



# Trampas Topics

November, 2016

## SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, November 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

November promises to be a fascinating month, bringing us the election, Veteran's Day, the end to Daylight Savings Time, Thanksgiving, and our SIR Luncheon with the swearing in of our 2017 Officers and Directors.



We will be honoring the veterans in our Branch at the November Luncheon, setting up special tables for each branch of the service. In addition to being recognized, it will provide our Veterans the opportunity to sit with others representing their branch of service,

wear those tailored uniforms and ribbons from ~50 years ago, and tell "War Stories".

November will also bring the long awaited Primary election, and the climax of an unprecedented campaign. Who won't be pleased to see the end to all the campaign rhetoric, the TV ad "blitz", and unsolicited mail/telephone calls?

We will be swearing in your 2017 officers and directors during our November Luncheon. You have elected a wonderful group of individuals to represent us, who will do their best to keep our Branch healthy and solvent.

We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving Holiday, either by hosting the Holiday Celebration, or traveling to join families. We have so much for which to be thankful. Please travel safely.

An early reminder regarding our annual December Dinner/Dance. SIR Jerry Christopherson and his band of Merry Men have done an excellent job arranging our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance. It will be held at the Round Hill Country Club on December 14th. Knowing Jerry, I am sure he and his staff's arrangements will provide us with a wonderful evening of Dining, Dancing, and entertainment.

Another reminder, our January 2017 Luncheon will be held at Boundary Oak. Following the luncheon and a question/answer session, a vote determining the Venue for our 2017 Luncheons will take place. To intelligently decide, you must experience both Venues. You must be present to vote, so make every effort to attend this very special January Luncheon.

*Jim Barstow, Big SIR*

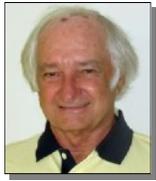


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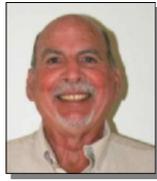
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or send an email to  
[snb49@outlook.com](mailto:snb49@outlook.com) by the  
Thursday prior to the  
meeting to cancel your  
standing reservation or to  
bring a guest.

## 2016 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



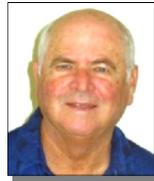
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938-2744



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229-2564



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**Director**  
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**Director**  
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**Director**  
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**Director**  
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846-7067



**Director**  
John Story  
932-8826

### 2016 Activity Chairmen

Book Group	Rich Black	283-8376
Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439
" "	Dick Kauffman	838-2334
Bridge	Jon Dickson	837-1178
Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403
Duplicate Bridge	Art Donaldson	934-9391
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067
Golf-18 Hole	Al Zavatero	933-0465
" " Asst.	Carlos Xavier	947-6756
Golf-9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	932-5087
" " Asst.	Darrell Mclaughry	933-1147
" " Asst.	Skip Berkson	437-1511
Golf - Carson City	Tim Hubbard	944-0742
Golf - Carmel	Jim Barstow	938-2744
Hiking & Walking	Joel White	964-0994
Mexican Train	Richard Madden	788-4223
" " Asst.	Alex Lutkus	827-2828
Parties	J. Christopherson	393-9373
Poker Group 1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Poker Group 2	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
\$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Walking Tours	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256

### Some Other SIR Area 2 Activities

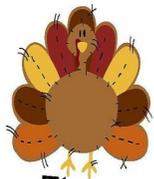
Apple User Grp.	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947
Bocce	Bob Barnes (Br.8)	686-0106
Bowling	Dan Weller (Br. 8)	935-5510
Digital Photo.	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	254-8338
Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (174)	376-8140

### 2016 Support Chairmen

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

## SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

# November 2016

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		<b>1</b>  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (10:00 First Christian Church, 3039 Willor Pass Rd, Concord)	<b>2</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
6	<b>7</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Mira Vista CC)	<b>8</b>  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	<b>9</b>  <u><b>VETERAN'S DAY</b></u>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)  <b>Mexican Train</b> (10:00@ TBD)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Moraga Commons Parking Lot)	<b>12</b>
13	<b>14</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)  <b>\$ums Investment</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	<b>17</b>  <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:30@ Elks Club)  <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)  <b>Wine Appreciation</b> (4:00@ TBD)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
20	<u><b>SIR Br. 116 Luncheon</b></u> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	<b>22</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Canyon Lakes GC)  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	<b>23</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Brentwood CC)	<b>24</b>    <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Maybe: Call Joel White)	<b>26</b>
27	<b>28</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Franklin Canyon GC)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

