schafer	74	2
								Tie 2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	77	2				
	Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	86			Bill Clark	88			Dick Chaffee	100			Marty Katz	104	
	Closest-to #14				Closest-to #14				Closest-to #14				Closest-to #14		
	No One				Jim Johnson				Pete Coggiola				Ron Armijo		
High/Low Special Event Results															
1st	Fitzgerald/Vogl		145												
2nd	Wroblewski/Duggan		146												
3rd	Harris/Katz		148												

Brentwood, Tue, Feb 16, 2016

Jim Clizbe, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Hugh Duggan	67	3	1st	Jim Johnson	65	3	1st	Randy Welker	64	3	1st	Ron Armijo	59	3
2nd	Bill McCord	73	2	2nd	Harry Oberle	67	2	2nd	Dave Carlson	66	2	2nd	Art Vogl	64	2
3rd	Craig Elliott	75	1	Tie 3rd	Don Schroeder	69	1	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	70	1	Tie 3rd	Marty Katz	67	1
				Tie 3rd	Mel Williams	69	1					Tie 3rd	Matt Arena	67	1
Low Gross:															
	Hugh Duggan	91			Jim Johnson	81			Randy Welker	90			Ron Armijo	89	
	Bill McCord	91													
Closest to Hole #6:															
	Jim Barstow				Dirk Meyer				Bob Testa				None		

Boundary Oak, Mon, Feb 8, 2016

Bob Donohue, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Hugh Duggan	68	3	1st	Frank Crua	68	3	1st	DAve Carlson	71	3	1st	Marty Katz	61	3
2nd	Jim Barstow	69	2	2nd	Bill Clark	69	2	2nd	Randy Welker	72	2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	68	2
3rd	Jerry Hicks	71	1	3rd	Carlos Xavier	71	1	3rd	Jed Daniel	73	1	3rd	Conrad Roberts	72	1
	Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	84			Bill Clark	87			Bernie Wroblewski	98			Marty Katz	96	
	Closest-to #2				Closest-to #2				Closest-to #2				Closest-to #2		
	Hugh Duggan				Al Zavattero				Randy Welker				Marty Katz		
Match Play Results															
Barstow over Carlson 2 up; Wroblewski over Schroeder 2 up; Hicks over Clizbe concession; McCord over Zavattero concession;															
Duggan over Donahue 6 & 5															

Boundary Oak, Mon, Feb 1, 2016

Harry Oberle, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Hugh Duggan	66	3	1st	Al Zavattero	69	3	1st	Jim Videle	69	3	1st	Marty Katz	67	3
2nd	Alan Fitzgerald	74	2	2nd	Dirk Meyer	71	2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	69	3	2nd	Art Vogl	72	2
Tie 3rd	Bill McCord	79	1	3rd	Carlos Xavier	72	1	3rd	Randy Welker	71	1	3rd	Robbie Robins	73	1
Tie 3rd	Jim Barstow	79	1												
	Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross		
	Alan Fitzgerald	90			Al Zavattero	87			Jim Videle	94			Marty Katz	105	

2015 18-Hole Leader Board

First Half Leaders, January - June, 2016 As of San Ramon, Feb 22, 2016

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Hugh Duggan	13	Jim Johnson	8	Bernie Wroblewski	11	Marty Katz	13
Jim Barstow	9	Al Zavattero	7	Randy Welker	8	Art Vogl	10
David Harris	7	Frank Crua	6	David Carlson	7	Fred Schafer	9
Bill McCord	6	Bill Clark	5	Al Serafino	6	Ron Armijo	7
Jerry Hicks	4	Carlos Xavier	4	Jim Videle	5	Robbie Robinson	2
Alan Fitzgerald	3	Don Schroeder	4	Terry Sherman	3	Phil Jenkins	2
Michael Barrington	1	Wayne Smith	3	Bob Testa	3	Jim Nickels	1
Craig Elliott	1	Phil Goff	2	Dick Chaffee	3	Wayne Cook	1
		Dirk Meyer	2	Jed Daniel	2	Conrad Robertson	1
		Harry Oberle	2	Pete Coggiola	1	Matt Arena	1
		Mel Williams	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, March 22, 2016	Dublin Ranch	Mar-12	\$38
Monday, March 28, 2016	Rancho Solano	Mar-18	\$42
Monday, April 4, 2016	Tilden Park	Mar-21	\$35
Tuesday, April 19, 2016	Lone Tree	Apr-08	\$38
Monday, April 25, 2016	Poppy Ridge	Apr-15	\$45

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
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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).

Non Responsibility Declaration

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

Checks for Trips

Trips of 2 days and 1 night or less may be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Trips in excess of 1 night must be made payable to the travel agency involved.