## SIR Branch 116

Trampas Topics Newsletter

June, 2018

Next Meeting: 11:30 am Monday, June 18, 2018 Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

## A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

 Sayings of 2018 Big Sir Marty KatzTime sure is flying. When you read this summer will be here. Make sure and wear your Sunscreen. As you may have noticed we did not have a meeting in May. However, we had a Wonderful Spring Fling. The Bloody Mary's were wet and wild. The lunch was delightful and the entertainment, well it was really entertaining. If you did not attend this year. Write it on your calendar for next year. A big shout out to the committee of Lou Sandor, Gary Boswell and Darrell
McClaughry and their lovely wives who also brought happiness to all, Violet, Zora and Bonnie. We all need to give their leader Jerry Christopherson a big cheer for bringing to us a wonderful Spring Fling.

By the time you read this newsletter the annual Carmel Golf Outing will have concluded. If it is anything like last year your dear Big Sir will have won everything. Last year I believe it was $\$ 190$ in golf winnings. A big thank you to Jimmy Johnson, Tom Eller, Dave Carlson and David Harris along with their Leader Jim Barstow. Thank you, it was a wonderful time.

This is a short Big Sir letter. So, I wish you all well and look forward to seeing you all at the June $18^{\text {th }}$ meeting.

My best to you all.

Marty Katz, Big SIR



PLEASE CALL 322-1318 or email to luncheon116@gmail.com by the Monday prior to the meeting to cancel your standing reservation or to bring a guest.


| 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) | $376-8140$ |

## June 2018



| May 2018 | Br. 116 Treasurer's Report <br> Jim Nickels, Treasurer <br> (bjnickels@sbcglobal.net) |  |
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| 2018 YTD |  |  |
| Contributions | $\$ 4,599.00$ | $\$ 30,316.833$ |
| Disbursements | $\$(3,789.83)$ | $\$(29,184.30)$ |
| Net (gain/(loss)) | $\$ 8809.17$ | $\$$ |
| May 31st Cash Balance | $\$ 132.53$ |  |

## June Birthdays

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

1. Matt Arena
2. Andy Benz
3. Sam Beret
4. Dick Bergamini
5. Dave Carlson
6. Rog Craig
7. Kevin Donahue
8. Phil Goff
9. Jerry Hunter
10. Jerry Kaplan
11. Alex Lutkus
12. Bill McCallum
13. Charlie McInnis
14. Dirk Meyer
15. Lou Meylan
16. Don Schroeder
17. Harry Sherinian
18. Dave Tullus
19. Fred Wachowicz
20. Mike Ward
21. Jai Yee

## Membership

 Phil Goff(philgoff@yahoo.com)
SIR 116 Membership Status
Total Current Membership is 206

## \$ums Investment Group <br> Tom Henry (Branch 174) (tomh925@icloud.com)

After our last meeting on May 23 about Elder Abuse, we'll be taking the summer off.. Next meeting after that will be on Wed, Sep 26.

# February Lunch Menu 

| SiRS 116 Luncheon |
| :---: |
| June 18, 2018 |
| $\underline{\text { Salad }}$ |
| Sunburst Salad |
| Butter Lettuce, Fresh Berries, Orange Segments, |
| Blue Cheese |
| Balsamic Vinaigrette |
| Entrees |
| Alaskan Cod |

## Want a Free \$25 Lunch ? Sponsor a New Member !



## Poker

Lou Sandor (lsandor@astound.net)

Contact Lou Sandor at 925-944-1634 or 1sandor@astound.net if you are interested in joining the Poker group

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## Hiking \& Walking

Joel White
(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)
The walk on Friday, May 11, was led by new member Essie Naddaf. On a wonderful May day we met at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (AKA railroad museum) and Esssie was accompanied by Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Dan and Andrea Green, David and Colleen Geary along with their daughter Pamela, and John Riordan. An excellent breakfast followed at Chow Danville.

The Friday June 8 walk will be led by Steve Bort. Meet at 8:15 am at the Iron Horse Trail head on Stone Valley Road 2 blocks west of I-680. Post walk convocation will be at Panera Bread in the same parking lot. Please RSVP to Steve stevebort1@yahoo.com: cell \# 925-366-3605.
The Friday June 22 walk will be led by Tom Welte. Meet at the Moraga Commons for another of our favorite walks on the Lafayette Moraga Trail toward St Mary's University. Be aware of Road Closure on St Mary's road, so Moraga Road is a better route for most. Please RSVP to Tom tomwelte1@gmail.com.