**Jim Nickels, Treasurer**  
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	Oct. 2016	2016 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,195.00	\$ 51,410.18
Disbursements	\$ (5,630.10)	\$ (49,845.02)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(1,435.10)</b>	\$ 1,565.16
Oct. 24th Cash Balance		\$ 9,300.52



## Membership

**Phil Goff**  
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	235
This Month's Inductees:	0
Inactive to Active:	0
Active Members Resigned:	0
Active to Inactive:	1
• Tom Hickey	
Inactive Resigned:	0
Inactive Members:	20



## Lunch Attendance

**Sam Beret**  
(snb49@outlook.com)

Attendance at the October 17th Meeting

Total: 158

Members: 156

Guests & Visitors: 2

Speakers: 0

Excused: 48

Long-term impairment: 7

Un-Excused: 24

The un-excused members will be asked to pay for

## November Luncheon Menu

Bountiful Thanksgiving Buffet with  
Fresh Roasted Turkey (White & Dark Meat)  
Mashed Potatoes & Turkey Gravy  
Cornbread Stuffing  
Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Cranberry Sauce  
Rolls & Butter  
Pumpkin Pie  
Coffee, Ice Tea & Lemonade

## November Birthdays

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

- |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Norm Alberts  | 10. Bill Hayes      |
| 2. Bob Anderson  | 11. JJ Johnson      |
| 3. Stuart Berger | 12. Oscar Krikorian |
| 4. Brent Chaney  | 13. Phil Perrelli   |
| 5. Peter Ciarlo  | 14. Lonny Randall   |
| 6. Bill Clarke   | 15. Don Rushton     |
| 7. Carl Cline    | 16. Neil Schmidt    |
| 8. Bob Conlon    | 17. Bob Testa       |
| 9. Art Donaldson | 18. Art Vogl        |

## 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/)



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Ben Smith** is doing beautifully following knee surgery. He is home from Manor Care in Rossmoor and is on his way to complete his therapy. Stay strong ,Ben.

SIR **Lonny Randall** also had knee surgery .This was the second knee surgery for both members. It is amazing how successful these surgeries have been . They are walking shortly after the operation . We must honor the medical profession for these advances.

SIR **Tim Dorr** is showing improvement . He was expecting to move from a walker to a cane but his wife Kathy tells me he is not quite ready as yet. Tim's spirit is good only because he is a very patient man.

SIR **Roger Colton** is at a plateau during this illness as reported by his wife Laurie. He is resting comfortably at home in his easy chair filling his time with books and TV. Roger is working on taking those lemons he was handed and making lemonade.

SIR **Larry Johnson** has had a pulmonary test and is waiting for results. He was experiencing some shortness of breath and was advised to be tested. Larry does some walking but finds pain in his arm when he does so. In spite of these issues he goes to the gym twice a week . Larry was a very athletic guy until he had these reversals. He is doing everything he can to get his strength back.

“TO LIVE IS THE RAREST THING IN THE WORLD. MOST PEOPLE EXIST, THAT IS ALL” —  
Oscar Wilde

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



## Activity Chairman

**Jerry Christopherson**

(jchris161k@aol.com)



Our year end Dinner Dance is just around the corner. It had better be on your calendar (or else).

## Christmas Dinner Dance

**Round Hill Country Club**

**Wednesday, December 14**

**5-6 pm Social Hour**

**Followed by lots and lots of food and fun**

**Come, if you are a couple or a single. Just come!!**

Look for the "Party Flyer" on **page 8** in this edition of the Trampas Topics. Clip the reservation form, send it in with your check, and get ready for a great time.





## 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, November 17th**, 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, have breakfast and talk about your latest fishing outing.

