



# Trampas Topics

May, 2016

## SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, June 20, 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



I look forward to May, a favorite month of mine and many of our members. We here in the Bay Area have been blessed with generous amounts of rain this winter, rewarding us with fantastic views of the emerald green hills, beautiful flowers, and scintillating visual effects. Fishing, Walking, Tennis, Bocce Ball, or playing Golf, I encourage you to get outside and enjoy this very special time of the year. Our beautiful emerald green hills will turn a golden brown by the end of the month.

In addition to wonderful weather, May provides us with May Day, National Teacher's Day, National Day of Prayer, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. All notable holidays, I encourage those of us lucky to still have our Mothers with us, to let them know how much we appreciate them. We must also show our appreciation to our wives, the mother of our children.

Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day are also very special. We should show our gratitude to the members of our Armed Forces, and share our thoughts and prayers for those who have paid the ultimate price in defense of our freedom. Let us never forget them.

On a less serious side, we are fortunate to have our Spring Fling and Carmel Golf Outing this month. SIR Jerry Christopherson and his staff have put together an excellent event for our Spring Fling, the afternoon of May 12th. A fantastic venue (Zio Fraedo's) and wonderful entertainment (Elvis impersonator) will be the reward for those attending, and there are still a few spots available. Please contact SIR Jerry if you are able to attend.

There are also a few spots available for our May 17th and May 18th Carmel Golf Outing. Our third year at Carmel, the Golf Course and Hotel have assured us of great weather, pristine course conditions, and a great courtyard for telling our golf stories (exaggerations) in the evening. Please contact Sir Jim Johnson, Tom Eller, or myself should you wish to participate. For those spouses or significant others attending who will not be playing Golf on Tuesday, Rose Kallas is organizing a 17 Mile Drive Trip with a Luncheon at the Inn at Spanish Bay. In the interest of reservations / transportation, those interested in attending should contact Rose (925 240-1736 or [rosekallas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosekallas@sbcglobal.net)).

A reminder, there will not be a Branch 116 luncheon in May, so I encourage you to attend the Spring Fling. Your wife or significant other will thank you.

*Jim Barstow, Big SIR*



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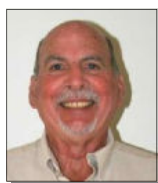
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*or send an email to  
[snb49@outlook.com](mailto:snb49@outlook.com) by the  
Thursday prior to the  
meeting to cancel your  
standing reservation or to  
bring a guest.*

## 2016 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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938-2744



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229-2564



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### 2016 Activity Chairmen

Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376
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Candy Sales	Art Vogl	288-0488
Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403
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Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067
Golf-18 Hole	Al Zavatero	933-0465
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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
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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
Audio/Visual	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
Audit	Ron Armijo	945-0637
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Chaplain	(rotating)	(various)
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	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
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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
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Nominating	Bob Donohue	513-5141
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"	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

## May 2016

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	Duplicate Bridge (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mothers Day	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, Minert Rd., WC) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	 (11:30@ Zio Fraedo's, Pleasant Hill)	Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Railway Museum, Danville)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Paradise Valley GC )			Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)		Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Hiddenbrooke GC ) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)		
29	30	31				
		18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Roddy Ranch GC)				



## Membership

**Phil Goff**

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	235
This Month's Inductees:	0
Active Members Resigned:	1
Active to Inactive:	0
Inactive Resigned	0
On Inactive Status:	20



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

**Jim Nickels, Treasurer**

(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	April. 2016	2016 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,219.00	\$ 25,007.03
Disbursements	\$ (5,518.19)	\$ (19,531.29)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (299.19)	\$ 5,475.74
April 26th Cash Balance		\$ 13,211.10



## Lunch Attendance

**Sam Beret**

(snb49@outlook.com)

### Attendance at the April 18th Meeting

Total:	170
Members:	162
Guests & Visitors:	7
Speakers:	1
Excused:	54
Un-Excused:	19

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

## 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)

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

## May Birthdays

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

1. Aalders, Doug	11. Huck, Bob
2. Bryce, Ben	12. Hughes, Greg
3. Cannon, Larry	13. Kinser, Bob
4. Conroy, Tom	14. Kohut, George
5. Diehl, Joe	15. McClaughry, Darrell
6. Flessner, Jim	16. Riordan, John
7. Gebert, Rudy	17. Robinson, Robbie
8. Gilliam, Chuck	18. Rohrs, Tony
9. Hatton, Doug	19. Serafino, Al
10. Hicks, Jerry	20. Zavattero, Al

## 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/)



## Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson  
(jchris161k@aol.com)



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena  
(marena@astound.net)

### HURRY HURRY HURRY

It's not too late! You can still get in on our Spring Fling on May 12th. You'll have to call: Lou Sandor (925-944-1934) or, Jerry Christopherson (925-939-3973).

