

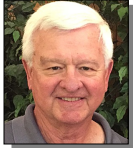


# SIR Branch 116 Newsletter August 2022

*Enhancing the lives of our members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making Friends for Life*

## Message from Fred

We continue to slay the covid giant as all of our activities are all ahead full.



If you are not yet engaged with a SIR Activity give the chairman of the activity you are interested in a call to get yourself on his notification list. The activity chairmen are all listed in the roster book.

The Dine-O-SIRS have another great dinner planned for Augusts 25<sup>th</sup> at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. Don't miss it!

If you would like to serve as our **Christmas Party Chairman** call me today at 925-640-4594 to find out more about the job. This is one of our biggest annual events and we have a number of helpers in the ready to make it all possible.

**Our August Boundary Oaks meeting has been rescheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> since Boundary will not have PG&E power available on our normally scheduled meeting which would have been on August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

On an administrative matter we ask you to advise us on the Luncheon Line when you are unable to attend but **the more important thing is that you join us to catch up with friends and hear what the guest speakers have to say.**

Also please don't forget that we are obligated to cover the cost of lunch for late cancellations after Thursday (at 10:00 am) prior to the Monday Luncheon because after that time we are obligated to cover the cost of lunch for the number of attendees that we have submitted in the final count to Boundary.

We know that things come up at that late date so we appreciate your support on this obligation.

The Telephone Number is **925-322-1318** and the e-mail address is [luncheon116@gmail.com](mailto:luncheon116@gmail.com)

We had 96 members on board for our July meeting which is slightly less than our normal minimum count of 100; however, Boundary accommodated the number without a charge for the minimum contract requirement for 100 members served.

A good news note, our membership is steady at 195 despite the loss of a few members with the addition of 3 new members.

See you on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> if not before at one of our activities.

*Fred Wachawicz*, Big SIR

**Next Meeting**  
**Aug. 23 @ Boundary**  
**Oak, 11:30 AM**

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**Call 925-322-1318  
or email to  
[luncheon116@gmail.com](mailto:luncheon116@gmail.com)  
by the Monday  
prior to the meeting  
to cancel your  
standing  
reservation.**

Trampas Topics

## 2022 SIR Branch 116 Officers



**Big SIR**  
Fred  
Wachowicz



**Little SIR**  
Roger  
Craig



**Treasurer**  
Alan  
Fitzgerald



**Asst.Treas.**  
Al  
Satake



**Secretary**  
Paul  
Ramacciotti



**Asst. Sec.**  
Alan  
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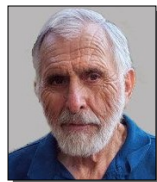


**Member.Sec.**  
Phil  
Goff

## 2022 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Don  
Benioff



Sam  
Beret



Kevin  
Donahue



Al  
Farbman



Darrell  
McClaughry



Dave  
Williams

## 2022 Support Chairmen

### RAMP Department Heads:

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| • Recruitment      | Don Schroeder   |
| • Activities       | Mike Ward       |
| • Member Relations | David C. Harris |
| • Publicity        | Allan Farbman   |

### Branch Support Chairmen:

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Audit Committee            | Ron Armijo             |
| • Nominating Committee       | Michael Barrington     |
| • Sunshine Committee         | Matt Arena             |
| • Computer Support           | Neil Schmidt/Phil Goff |
| • Webmaster                  | Neil Schmidt/Phil Goff |
| • Newsletter Editor          | Neil Schmidt           |
| • New Member Orientation     | Dave Williams          |
| • Membership Roster Prep     | Phil Goff              |
| • Compliance Officer (COVID) | Kevin Donahue          |

### Diversity Support Team

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|----------------|--------------------|
| • Team Leader  | Fred Wachowicz     |
| • Team Member  | Sam Beret          |
| • Team Member  | Terry Sherman      |
| • Team Member  | Al Satake          |
| • Team Member  | Jerry Hicks        |
| • Team Member  | Michael Barrington |
| • Team Advisor | Lee Moy            |