We will be very busy this fall fishing for: catfish, striped bass, black bass, crappie, bluegill, sturgeon, crawfish, trout, salmon, halibut, ling cod, and rock fish. We live in a fishermen's paradise. Chuck Vanoncini led Chuck Cornell, Joe Miscione, Ray Pixton, Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, and John Wall on a two day trip to Lake Almanor. Everybody got trout to 5 lbs. Dick Thomson, Paul Dubow, and Karl Droese got nice big cutthroat trout from Pyramid Lake in Nevada. Alex Go, Gordon Linebaugh, Lee Clark, Paul Dubow, Dick Thomson, and Carl Moyer went salmon fishing out the gate, but came home with only rock fish. Harry Sherinian and Tom Kostik caught and released some nice stripers trolling in the delta. Many of the fish they caught were over the minimum 18 inch size for keepers. Tom and Mike Corker each got a nice salmon plugging for stripers in the delta; and on earlier adventure caught black bass and small stripers. Striper and sturgeon fishing in the delta is hot this time of year, and our local lakes have started planting trout.

Contacts are Big Fish Paul Dubow (415-495-6504) or Branch 116 Coordinator, Harry Sherinian (925-846-7067).

### 👉 **REMINDER** 👈

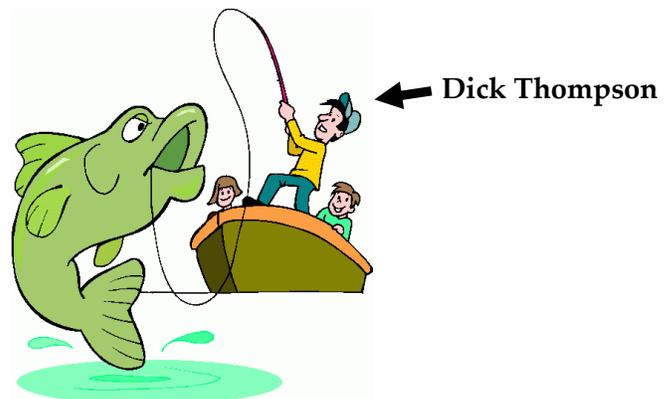
To cancel your standing Luncheon reservation, please call the Luncheon Hotline (925-806-8874) or send an email to the Attendance Chairman at [snb49@outlook.com](mailto:snb49@outlook.com) no later than Thursday AM in the previous week.



Mike Corker with his salmon caught in the Delta



Dick Thomson at Pyramid Lake





## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The **Friday, November 11** walk, will be led by Dan Green and will meet at 8:15am in the Moraga Commons parking lot (on St. Mary's Road, near the intersection of Moraga Road). We will walk along the Lafayette-Moraga trail towards St. Mary's College, then cross the road and enter St. Mary's making a loop around the campus. Coffee, etc., will be at the Starbucks in Rheem (500 Moraga Road). Please RSVP to Dan: 925-376-7087, cell 925-408-2412, asdgreen@comcast.net

As usual, there will be no scheduled walk on the 4th Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. However, if there is enough interest, we may get together. Anyone interested please respond to me at zpz2mrz@gmail.com and I will coordinate a walk.

### Joke About Getting Older

"Sugar why don't you sit down by the table and we'll start supper." Said Dorothy to her Husband of 50 years. "Sure thing," said her husband settling himself down.

"Now darling, would you like the soup first or the salad?" Questioned Dorothy.

"Umm I guess I'll take the soup." He responded.

After a whole meal of one endearing term after another, their guest Bob couldn't contain his curiosity any longer. Bob snuck into the kitchen and asked, "Dorothy do you always talk to your husband like that?"

"Bob, I'll be honest with you," Dorothy replied.

"It's been five years now, I just can't remember his name, and I am just too embarrassed to ask him!"



## Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

### Wine Appreciation Event, September 29, 2016

We held our September event on the 29th at the home of Bill and Bev McCallum at 4.00 PM on a very comfortable afternoon. Twelve of us sat outside in the arbor enjoying the nice weather and the first wine of the day that was a 2013 Napa Valley Graymont Chardonnay.

One of the wine groups to which Bill and Bev belong actually produces wine, from buying and crushing the grapes all the way through the wine making process up to corking the bottle and applying the seal. They treated us to a taste of their Cabernet Sauvignon. It was excellent, my personal favorite for the day.