All walks are 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.

Anyone, including 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@gmail.com, 925-964-0994)


# Meeting Speaker <br> 2018 Little SIR Jerry Hicks 

June Speaker: Chief Eric Christensen Scams and Fraud - "If it's too good to be true..."


Recently transferred from Chief of Lafayette Police to Oakley, Eric Christensen has been in law enforcement for 26 years with the CC Sheriff's Office and City of Oakley. Eric also retired after a 20 year career as a military police officer from the Army Reserves.

Chief Christensen holds a BS in Criminal Justice and has excelled in a variety of positions from patrol and investigations to administration in field training programs, technology, and development of policy and procedures. As an investigator, he found passion in the investigation of forgery and fraud cases. The individuals who perpetrate these types of crimes pride themselves on being able to avoid detection and prosecution - making it a challenge. Although the means and the manner have changed, the types of scams are the same - How can I separate someone from their savings? Attend our June luncheon and find means to keep your money. Eric is an entertaining speaker with a valuable message for us.

On another note, I have received many kudos for our first half of the year speakers. This is due to, not me, but our speakers committee which your BEC authorized last year. I wish to thank Jim Barstow, Roger Craig, Allan Farbman, and Don Marini for their fine work. They are finalizing what looks to be an interesting and entertaining lineup of luncheon speakers for the next half year. They certainly have added an extra dimension for your enjoyment at our monthly luncheons.

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# 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, June 28th, in 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. Contacts are Harry Sherinian 510-207-7067 Branch 116 Coordinator and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243.

Halibut in the bay were sought by Gordon Linebaugh, Dick Grube, Ron Lew, Bob Stein, Carl Moyer, and Stan Wong. The future of this fishery is bright since they had to catch 5 or more to get one big enough to keep. Trout fishing locally has subsided, but Phil Scomonelli, Brion Beetz, Terry Miller, and Harry Sherinian got a few. Out further at Don Pedro Lake, Pete Gates led Jack Waddell, Paul Dubow, Terry Miller, Dick Thomson, Karl Droese, and Tom Boltz on guided boats for lots of trout, a few kokanee, and one crappie. Joe Miscione went south to Mexico joyously fishing Lake El Salto for many large black bass. Mike Corker caught a monster 10 lb . black bass in the delta. Tom Kostic and Harry Sherinian were out there on the same trip but were not so fortunate. Stan Wong, Brion Beetz, and Carl Moyer caught rockfish from the ocean. 30 fisherman from the fishing group came to Carl's annual spring fish fry. No one left hungry. A few sturgeon were caught in the delta. Salmon fishing is slow as usual for this time of year. Ernie Wong and Ken Konzack had slow fly fishing at Pyramid Lake, but better luck with shad upriver. Tom Kostik caught striped and black bass and bluegill in the delta.



Seven happy SIRs caught these fine fish on a guided trip to Lake Don Pedro


Dave Carlson with a nice stringer of Trout

## aSunshine Report <br> Matt Arena <br> (marena@astound.net)

Matt is travelling and unable to provide Sunshine input. Look for his report next month.

## 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
 Computer \& Technology

Neil Schmidt ea
(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)
The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group takes a hiatus in June. The next meeting will be Thursday July 19, 2018 at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge starting at 9:30 am. SIR from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend our meetings.

The Computer \& Tech meetings are designed to be interesting and informative to both tech novices as well as tech "nerds". All SIR, independent of their tech knowledge or background, are encouraged to attend at least a meeting or two just to find out how informative these meetings can be for you. It is also a good place to get answers to your questions about computers, smartphones, or tech devices.

We are always looking for interesting topics for our meetings (and presenters). If you any suggestions,

## Trampas Topics Submissions



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

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor trampastopics@gmail.com


For all those interested in playing casual bridge, we have games every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club. It is lunch at 11:30 AM and bridge right after. We play Chicago Style, 6 rounds of four hands, change partners and tables after every round. Prizes for top scores. There is varying degrees of expertise so all are welcome.