We'll get your name on the reservation list so that you will not miss a wonderful time at Zio Fraedo's. "Elvis" is waiting. See you on **May 12**

Matt is away on vacation this month so no Sunshine report for May...



## Spring Fling Luncheon

at Zio Fraedo's

611 Gregory Land, Pleasant Hill, CA

Thursday, May 12, 2016

11:30 No Host Social Hour

12:30 Luncheon Served

**\$43 per Person**

Menu Choices

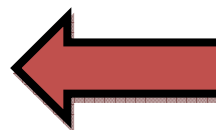
New York Steak, Salmon, Chicken Toscana, Pasta Primavera

Menu includes appetizers, salad and desert



## SPRING FLING AT Zio Fraedo's

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: SIR Branch 116 and mail to Lou Sandor, 581 Cesar Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94598-2228

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

Empty rectangular box for listing names for table reservations.





## 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, May 26th**, 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 but come early and have breakfast and a opportunity to shoot the breeze with fellow fishermen.

We will be very busy this spring 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. And of course our spring backyard fish fry in early May is always fun.

Ernie Wong led an excursion to Pyramid Lake in Nevada with Harry Sherinian, Rich Fiscina, Pedro Contreras, Pete Gates, Tom Boltz, Ben LaSala, Steve Paulick and Chuck Cornell. Pyramid Lake is where you can fish from a ladder. There are huge trout to be caught. Ernie Wong caught the biggest Trout that this reporter has ever seen. Most of the fishing is catch and release. The fishing for the cut throat trout was successful, and they enjoyed meals at Pedro's home nearby. Our annual fishing gear auction in March was very well attended, and the fishermen all went away with bargain booty. The proceeds from this event keep our treasury in good shape. Karl Droese and Dick Thomson fished with a guide in the delta for stripers catching limits to 13 lbs. Mike Corker, Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Carl Moyer and Tom Kostik all fished for stripers, with mixed success, but Carl caught and released a keeper sturgeon on one of the outings. Tom Boltz and Rich Fiscina both landed keeper sturgeon from Martinez, but Pete Gates and Pedro Contreras only caught shaker sturgeon fishing with Rich and Tom a week later. Jeff Sturm, Stan Wong, Mike Corker, Reggie Fromm, George Vogt, Gordon Linebaugh and Carl Moyer worked San Pablo Reservoir for trout with mixed success.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 26th, 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); or Barry Rauchle, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-400-3729.)



Harry Sherinian ladder teetering on Pyramid Lake



A lineup of SIR fishermen on Pyramid Lake





## 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 May 19, 2016 at 9:30 am. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

After our April presentation by Derek Southern on "Photo Organizing and Editing", Neil Schmidt will follow it up with the second of a two-part photo series on "Cloud Photo Storage". There are several advantages for storing some, if not or all, of your home photos in the cloud online. A number of cloud storage systems are relatively inexpensive (free?) and loaded with numerous features specifically designed for storing, managing and sharing photos. Neil will demonstrate and compare several of most popular and interesting cloud photo storage systems.

In addition, in May we will have the Windows 10 Q&A discussion that was originally scheduled for April.

Check the CAT Web page about a week before the next meeting to download a copy of the presentations: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org>.

The meeting starts at 9:30 AM, May 19, 2016, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive – so arrive 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 – 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.