Bill had four reds that were sort of a Rhone and Medoc grape trip around the world:

- Apostille, Canto de Apalta, Rapel Valley, Chile.
- Santa Carolina, Carmenere, Rapel Valley, Chile.
- Spice Route, Chakalaka, Swartland, South Africa. Interesting note, the name is also the name of a popular spicy relish dish.
- Bodegas Volver, Tarima Hill, Alicante Spain.

We frequently visited a nice table full of "accompanying Bites"

The next event will be **November 17th.** just before Thanksgiving.

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

### State 'SIR Happenings'

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

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



THE 2016 EDITION OF SIR BRANCH 116

# CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

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

## ROUND HILL Country Club

3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo, CA

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

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

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

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

**Chicken Breast in Chardonnay Sauce,**

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

**Includes salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert**

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

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

**(Circle entrée choice)**

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

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

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

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

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



## Walking Tours

**Bernie Wroblewski**

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

No walking tours are scheduled for November or December due to the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year Holidays. Walking tours will resume in January of 2017.



## SIR Travel

**By Marty Katz, Travel Chairman**

(mctkatz@pacbell.net)

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



There are no new SIR organized travel opportunities for November.

Marty Katz, our 2017 Little SIR, is looking for a replacement as our SIR Br. 116 Travel Chairman. If you are interested, please contact Marty.

One of the perks of being retired, is you now have lots of time to travel and see interesting people, places, and things. Enjoy your travels...



## Some SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

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



## Luncheon Speaker

**By Little Sir Paul Ramacciotti**

(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

There will be no formal Luncheon Speaker in November. Instead, we will be having the acoustic band "Jump-In" led by our very own SIR Branch 116 member Paul King.



*Jump-In is a 4 person acoustic band playing folk, popular and traditional music from the 50s to the 90s, with a preference to the early 60s folk era. Like the name suggests, we encourage the audience to jump in and join us in singing familiar favorite songs. Additionally with over 175 years of music between us, we do many of our own originals for your enjoyment.*

*Our show is a cross between a concert and a sing-along led with expert instrumentals and multi-part harmony vocals.*

*Jump-Ins cast of singer/songwriters:*

*\* Paul King: 6 & 12 string guitars, vocals.*

*\* John Koch: Guitar, Mandolin, vocals.*

*\* Paul Herzoff: Harmonica, percussion, vocals.*

*\* Hali Hammer: Bass, vocals.*

*Jump-In web site: <http://jump-in.ws/>*





## 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.



## “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 four players, Gary Bonfiglio, Richard Madden, Kirk McVean and Robbie Robinson at the October meeting. Richard Madden was the winner with Robbie Robinson coming in second beating out Gary Bonfiglio by 14 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. We had our first meeting of Couples Train in September. We had six couples play and everyone said they had a good time. Let me know if you would like to play and I will let you know where and when.

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



## Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



The Book Exchange continues to be a well used resource.

We have between one hundred to two hundred books available at each meeting with many best sellers and notable topics. As you probably know by now, the Book Exchange is free just bring a book and take a book or take a book and bring one back at the next luncheon.

Happy Reading

## 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)

## Note:

If you have any suggestions for improving the Trampas Topics Newsletter, please send them to the e-mail address above. **I am also always looking for photos of our various activity groups in action.** The Fishing group is good at providing photos but where are pictures from the other groups? Please take photos and send them to me...

Neil Schmidt



## “Dine-O-Sir” Dinner Group

Ben Smith  
(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The Dine-O-SIR group had one of it’s fantastic dining events on October 19 & 25th at the Wise Girl Rostorante Italiano.

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



## 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, November 17, 2016 at 9:30 am**. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

The presentation in November will be "*Home Video Systems*" by **Bob Testa**. Home video cameras are a great way to monitor what is going on in and around your home. Many of these camera systems are relatively inexpensive and easy to self install. There are also numerous camera options available. Bob will be reviewing the various options and what kinds of things to look for when purchasing a video camera system for your home. Individuals in attendance, who have installed video cameras in their home, will be asked to share their experiences.