### Luncheon Support Team:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Attendance             | Mike Scheneider           |
| • Audio Visual           | Neil Schmidt              |
| • Chaplain Committee     | Terry Sherman             |
| • Greeters Committee     | Ramacciotti, Grummitt     |
| • Raffle Committee       | Ben Bryce                 |
| • Storytellers Committee | Mac McLoughlin/F. Schafer |

### Speakers Committee

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|---------------|---------------|
| • Team Member | James Dawe    |
| • Team Member | Allan Farbman |
| • Team Member | Paul Freitas  |
| • Team Member | Roger Craig   |

## 2022 Activity Chairmen

Activity	Chairman	Asst. Chairman
• Amiable Amblers	John Riordan	Joel White
• Bocce	Paul Russell	Bob Huck
• Book Group 1	Rich Black	Steve Bort
• Book Group 2	Scott Clark	Alan Pope
• Book Exchange	John Fraser	Dick Kauffma
• Bridge	Jon Dickson	Art Donaldson
• Community Service	Jeff Johnson	
• Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	Phil Goff
• Dine-O-SIR	Alex Lutkus	Marty Katz
• Duplicate Bridge	Conrad Robertson	Tom Henry
• Fishing	Harry Sherinian	Terry Miller
• Golf—18 Hole	Bernie Wroblewski	Jim Johnson
• Golf—9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	D. McLaughry
• Golf—Treasurer	Alan Pope	
• Golf—Carmel	Jim Barstow	JJ, Harris, Eller
• Golf—Reno	David Harris	Harry Oberle
• Golf—Clinic	Chris Doan	Jeff Johnson
• Mexican Train	Richard Madden	Alex Lutkus
• Parties	Marty Katz	
• Pickleball	Ed Solomon	Gary Bonfiglio
• Poker	Lou Sandor	
• \$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	
• Travel	Jeff Johnson	
• Wine-O-SIR	Lou Meylan	
• Walking Tours	Greg Hughes	Mike Schneider

## Some Other SIR Area 16 Activities

Apple User Group	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947
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

# Monthly Activities Calendar

## August 2022

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	<b>1</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:40@ Bpimday Oak GC )	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)	<b>4</b>  <b>Bocce</b> (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	<b>5</b>  <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (8:15@ Olympic Blvd. Staging Area) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	<b>6</b>
7	<b>8</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:40@ Bpimday Oak GC )	<b>9</b>  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (10:00@ Diablo CC)	<b>10</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Mexican Train</b> (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (8:15@ Arbolado Park) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	<b>13</b>
14	<b>15</b>  August 2022 Luncheon moved to Tuesday August 23 due to scheduled PG&E work on August 15	<b>16</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Tilden GC )	<b>17</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	<b>18</b>  <b>Book Group 2</b> (11:00@ Arbolado Park) <b>Bocce</b> (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	<b>19</b>  <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (8:15@ Countrywood Shopping Center) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	<b>20</b>
21	<b>22</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:01@ San Ramon GC ) <b>Book Group 1</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	<b>23</b>  <b>SIR Br. 116 Meeting</b> (11:30@ Boundary Oak) <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (10:00@ Diablo CC)	<b>24</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Shadow Lakes GC) <b>\$ums Investment</b> (1:30 via Zoom)	<b>25</b>  <b>Fishing</b> (8:30@ Diablo Creek) <b>Dine-O-SIR</b> (6:00@ Zio Fraedo's, PH) <b>Poker</b> (Call Lou Sandor)	<b>26</b>  <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (8:15@ TBD) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	<b>27</b>
28	<b>29</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:03@ Chardonnay GC)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)			



# Branch Administration



## Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership: **195**

- Lou Johnson      New Member
- Charlie Guthrie      New Member
- Elfving, Claes      New Member
- Larry Cannon      Resigned



## Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

July 26, 2022		
	July-2022	2022 YTD
Contributions	\$ 3,706.22	\$ 48,591.55
Disbursements	\$ (3,237.33)	\$ 47,443.98
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 468.89	\$ 1,147.57
July Cash Balance		\$ 10,956.54
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$ 10,956.54

The Branch Shopping Cart and the Credit Card system are working very well. As Treasurer I am able to track payments for the various activities made by a Credit Card. The Branch does not keep any of the Card data. Square is our service provider and they are a national company used by many vendors to manage Credit Card payments.