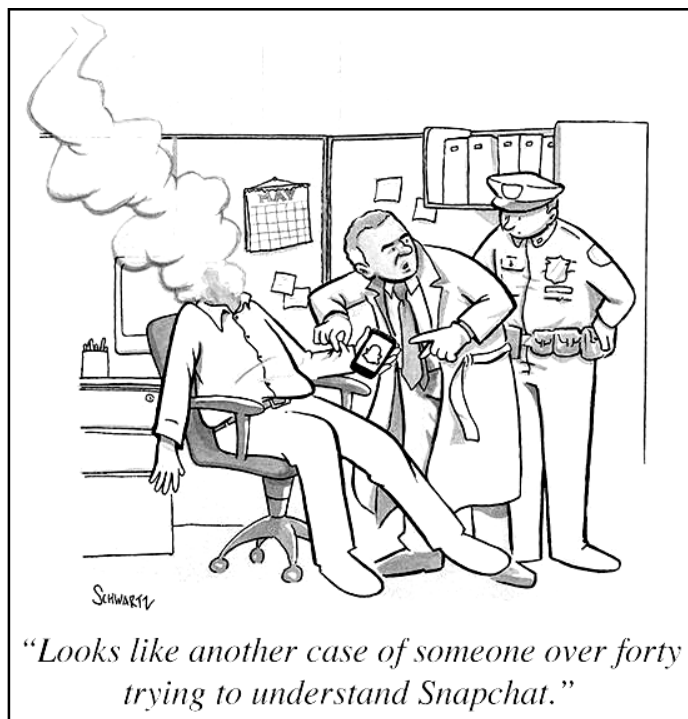
## "Mexican Train" Dominos

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 at the March meeting. Richard Madden was the winner. Harry Sherinian still has the lowest average score at 226.8 points. 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. You can contact Richard Madden, [maddenram@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maddenram@sbcglobal.net) or 925-788-4223





# You are running out of time to signup...

## *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](mailto:jbarstow@aol.com)





## Book Exchange

**John Fraser & Dick Kauffman**

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



Tired of TV?

Spending too much time on the Internet?

Need something to do after Golf?

Try reading a "real book", that is not an e-book, not an audible book but a printed book!

These are available at the free book exchange during the monthly luncheon.

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

Enjoy your reading!



## Br. 116 Book Club

**Rich Black**

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck

We are all sons and daughters of Cain, and our challenge is to try to overcome the weakness in our natures. That, or something like it, is Steinbeck's message in the often lyrical prose of this book set in the Salinas valley. Joel White recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with John Riordan, Richard White, Jim Flessner, Steve Bort, Cord Hull, Paul Frietas, John Frazier, Jerry Christopherson, Bob Wolf, John Kopchik, Garrett Girvin and Mac McLoughlin. The group awarded the book an astronomical 4.6 stars which may be the second highest rating ever given.

The group will next meet at Orinda Books at 10:15 am on **Monday May 23** to discuss "Not in God's Name" by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.



## Walking Tours

**Bernie Wroblewski**

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next SIR Branch 116 Walking Tour will take place sometime in June. An e-mail announcement will to those on the Walking Tour list will be sent out in late May. Check the June issue of the Tram-pas Topics for details.



## Wine Appreciation Group

**Jack Bevis**

(jackb435@comcast.net)

The Wine Appreciation group meets every other month. The most recent wine event was held at the home of Matt and Sarah Arena on March 31st.

Nineteen of us attended.

Matt decided to go Italian. He started by serving two white wines with their labels covered so as to hide the country of origin. They were both Pinot Gregio wines. The first was a Santa Margherita from Italy. The second was a Pavi Napa from Napa valley California. Almost everyone correctly picked the Santa Margherita as the Italian one.

Then there was a discussion break with Sarah's very enjoyable traditional Hors d'oeuvre's.

Next came a very nice red, a Nozzoli Chianti Reserva from Italy.

Next for fun Matt tried a 15 year old 1.5 L raffia bottle that he had, a Coli Chianti. Sadly it was not very good.

To finish off the afternoon we had Cinzano Asti Spumanti, a very agreeable Italian Sparkling white wine.

We meet every other month on the last Thursday of the month at a member's home from 4:00 to 6:30. The member supplies the wine and food and is reimbursed for it by the group. If interested in more information contact Jack Bevis at e-mail above or 925-254-7256.

The next event is scheduled for **May 26, 2016**.



## 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.



## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

**Ben Smith**

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

### Konnichiwa----to all the Dine-O-Sir Herd

As you all know we do not have a Dine-Out planned for May due to the Spring-Fling. However we are all set for a great evening enjoying some fine Japanese cuisine at the **MIRAKU Restaurant** located at 2416 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. The MIRAKU offers a unique dining experience which we are sure all will enjoy. Due to limited space we will have a two night event on June 22 & 29 with a limit of 50 people each evening. The social fun time will start at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7 PM. As always we will have open seating.