If you have any inclination to play bridge, or wish to start playing again, please do join us on Tuesday, June 12th or 26th for lunch \& bridge. Contact Jon Dickson to sign up.


## Wine Appreciation Group Lou Meylan (loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The Wine Appreciation Group met at the home of Bob Wolf in March. Wines from South America were featured.

We try to meet on the fourth Thursday every other month, however there will be no meeting in the month of May.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 26th at the home of Jon Dickson.


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## Book Exchange

 John Fraser \& Dick Kauffman

Please stop by the book exchange in the room opposite the bar. We have a wide variety of titles and subjects and you are welcome to help yourself. If you are spring cleaning and want to contribute books you have enjoyed please bring them by. If you enjoy reading we encourage you join the book club which meets monthly for a book discussion. Lots of fun


## Br. 116 Book Group <br> Rich Black <br> (blackrw41@comcast.net)

The Book Group next meets at 10:15 on Monday, June 4 (note unusual meeting date to accommodate Memorial Day) at Orinda Books to discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. A report on the discussion will appear in the July Trampas Topics.

The book for Monday, June 25 has yet to be identified but the discussion will be at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, California.


> Walking Tours
> Alan Fitzgerald (galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

May 20th Saturday Walking Tour - Mare Island
Mare Island turned out to be a very interesting location to visit. There were 10 participates and many things to see. St. Peters Chapel (Oldest Navy Chapel in the Nation), the Museum, and the USS LCS-102 (a Landing Craft Support vessel that has more fire power per pound than a battle ship) were the most popular for the group. The Museum is so big and has so many things to see it would take hours to fully see and review everything. Maybe a rerun will be in order.

## Mare Island Walking Tour




## SIR BRANCH 116 2018 RENO GOLF GETAWAY SEPTEMBER 5-6-7, 2018

Sept. 6 - Lakeridge Golf Course 8:45 AM Start Sept 7 - Summerset Country Club 10:00 AM Shotgun

## Staying at the Silver Legacy

Golfer. $\qquad$ \$465.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)
Golfer $\qquad$ \$627.00 Single Occupancy (K)
Non-Golfer... \$325.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)
Non-Golfer... \$487.00 Single Occupancy (K)

## Staying at Circus Circus

Golfer $\qquad$ $\$ 430.00$ Double Occupancy (QQ)
Golfer............ \$555.00 Single Occupancy (K)
Non-Golfer.... \$290.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)
Non-Golfer... \$415.00 Single Occupancy (K)

## Includes:

3 Nights Deluxe Lodging, 36 Holes of Golf (with cart and range balls)
Golf Balls, $\$ 25$ each person food coupons, Raffle prizes, Golf Prize Money, Gaming and Bar Coupons

Sept. 5 - No-Host Reception, Sept. 7 - Sit Down Prime Rib Dinner

Non-Golfers: Enjoy what the "Biggest Little City in the World" has to offer: Shopping, Gambling, Live Shows, Great Restaurants, Museums and more...

Entry Deadline: August 10, 2018
Please Complete the form and circle your selections

## Silver Legacy or Circus Circus

1. Name: $\qquad$ Golfer Non-Golfer Smoking: Y or N
2. Name: $\qquad$ Golfer Non-Golfer Smoking: Y or N

Golfer's NCGA GHIN \# 1. $\qquad$ 2. $\qquad$
Enclosed is my check for \$ $\qquad$ to cover my reservation
Please make checks payable to SIR Branch 116 Golf
Your e-mail address $\qquad$
Mail Checks to: Paul Ramacciotti, 436 Ridgeview Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
For questions: e-mail Paul at dagobuildr@comcast.net or call 925.207.3762
"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 in attendance. I was able to nip Alex Lutkus 204 to 224 on the final round after he had lead most of the game. John Riordan came in third with 263. The two remaining players, Gary Bonfiglio and Kirk McVean had 309 and 366 respectively.

We meet at 10:00 AM on the second Wednesday of the month, except when we have conflicts, at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek. Our next meeting is on June 13.

I will be sending out notices. Let me know if you would like to be put on our list.