When using the shopping cart, I ask that you do not combine different activities in the same purchase, such as paying for Lunch and Dine-O-Sir. Combining non like activities makes it difficult to track the payments and report the head count to the appropriate coordinator. Combining various golf activity payments is ok since the reporting goes to the same coordinator.

## August Birthdays

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

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow      | 9. Terry Grummitt |
| 2. Steve Bort       | 10. Tim Martin    |
| 3. Dick Breitwieser | 11. Fred McBreen  |
| 4. Peter Coggiola   | 12. Kirk McVean   |
| 5. Frank Crua       | 13. Don Murray    |
| 6. Jim Dawe         | 14. Roger Smith   |
| 7. Bob Donohue      | 15. Joel White    |
| 8. Paul Freitas     |                   |

**Want a Free \$31 Lunch?  
Sponsor a New Member !**

## 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](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com)

## SIR Web Addresses

**SIR 116 Web Site**  
[branch116.org](http://branch116.org)

**Branch 116 Golf**  
[branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org)

**Branch 116 Shopping Cart**  
[sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site](http://sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site)

**Area 16 Computer and Technology**  
[sirinc2.org/a16cat/](http://sirinc2.org/a16cat/)

**SIR Happenings State Newsletter**  
[sirinc.org/newsletters/](http://sirinc.org/newsletters/)



# August Luncheon Meeting

## Speaker for August Meeting

Ben Lavender from Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

The August Lunch Meeting  
will be on

**Tuesday, August 23**

and not on our regularly  
scheduled 3rd Monday of  
the month.

PG&E will be performing scheduled work at Boundary Oak on August 15th and there will be no power for the restaurant. The Lunch Meeting has therefore been rescheduled to Tuesday, August 23.

## August Menu

### SIR 116 Luncheon

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

#### Salad

##### Caprise Salad

Vine ripened Tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, basil, balsamic reduction & extra virgin olive oil

#### Entrees

##### Bistro Filet

Roasted garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables & red wine demi glace

Or

##### Grilled Salmon

Brentwood corn risotto, seasonal vegetables, citrus beurre blanc & basil oil

Or

##### **Vegetarian Option**

#### Dessert

##### **Lemon Coconut Cake**

White cake, lemon mousse, toasted coconut topping



July Luncheon Speaker SF Bar Pilot Paul Ruff



## SIR HAPPENINGS

Checkout the new and improved State SIR Happenings Newsletter. With a new editor the newsletter February 2021 has been radically expanded with lots of information about fun things that are going on in our branches.

You can find it at: <https://sirinc.org/newsletters>

# Branch Administration



## Little SIR Report

Roger Craig

Hats off to Mike Schneider who has the unenviable task of providing Boundary Oak a number of members who will be attending our luncheon. His estimate of 94 attendees for the July luncheon was on the money. His number has consequences as we are financially liable to Boundary if we fall short.

Mike has some help from those who pay by credit card and the excused list. The big unknown is those who assume the standing reservation option and walk in.

Covid continues to hover but July's attendance indicates more members are comfortable with in person attendance.

A speakers reception is often indicated by the number of questions he receives. Such was the case with our speaker Paul Ruff an SF Bar pilot who is responsible for navigating big ships and cargo containers through the SF Bay.

There were several questions and most of us were left saying "I had no Idea".