The Menu is as follows. cost--\$30 PP inclusive of tax & tip.

- To start- Soup, Dragon Roll (1 for 4), Fresh Pineapple bowl filled with chicken, Rice & Vegetables.(1 for 4) The Dragon Roll and Pineapple bowl are large and can be easily shared

Entree Selections: (Pick one) All Entree's will be grilled in a special House Marinade sauce.

- Beef Teriyaki
- Chicken Teriyaki
- Salmon Teriyaki
- Included with your Main Entree will be Tempura fried Vegetables, and Shrimp, white rice. 3 pieces of California Roll, Salad, Fresh Orange, Wasabi mustard and dipping sauce.
- Dessert- Rainbow sherbet.
- Soft drinks and Tea included with dinner.

We will enjoy special prices on alcoholic beverages- NO HOST: Warm Sake- Small-\$2, Large \$4 ( Many other special Sake's are available), House wines: Red and white \$4 per glass, \$16 per bottle. Bottled wine from Chili. Beer: 3 Brands-Sapporo, Kirin, Asahi Beer- Regular bottle \$3 Large Bottle \$5.50 We look forward to having a great evening with our fellow SIR and their Ladies and guests. An e-mail and flyer will be sent to everybody with the details of this event. Send your reservations request and checks to Sir-Ben Smith- bjsssmith@aol.com

Tele. 925-820-5403 itadakimasu and arigatougozaimasu ( Bon Appetite & Thank you)

## \$ums Investment Group

**Tom Henry (Branch 174)**

(tomh925@icloud.com)

The Area 2 \$UMS Investment Group will meet on Wednesday **May 25, 2016, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Legends restaurant of the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. Our guest speaker will be Robert Gallo, a 35 year financial veteran at Merrill Lynch. Their internal research project has identified Bob in the top 1 percentile for investment performance among Merrill Lynch financial advisors nationwide, so come and benefit from his experience. The Legends opens at 7:00 a.m. - come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Bring a prospective SIR.



## Bridge

**Jon Dickson**

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Chicago Style bridge is played every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month with lunch followed by bridge at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. We do welcome all bridge playing friends. On Tuesday, April 19th we had our semi-annual LADIES DAY lunch and bridge with all couples (defined as two people) invited and it was a fun afternoon of bridge. Lunch was not too shabby either! Round Hill CC is a very pleasant place to spend an afternoon playing bridge. 20 couples, 40 total players, filling 10 tables participated, making 6 small slams during the play, which we think is a large amount. Each won an extra prize of \$6 for bidding and making a small slam. Bobbie and Norm Schoenfeld overwhelmed all others gathering in over 7,100 points for the day to win the first place prize of \$35. All prize money, on instructions from our past leader Milt Greenstein, were awarded to the ladies. Our next LADIES DAY will be Tuesday October 18th. If you enjoy playing bridge, do join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.



## SIR Travel

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

Greetings to all! The S F Giants SIRS day is rapidly approaching. If any of the Branch 116 SIRS would like to attend, please let me know and we can put a group together. Another wonderful adventure coming **May 3 to May 5** is joining Branch 149 to view the **Vatican Splendors at the Ronald Regan Presidential Library**. All the information is enclosed. Sounds like a rewarding and historical opportunity.



To brighten your day... *I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places. :)*

Enjoy your travels and I will see in the Sky  
Above, the Sea Below and Down the Roads of Life.

Your Travel Chairman

### 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/](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/) offers additional SIR travel options.

**May 3-5, 2016: Vatican Splendors exhibit at the Reagan Presidential Library.** The Vatican exhibit only travels every other year so don't miss the opportunity to experience 2,000 years of Vatican art and history. You will also visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Cost \$591.00 including RT motorcoach, 2 night stay at the Pepper Tree in Santa Barbara, baggage handling, 6 meals, guided tours of the Library, and Santa Barbara Mission, with a visit to Solvang, and drivers gratuity. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 925-689-6217

**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, motorcoach 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.







## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

The Sirs Branch 116 hiking and walking group, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year (first walk March 2008), is a relaxed group known as the “Amiable Amblers.” Our goal is to encourage participation by those of all physical abilities by holding walks that are mostly “out and back” routes for 1 hour. Thus at 30 minutes time, those who walk more slowly can turn around and all return to the starting point at the about the same time. The walks are followed by coffee and conversation at a location chosen by the walk leader. These walks are for couples or individuals, as spouses are not always able to participate, but are encouraged to do so. A leader is assigned for each walk. The leader is responsible for receiving the RSVP’s, and generally chooses the location of the walk and post walk convocation. They mostly start at 8:15 am the second and fourth Fridays of the month, with occasional cancellations due to weather (including Rich Black’s attempts in March and April and John Riordan’s wildflower walk) conflicts, and holidays. We average 8-10 participants per walk, although we have had as many 16.

The Friday, **May 13** walk will be led by Joel White (I am back in action and can walk for an hour on a flat, paved surface-I just can’t sit for very long). Meet at **8:15 am** at the Railway Museum in downtown Danville, 205 Railroad Avenue.

Please RSVP to Joel: [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com).

**As the fourth Friday, May 27, is just prior to Memorial Day weekend, no walk is scheduled. Occasionally in the past we have had a later morning walk followed by lunch. There is not one scheduled this year, but if someone would like to volunteer to organize such I will see that it is publicized.**

*As noted above, this walk is with or without significant others. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even when the member is unable. Also, members and or spouses are invited to join the post walk convocation even if they are unable to participate is a particular walk*

*. In such case, please contact the walk leader so he may inform you of the location.*

Those from other sir branches wishing to join this mellow group, or to be added to the e-mail contact list, should contact Joel White

([zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com), 925-964-0994)

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com).

## Congratulations

to the winning teams of the  
**Four-Man Low Net Golf Tournament**  
at Poppy Ridge GC on Monday, April 25

### FIRST PLACE: (NET 284)

- JIM BARSTOWBILL
- HEMMELSBACH
- DIRK MEYER
- RANDY WELKER

### SECOND PLACE (NET 286)

- ALAN FITZGERALD
- CARL LANGHORST
- DON SCHROEDER
- TERRY SHERMAN

## 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)

## 👉 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.



## 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.

### May 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 11	10:00	Diablo Hills	D. McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 25	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

### May 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:30	Boundary Oak	Harry Oberle
Mon. 09	9:30	Boundary Oak	Harry Oberle
Tue. 16	9:30	Paradise Valley	Harry Oberle
Mon. 23	9:30	Hiddenbrook	Harry Oberle
Tue. 31	9:30	Roddy Ranch	Harry Oberle

# 18-Hole Results

Poppy Ridge, Mon, Apr 25, 2016

Wayne Cook, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	Jerry Hicks	71	3	1st	Frank Crua	59	3	1st	Bob Testa	67	3	Tie 1st	Wayne Cook	65	3
Tie 1st	Hugh Duggan	71	3	2nd	Dirk Meyer	66	2	2nd	Pete Coggiola	69	2	Tie 1st	Art Vogl	65	3
Tie 3rd	Jim Barstow	76	1	Tie 3rd	Bob Donohue	67	1	3rd	Dave Carlson	70	1	Tie 3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	66	1
Tie 3rd	Alan Fitzgerald	76	1	Tie 3rd	Don Schroeder	67	1					Tie 3rd	Carl Langhorst	66	1
<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>			
	Jerry Hicks	86			Frank Crua	82			Bob Testa	93			Wayne Cook	99	
<u>Closest-to #7</u>				<u>Closest-to #7</u>				<u>Closest-to #7</u>				<u>Closest-to #7</u>			
	David Harris				Bob Donohue				Bernie Wroblewski				Wayne Cook		
<u>4-Man Low Net Special Event</u>															
1st	Barstow, Hemmelsba	284		2nd	Fitzgerald, Langhorst	286		3rd	Hicks, Donohue B, R	288					

Lone Tree, Tue, Apr 19, 2016

Bob Donohue, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Barstow	67	3	Tie 1st	Phil Goff	68	3	1st	Randy Welker	67	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	66	3
Tie 2nd	Hugh Duggan	69	2	Tie 1st	Don Schroeder	68	3	2nd	David Carlson	69	2	Tie 2nd	Marty Katz	73	2
Tie 2nd	David Harris	69	2	3rd	Carlos Xavier	72	1	3rd	Mark Jordan	71	1	Tie 2nd	Ron Armijo	73	2
<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>			
	Jim Barstow	85			Phil Goff	85			Randy Welker	94			Carl Langhorst	101	
<u>Closest-to #5</u>				<u>Closest-to #5</u>				<u>Closest-to #5</u>				<u>Closest-to #5</u>			
	Bill McCord				No One				Randy Welker				No One		