Time permitting, we often have a Q&A period at the end of the meeting to answer individual's computer and technology questions. It is a good opportunity to find answers to your nagging computer problems. (Tip: Always try Google searching any computer problem because invariably thousands of other folks have had the same problem and many have posted something on the Internet about the problem and possible solutions.)

Arrive a little early to the meeting to chat with friends and enjoy the coffee and cookies. Note that 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.

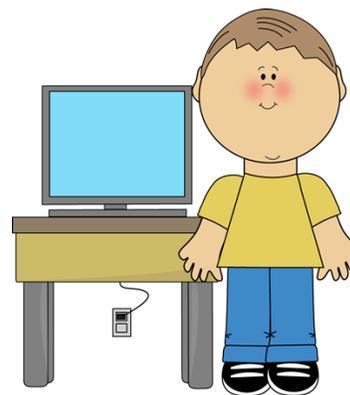
## SIR Br. 1 Computer Newsletter

SIR Branch 1, in the heart of the Silicon Valley tech companies, periodically puts out a very informative computer newsletter. It so informative that our SIR Area 2 Computer & Technology Group posts a link to this information on our CAT web site.

Individuals who are interested in some of the latest tech advice and news should check-out this information (see newsletter link at [a2cat.sirinc2.org](http://a2cat.sirinc2.org)).

Here is a list of topics covered in the November 2016 SIR Computer Newsletter:

1. Staying Secure
2. Watson In The Third Grade
3. IBM Bets Big On Watson
4. Electric Cars
5. Google Moves Into Hardware Production
6. Yahoo Account Hacked? -What To Do
7. Which Came First - Chicken or Egg?
8. No More Blackberry Smartphone
9. FaceBook Data Center
10. Storing Your Strong Password
11. No More Free Windows 10
12. Cyber Attack On The U.S. Military
13. Borrow e-Books From Your Library





## Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

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### "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania"

The Book Group met on Monday, 24 October, 2016 to discuss "*Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*" by Eric Larson. John Riordan recommended the book and Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Art Donaldson, Steve Bort, Tim Tinnes, John Kopchik, Mac McLoughlin, Garrett Girvin, Paul Freitas, Jerry Christopherson and Bob Wolf. SIRs were enthusiastic about the myriad details of the people, the times, the disposition of the American people, the intelligence then available and the operation of the great liner and the German submarine that sank her. The group awarded the book 4.3 stars with no ranking below 4.

On **Monday, 5 December** the group will again meet to discuss "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books in Orinda, California.

## \$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$ums, the investment activity of SIR Area 2, is changing to **The 3rd Wednesday morning of November for 2016**. The date is **November 16, 2016**. The time remains 8:00AM to 9:30PM. The location remains the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club on Port Chicago Highway 1/4 mile North of Highway 4. Our speaker will be Jim Carley on Reverse Mortgages and Long-term Care Insurance. Both investments have been controversies in the news in recent times. Jim will tell us about the pitfalls of these investments if they are not made with your specific needs in mind.

- <https://www.reversefunding.com/jim-carley>
- <http://healthcare.findlaw.com/patient-rights/ltc-long-term-care-insurance-risks-and-benefits.html>
- <http://www.investopedia.com/articles/personal-finance/090115/5-signs-reverse-mortgage-badidea.asp>



## Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

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

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

**October 25th** and **November 8th** are our next Tuesday bridge games at Round Hill CC.

## 2017 Golf Fees are Due

Have you paid your 2017 Golf fees?

The fees are:

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

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

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

Please send your check before the end of the year.