Bob Donohue reminded us of a Dine-O-SIR event at Zio Fraedo's on August 25th. Prime Rib lovers come one come all.

July's luncheon had the feel of a pre-Covid luncheon. Let's keep the ball rolling.

## New Branch Members



New Member Lou Johnson with  
Sponsor Peter Coggiola



Sponsor David Harris with  
New Member Charlie Guthrie

# Branch Administration



## Member Relations

David Harris

### SIR August Anniversaries

We recognize the members of SIR Branch 116 each month who have an anniversary with SIR.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years with SIR</u>	<u>Date Joined SIR</u>
Terry Miller	25	08/18/1997
Dick Breitwieser	20	08/19/2002
Bob Vetro	20	08/21/2002
Jai Yee	19	08/18/2003
Dave Heck	17	08/15/2005

Lou Meylan	17	08/15/2005
Norm Schoenfeld	16	08/21/2006
Richard Madden	15	08/20/2007
Jon Dickson	10	08/20/2012
Ed Barney	4	08/17/2018
Chris Doan	4	08/20/2018
Jamie Watson	3	08/19/2019
Lyle Buckert	1	08/16/2021
Bill Foulds	1	08/16/2021



## Sunshine

Matt Arena

SIR **Norm Jokerst** passed on Sunday July 17,2022.

Norm had a stroke earlier in the year and was under the care of Hospice. He enjoyed his membership in the Branch and will be missed by his many friends.

SIR **John Takacs** passed on February 24, 2022 in Fords, New Jersey. We just learned of his passing thanks to Dave Harris. John had a very active life and his obituary mentioned his membership in Branch 116. He will be missed by his many friends in the branch.

SIR **Bob Campbell** is dealing with blood pressure issues . He is looking forward to returning to our luncheons as we are to get to see him healthy again.

SIR **Fred McBreen** had neck surgery and is recuperating. He is missing his golf but expects to be with us soon. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

SIR **Bill Mc Cord** is dealing with GERD (Digestive system) and hopes to be on the mend in short order. Looking forward to seeing you at our luncheons.

SIR Mike Ward is showing progress following his hospitalization with pneumonia. He would very much like to get this behind him. He was in Tahoe when I spoke with him.Sounds like a good sign that he is on a recovery path. Looking forward to see you at the luncheons again.

SIR **Jerry Christopferson** is 90% cured . He is waiting to get back to driving again. It looks like his final hurdle before we see you back at the luncheons.

*ONLY YOUR REAL FRIENDS WILL TELL YOU WHEN YOUR FACE IS DIRTY*

*SICILIAN PROVERB*

In Memoriam

**Norm D. Jokerst**

December 5, 1929—July 17, 2022

In Memoriam

**John C. Takacs**

July 14, 1933—February 24, 2022



# Senior SIR Awards



Matt Arena receiving Senior SIR—90 Year Award from Big SIR Fred Wachowicz (June Mtg.)



Bob Loder receiving Senior SIR—90 Year Award from Big SIR Fred Wachowicz



Hal Redsun receiving Senior SIR—95 Year Award from Little SIR Roger Craig



Conrod Robertson receiving Senior SIR—90 Year Award from Little SIR Roger Craig



Cliff Egan receiving Senior SIR—90 Year Award from Little SIR Roger Craig



# Theater Activity

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## SIR Branches join for a Theatre Party for O'Neill's "*A Moon For The Misbegotten*" on September 25

Three area branches of SIR are promoting a Theatre Party for an award-winning play by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Eugene O'Neill at Danville's Tao House.

*A Moon for the Misbegotten* will be staged in the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in the hills above Danville on Sunday, September 25 for a matinee at 2:00 p.m.