Sequoyah CC, Mon, Apr 11, 2016

Jim Johnson, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Michael Barrington	63	3	1st	Don Schroeder	65	3	1st	Jim Videle	64	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	68	3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	68	2	2nd	Phil Goff	66	2	2nd	Pete Coggiola	67	2	2nd	Kevin Donahue	71	2
Tie 2nd	Hugh Duggan	68	2	3rd	Wayne Smith	67	1	3rd	Randy Welker	70	1	3rd	Fred Schafer	72	1
<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>			
	Michael Barrington	75			Phil Goff	84			Jim Videle	92			Carl Langhorst	106	
<u>Closest-to #12</u>				<u>Closest-to #12</u>				<u>Closest-to #12</u>				<u>Closest-to #12</u>			
	David Harris				Frank Portillo				Bob Testa				No One		

Sequoyah CC, Mon, Apr 11, 2016

Jim Johnson, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Michael Barrington	63	3	1st	Don Schroeder	65	3	1st	Jim Videle	64	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	68	3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	68	2	2nd	Phil Goff	66	2	2nd	Pete Coggiola	67	2	2nd	Kevin Donahue	71	2
Tie 2nd	Hugh Duggan	68	2	3rd	Wayne Smith	67	1	3rd	Randy Welker	70	1	3rd	Fred Schafer	72	1
<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>				<u>Low Gross</u>			
	Michael Barrington	75			Phil Goff	84			Jim Videle	92			Carl Langhorst	106	
<u>Closest-to #12</u>				<u>Closest-to #12</u>				<u>Closest-to #12</u>				<u>Closest-to #12</u>			
	David Harris				Frank Portillo				Bob Testa				No One		

Tilden Park, Mon, Apr 4, 2016

Jim Johnson, Official Scorer

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Hugh Duggan	67	3	1st	Al Zavattero	68	3	1st	Bob Testa	67	3	Tie 1st	Fred Schafer	68	3
2nd	Alan Fitzgerald	69	2	Tie 2nd	Don Schroeder	69	2	Tie 2nd	Pete Coggiola	68	2	Tie 1st	Art Vogl	68	3
3rd	Jim Barstow	71	1	Tie 2nd	Harry Oberle	69	2	Tie 2nd	John Story	68	2	Tie 3rd	Kevin Donahue	74	1



## 2016 18-Hole Leader Board

### First Half Leaders, January - June, 2016 As of Poppy Ridge, Mon, Apr 25, 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
Hugh Duggan	26	Don Schroeder	16	David Carlson	16	Art Vogl	21
Jim Barstow	20	Jim Johnson	14	Bob Testa	14	Marty Katz	18
Bill McCord	12	Al Zavattero	10	Bernie Wroblewski	13	Fred Schafer	15
David Harris	10	Phil Goff	10	Randy Welker	13	Ron Armijo	9
Jerry Hicks	10	Frank Crua	10	Jim Videle	8	Phil Jenkins	7
Alan Fitzgerald	6	Harry Oberle	7	Pete Coggiola	7	Carl Langhorst	7
Michael Barrington	4	Bill Clark	5	Al Serafino	6	Kevin Donahue	6
Craig Elliott	3	Mel Williams	5	Terry Sherman	3	Matt Arena	4
Neil Schmidt	2	Carlos Xavier	5	Dick Chaffee	3	Wayne Cook	4
		Wayne Smith	4	Alex Lutkus	3	Greg Hughes	3
		Dirk Meyer	4	John Story	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	3
		Bob Donohue	1	Jed Daniel	2	Robbie Robinson	2
				Terry Grummitt	1	Jim Nickels	1
				Mark Jordan	1	Conrad Robertson	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](mailto:branch116golf@gmail.com).

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, May 16, 2016	Paradise Valley	May 6	\$42
Monday, May 23, 2016	Hiddenbrooke	May 13	\$45
Monday, May 31, 2016	Roddy Ranch	May 20	\$34
Tuesday, June 21, 2016	Lake Chabot	June 10	\$30
Monday, June 27, 2016	Blue Rock East	June 17	\$37

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.