**SIR Branch 116 Golf**  
 By Al Zattero, 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.

**November 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

**November 18-Hole Schedule**

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	10:00	Mira Vista	Brent Chaney
Mon. 14	9:30	Boundary Oak	Brent Chaney
Tue. 22	9:30	Canyon Lakes	Brent Chaney
Mon. 28	9:30	Franklin Cyn	Brent Chaney

# 18-Hole Results

## Rossmoor, Mon, Oct 18, 2016

Phil Jenkins, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Michael Barrington	66 3	1st	Don Schroeder	66 3	1st	Richard Madden	69 3	1st	Marty Katz	75 3
2nd	Hugh Duggan	73 2	2nd	Al Zavattero	69 2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	73 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	76 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	74 1	3rd	Norm Alberts	73 1	Tie 3rd	Sam Beret	74 1	3rd	Carl Langhorst	80 1
						Tie 3rd	Kirk McVean	74 1			
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>		
	Michael	79		Don Schroeder	87		Sam Beret	94		Marty Katz	105
				Al Zavattero	87						
<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>		
	Jim Barstow			Carlos Xavier						Marty Katz	

## Boundary Oak, Mon, Oct 10, 2016

Ron Armijo, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	David Harris	67 3	1st	Don Schroeder	67 3	Tie 1st	Sam Beret	62 3	1st	Marty Katz	67 3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	73 2	Tie 2nd	Norm Alberts	69 2	Tie 1st	Richard Madden	62 3	2nd	Ron Armijo	69 2
Tie 2nd	Alan Fitzgerald	73 2	Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	69 2	3rd	Phil Perrelli	65 1	3rd	Kevin Donahue	70 1
			Tie 2nd	Charles McLinnis	69 2						
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>		
	David Harris	86		Al Zavattero	87		Sam Beret	89		Marty Katz	98
							Richard Madden	89			
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
	David Harris			Al Hutchko			Richard Madden			Ron Armijo	

## Napa Kennedy, Mon, Oct 3, 2016

Kevin Donahue, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Jim Barstow	71 3	1st	Dick Socolich	69 3	1st	Terry Sherman	71 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	73 3
Tie 2nd	David Harris	75 2	2nd	Al Zavattero	72 2	Tie 2nd	Bob Conlon	72 2	2nd	Kevin Donahue	79 2
Tie 2nd	Bill McCord	75 2	3rd	Mel Williams	73 1	Tie 2nd	Bob Price	72 2	3rd	Fred Schafer	82 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>			<u>low Gross*</u>		
	Jim Barstow	92		Dick Socolich	90		Bob Price	96		Conrad Robertson	109
				Mel Williams	90						
<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>		
				Dick Socolich			John Story				

## 2016 18-Hole Leader Board

Second Half Leaders, July - December, 2016  
As of Rossmoor, Monday, October 18, 2016

<u>FLIGHT 1</u>		<u>FLIGHT 2</u>		<u>FLIGHT 3</u>		<u>FLIGHT 4</u>	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Alan Fitzgerald	21	Jim Johnson	21	David Carlson	13	Robbie Robinson	20
David Harris	18	Don Schroeder	20	Sam Beret	10	Marty Katz	16
Jim Barstow	14	Mel Williams	18	Bernie Wroblewski	10	Matt Arena	13
Phil Goff	9	Al Zavatiero	14	Terry Grummitt	8	Fred Schafer	11
Neil Schmidt	9	Frank Crua	8	Richard Madden	8	Conrad Robertson	11
Hugh Duggan	8	Norm Alberts	6	Randy Welker	7	Carl Langhorst	7
Michael Barrington	8	Wayne Smith	3	Bob Testa	7	Kevin Donahue	5
Bill McCord	6	Dick Socolich	3	Alex Lutkus	5	Jim Nickels	4
Denny Giambastiani	2	Carlos Xavier	2	John Story	5	Wayne Cook	3
Jerry Hicks	2	Harry Oberle	2	Terry Sherman	5	Art Vogl	3
		Charles McInnis	2	Pete Coggiola	4	Ron Armijo	3
		Al Hutchko	1	Jim Videle	3	Jerry Christopherson	2
				Jerry Hunter	3	Phil Jenkins	2
				Bob Price	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	2
				Kirk McVean	3	Greg Hughes	1
				Al Satake	2		
				Bob Conlon	2		
				Phil Perrelli	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>
Tuesday, October 18	Rossmoor CC	Oct. 8	\$30/\$43
Monday, October 24	Eagle Vines	Oct. 17	\$47
Monday, October 31	Rooster Run	Oct. 22	\$33/\$42
Monday, November 7	Mira Vista CC	Oct. 24	\$50
Tuesday, November 22	Canyon Lakes	Nov. 12	\$34

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.