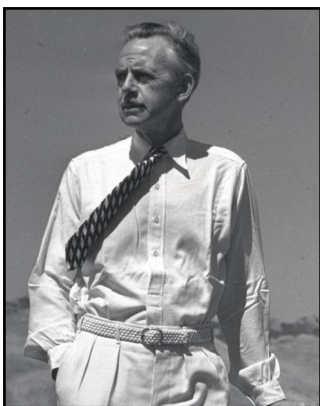
Members of SIR Branch 116, Branch 128, and Branch 146 have joined together for this event. A special discount is available for members and guests of these SIR Branches.

Tickets are \$60 available on the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's website. We are being offered a limited number of \$5 discount for members of the three SIR Branches at <https://eugeneoneill.org/event/a-moon-for-the-misbegotten-sirs-preferred-access/>. Information for access to the National Historic Site is available on the website [eugeneoneill.org](http://eugeneoneill.org).

O'Neill is America's only Nobel Prize-winning playwright. He lived in the hills above Danville from 1936-1944. "*A Moon for the Misbegotten*" was written during this period, and is perhaps O'Neill's most popular play. The play has been presented frequently across the country, and on five occasions on Broadway since its debut in 1947.

If you have questions, contact Terry Sherman at [dtsh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtsh@sbcglobal.net); phone (925) 786-0598.

In addition, a concert of traditional and contemporary Irish music at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville will be the kickoff event of the 23rd Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival. The concert celebrates the Friendship City relationship between Danville and New Ross, Ireland, from which O'Neill's father James emigrated. Acclaimed Bay Area musicians Cormac Gannon, Erin Thompson, and Steve Gardner will vocalize and play a variety of instruments, including the fiddle and uilleann pipes. Tickets are only \$20 and will soon go on sale on the O'Neill Foundation's website — [eugeneoneill.org](http://eugeneoneill.org). For further information contact Sir Dan McGovern. [danielwmcgovern@gmail.com](mailto:danielwmcgovern@gmail.com).



# Branch Activities



## Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

July walkers included Richard Black & Donna Arganbright, Steve Bort, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, Dick Frankel, Paul & Anna Freitas, David & Colleen Geary, Dan Green, Essie Naddaf, John & Gail Riordan, and Joel & Susan White. On July 1 we walked along Iron Horse Trail in Alamo with a post-walk gathering at Pete's. On July 8 we walked the along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail from the Moraga Commons with a post walk gathering at the Town Bakery and Café. On June 15 we walked along the Ignacio Canal Trail from Heather Farm. On July 22 we walked around the Lafayette Reservoir Loop with a post-walk gathering at Tutu's. The July 29 walk is scheduled for the Iron Horse Trail in Danville with a post-walk gathering at Crumbs.

The August walks are scheduled to commence at 8:15AM rather than 9:00AM. RSVP to [jriordan730@gmail.com](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com). The **August 5** walk will meet at the Olympic Blvd Staging Area and walk

west along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail, with a post-walk gathering at the Lafayette Starbucks. The **August 12** walk will meet at Arbolado Park and walk south along the Ygnacio Canal Trail; the post-walk gathering is to be determined. The **August 19** walk will gather in the Countrywood Shopping Center and walk west along the Contra Costa Canal Trail, with a post-walk gathering at Panera Bread. The **August 26** walk is to be determined.

These walks are for individuals or couples, as spouses and significant others are encouraged to participate. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even when the member is unable to. SIR members, including those from other branches, wishing to join this mellow group or to be added to the email contact list should contact me at [jriordan730@gmail.com](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com) or 925-284-3394. Also contact me if you wish to be removed from the list for future emails.



## Bocce

Paul Russell

We play Bocce Ball every other Thursday beginning at 10am for about 2 hours. We've got 4 teams that normally show up each week to play. Our next date will be on August 4th from 10am to noon.

If you are interested, we could use some more players as we needed to split up our teams today to make four full teams.

We play on the Clayton Bocce courts in the city of Clayton next to Skippolins. If you'd like to join us please email me at [peruz@att.net](mailto:peruz@att.net)

## \$ums Investment

Dave Sutton (Br. 8)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group Zoom meeting on **Wed August 24** at 1:30 PM.. Topic to be announced.