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

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SIR 116 Web Site (With new design) branch116.org
Branch 116 Golf branch116golf.org

Computer and Technology a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site sirinc.org/

"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group
Alex Lutkus
(alutkus@yahoo.com)


Tuesday, June 05, 2018 Dining Event
Zio Fraedo's Italian Continental Restaurant 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA

SOCIAL HOUR WILL START AT 6:00 PM and Dinner will be Served at 6:45 PM

Wines (by the glass), beer and bar cocktails at \$5.00; Bottles of house wine at $\$ 20.00$
(Corkage will be available at $\$ 15.00$ )
Appetizers will be available during the cocktail hour - Fried Zucchini and Fried Calamari

## Dinner Menu

ENTREES - Choice of:

1) New York Steak
2) Chicken Picata
3) Petrale Sole
(All Entrees will include a starch and fresh vegetables)
POST DINNER: Dessert (Chef's choice) Coffee or Hot Tea
Cost, just $\$ 40.00$ per person, tax and tip included
To sign-up, indicate menu selection(s) and make out check to: "SIR Branch 116 Dining"

Mail to: Alex Lutkus, 4054 Castlewood Court, Concord, CA 94518

Call or e-mail Alex if you have questions. 925-8272828 - alutkus@yahoo.com


## 2018 Carmel Golf Outing



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# SIR Branch 116 Golf <br> By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman <br> (bbwroblewski@comcast.net) 

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.

In addition to the Tournament format, Special Events such as Match Play, Best Ball, Scramble, and others are also periodically scheduled.
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 FieldsConcord, 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, $2^{\text {nd }}$ place 2 and $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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 $\underline{2}$ 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 is: branch116golf.org

## Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of

 websites to access information on the following:- 2018 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, start-


## June 9-Hole Schedule

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

ing 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.


## June 18-Hole Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | Organizer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mon. 04 | 9:32 | Boundary Oak | Don Schroeder |
| Mon. 11 | 9:32 | Boundary Oak | Don Schroeder |
| Tues. 19 | 9:30 | Chardonnay | Don Schroeder |
| Mon. 25 | 9:30 | Blue Rock West | Don Schroeder |

## 18-Hole Results



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First Half Leaders as of Hiddenbrooke, Tue, May 29, 2018

| FLIGHT 1 |  | FLIGHT 2 |  | FLIGHT 3 |  | FLIGHT 4 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Pts | Name | Pts | Name | Pts | Name | Pts |
| Jim Barstow | 22 | Don Schroeder | 18 | Al Hutchko | 35 | Fred Schafer | 20 |
| David Harris | 22 | Bernie Wroblewski | 16 | Dave Carlson | 20 | Kevin Donahue | 15 |
| Jim Johnson | 18 | Gary Boswell | 15 | Alex Lutkus | 10 | Matt Arena | 14 |
| Phil Goff | 13 | Al Zavattero | 14 | Richard Madden | 9 | Wayne Cook | 13 |
| Jerry Hicks | 7 | Harry Oberle | 10 | Terry Grummitt | 8 | Phil Jenkins | 11 |
| Mel Williams | 7 | Marty Katz | 10 | Terry Sherman | 7 | Carl Langhorst | 9 |
| Alan Fitzgerald | 6 | Dirk Meyer | 8 | John Story | 5 | Robbie Robinson | 8 |
| Denny Giambastiani | 5 | Carlos Xavier | 6 | Bob Testa | 5 | Conrad Robertson | 6 |
| Warren Garrison | 7 | Frank Portillo | 3 | Pete Coggiola | 5 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 5 |
| Bill McCord | 3 | Jim Clizbe | 1 | Bob Donohue | 1 | Greg Hughes | 1 |
| Michael Barrington | 2 | Don Marini | 1 |  |  | Jerry Christopherson Art Vogl | 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-inAdvance. 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

## Event Date

Tuesday, June 19
Monday, June 25
Tuesday, July 17
Monday, July 23
Monday, July 30

Location
Chardonnay
Blue Rock-West
Rooster Run
Canyon Lakes
Kennedy Napa

## Deadline

June 7
June 11
July 5
July 11
July 21

Amount
\$47
\$44
\$43
\$40
\$35

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

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

## Sons In Retirement: A non profit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

## Rules of Attendance \& Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member shall be notified in writing and/or telephone by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership 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 of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.
- All legitimate alternatives to termination shall be explored. The member's response may suggest an alternative to termination such as inactive status.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12-month period.

## 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.