Email Dave Sutton at [davesutn@comcast.net](mailto:davesutn@comcast.net) to be included.

# Branch Activities



## Community Service

Jeff Johnson

Our membership has enjoyed successful careers and now is the time to pay it back to the community. Please join this new community service activity.

On July 26th we worked at White Pony Express in Pleasant Hill to sort and pack food donations. Starting as an unfunded grassroots effort, White Pony Express has developed into one of



California's largest food rescue programs. They have delivered over 18 million pounds of fresh food that would have otherwise gone to waste.



We are looking into an opportunity to prepare Ukrainian relief boxes at White Pony Express. Please let me know if you are interested in this effort.

And we have several other Community Service opportunities in the works:

- Salvation Army pending
- Adopt a Highway application in process.

We need your help for future, one-time events. Please contact Jeff Johnson ([jeffjohnson9000@att.net](mailto:jeffjohnson9000@att.net)) or 415-652-4840.



## Mexican Train Dominos

Recharad Madden

"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 at our July meeting. Brent came in first with a low, low score of 151 followed by Richard with 253 and John at 309. Gary and Dave were in the 400's.

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. Our first meeting is on July 14th. Please email me and if you would like to talk and I can give you a call.

The next Couples Train is scheduled for July 28th at 7:00 PM. The location will be decided when we know how many plan to attend.

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

You can contact Richard Madden, [madden-ram@sbcglobal.net](mailto:madden-ram@sbcglobal.net) or 925.788.4223



# Branch Activities



## Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

On Saturday, July 23, the Walking Tour activity enjoyed a guided walking tour of the downtown Walnut Creek business area. The tour was conducted by Ms. Linda Scotting, from the Walnut Creek Historical Society. The Historical Society provides a booklet providing pictures of the city's buildings taken from 1872 and up to 2010. Ms Scotting discussed the early settlers and the rolls they played in developing the city. She described the businesses that were housed in the buildings and their economic impact. She highlighted the building features that helped to match old photos with the current buildings.

This was a very enjoyable event and everyone had a very good time.



Charlie & Ginger Guthries, Mike & Sharon Schneider, Dave & Jayne Harris, Neil Schmidt, Paul & Pamela Russell, and Greg & Marilyn Hughes



## Bridge

Jon Dickson

We play Chicago Style bridge every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Lunch & Bridge presently at Diablo Country Club, starting at 10:00 AM.

I say "presently" as in September we are kicked out of Diablo Country Club as they are starting a huge renovation of their clubhouse. We are looking for a

replacement spot and as soon as we find one, you will be notified. From old bridge players (old being having played bridge many years, not old in age), this group has moved a few times and tried many different locations. We look forward to our new home.



## Dine-O-SIR

Alex Lutkus

The next Dine-O-SIR event, upcoming on Thursday, August 25th at Zio Fraedo's, is almost here. If you haven't already made your reservations, do so quickly for time is running out. You don't want to miss this terrific dining affair with a choice of gour-

met entrees, appetizers, salad and desert, for only \$52 per person, tax and tip included.. The reservation form, with all the details, may be found in July's Newsletter on page11. Reservations become firm on a first to pay basis.

# Branch Activities

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## Branch 116 Dine-O-Sirs

Thursday, August 25, 2022 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 Mushrooms

### Dinner Menu

**SALAD: Mixed Greens with House Dressing**

**ENTREES - Choice of:**

1. Prime Rib
2. Chicken Toscana
3. Salmon

(All Entrees will include a starch and fresh vegetables)

**POST DINNER: Dessert (Chef's choice)**

Coffee or Hot Tea

**Cost, just \$52.00 per person, tax and tip included**

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**Zio Fraedo's, Thursday, August 25, 2022**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Selection: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_ Chicken Toscana \_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_

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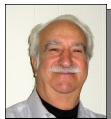
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending: \_\_\_\_ x \$52 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay by SIR Branch 116 Shopping Cart System and avoid mailing check or reservation slip (use "Shopping Cart" button on our Branch website at [sirbranch116.org](http://sirbranch116.org)) or, if you must, by check (make check to: SIR Branch 116 and mail your reservation to: Bob Donohue, 1717 Chardonnay Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513-4252). Call or e-mail Bob if you have any questions: (925) 513-5141; [bobdonohue17@gmail.com](mailto:bobdonohue17@gmail.com)

See the following link for a guide on how to use the Shopping Cart for dining events —> [\*\*Guide\*\*](#)

# Branch Activities

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## Fishing

Harry Sherinian

SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Big Fish, Bob Lively 925-383-5193 and Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator, Harry Sherinian, 925-846-7067. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, **August 25th** at 8:30am.

The blustery winds of summer limit our piscatorial pursuits, often keeping us doing yard work. Very sad! Nonetheless, we few, we brave, boldly go forth. Brion Beetz, Bob Stein, Ken Bellinder, Harry Sherinian, Steve Dyer, Stan Wong, and Carl Moyer

all got rock fish and ling cod from the salty sea. Stan, Carl, Brion, Harry, and Ken also caught Salmon there. Ernie Wong, our Shad fly fisherman extraordinaire has caught and released 141 silvery aerialists. Stan Wong, Gordon Linebaugh, and Carl Moyer got trout from San Pablo Reservoir, Gordon landed some THUNDER trout! Ken Kostik and Harry Sherinian plyed the delta for black bass. Stan Wong went several times to Stampede Reservoir near Reno for limits of larger kokanee salmon. Paul Dubow, Phil Scimonelli, Carl Moyer, George Vogt, and Brion Beetz all got halibut in the bay. We have high hopes for more salmon on our prescheduled party boat ventures in a calmer future.



## Pickleball

Ed Solomon

Join us every Friday at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center in Heather Farm from 8:00 to 9:30am. We reserve two courts every week. All you need are tennis sneakers, shorts preferred, sun screen, & we have extra paddles.

Pickleball is a fun sport for all ages that combine many elements of tennis, badminton, & ping-pong,

played on badminton sized court. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn.

Dennis Snarr, has volunteered to work with beginners interested in learning this fun game. Just call Ed at (415) 215-2684 to reserve a spot and have fun!



## Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

The Wine O Sirs wine tasting for July was held **July 28th** at the home of Dave and Judy Havlik. If you would like to attend one of our fun events, please

contact me.



# Branch Activities



## Book Group 1

Rich Black

Book Group #1 will discuss the following books on the following dates:

- **Monday, August 22..** “The Last Green Valley” by Mark Sullivan
- Monday, October 3... “Ragged Company” by Richard Wagamese
- Monday, October 31.. No title yet selected

Book Group #1 continues our +/- one-hour discussion (not a class) at Orinda Books on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:15 am. The next meeting will be August 22. Because of the Rosh Hashana holiday there will be no meeting on the regular date of September 26, but rather the group will meet a week later on October 3. The group will also meet on October 31. Prospective new members, or guys just wanting to sit in for a session, should contact Richard Black at [Blackrw41@comcast.net](mailto:Blackrw41@comcast.net).

Book Group #1 just met on Monday, July 25 to discuss a 1945 book, “We Are the Wounded.” Keith

Wheeler, an embedded reporter for the Chicago Daily Times, took a bullet in the neck and jaw on the second day of the Marines’ invasion of Iwo Jima. He chronicles his own extraction from the beach to a hospital ship, his stay in Quonset hut ward on Saipan and his subsequent extended recuperation in Hawaii. This book contains his own reflections on the experience as well as the stories of the Marines and Navy personnel he met along the way.

All members of Book Group #1 had the utmost admiration for the men, and a few women, profiled in the book. Opinions on the merit of the book ranged from a low of 2.0 to a high of 4.5. The average rating was 3.6 stars.

Richard Rossland recommended the book while Richard Black led the discussion with Mike Schneider, Dick Kauffman, Art Donaldson, John Riordan, Mac McLoughlin, Paul Freitas, Nick Bowles, and Tim Tinnies.



## Book Group 2

Scott Clark

Book Group 2 met on Thursday, July 21, at Arbolado Park, to discuss “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles. This fiction novel tells a tale of two fatherless brothers, one 18 years old and the other 8 years old, who set out to travel the Lincoln Highway across America to California in search of their mother.

Amor Towles, who also wrote “A Gentleman in Moscow,” writes another novel that is well-liked by this book club. The author’s style, character development, plots and subplots make it an interesting and easy read. The brothers, after acquiring two

unexpected “stowaways” must drastically change their plans. Over the next 10 days, they travel over 500 miles to New York, and in the process, encounter people and places that lead to adventures worthy of Homer. The group gave “The Lincoln Highway” an average rating of 4.46 out of 5.

The next Book Club 2 meeting will be on **Thursday, August 18**, at 11 am at Arbolado Park in Walnut Creek. The group will discuss, “The Night Watchman” by Louise Erdrich. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us.



SIR Golf  
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

## Branch 116 Golf Website

The Golf Website is: [branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org)

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

- Annual 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.



### August: 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 03	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 10	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 17	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 24	10:00	Shadow Lakes	Tony diGrassi
Wed. 31	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry

### August: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:40	Boundary Oak	Phil Goff
Mon. 08	9:40	Boundary Oak	Phil Goff
Tue. 16	9:30	Tilden	Greg Hughes
Mon. 22	9:01	San Ramon	Greg Hughes
Mon. 29	10:03	Chardonnay	Greg Hughes

### 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Aug. 16	Tilden	Aug. 4	\$44
Aug. 22	San Ramon	Aug. 12	Walk \$24/Ride \$36
Sep. 20	Las Positas	Sep. 10	\$51
Sep. 26	San Ramon	Sep. 14	Walk \$27/Ride \$39

Sign-up for Golf via Branch 116 Shopping Cart System at: [sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site](http://sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site)

# 2022 SIR Branch 116 Reno Golf

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**Tuesday September 6 through Friday September 9, 2022**

**Guests are welcome - bring your friends**



**Three nights in a Premium room at the Silver Legacy, downtown Reno**

**Golf at Toiyabe Golf Club Wednesday,**

**Golf at Wolf Run Golf Club Thursday**

**Afternoon get-togethers - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

**Tuesday Evening - Welcome gathering with hors d'oeuvres**

**Wednesday Evening - OPEN - for you to do as you wish**

**Thursday Evening - filet mignon or salmon dinner**

**Price per person:**

**Golfer Single Occupancy \$550**

**Golfer Double Occupancy \$410**

**Non-Golfer Double Occupancy \$250**

**Preferred method of payment is Credit Card using BR116 Shopping Cart**

**Everyone needs a Covid Release Form and proof you are fully vaccinated  
(Your Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card) on file with Branch 116.**

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**Entry Deadline is Monday August 15, 2022**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer or Non-Golfer

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer or Non-Golfer

non SIR e-mail:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

non SIR Golfer's GHIN number

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Make check to: SIR Branch 116 Golf - Enclosed is check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry form to: David Harris, 1143 Discovery Way, Concord, CA 94521

if questions, e-mail me at DavyHarris@aol.com or call 925 672-5543





## Golf Clinic

Chris Doan

The SIR Golf Clinic has just completed its first year of lessons to SIR members and their spouses. The feedback and value to those who have participated has been very positive. For the months of July and August, we are planning a summer break and will resume Clinic offerings in September.

If you would like to be added to the Clinic Mailing List for the 2022/2023 season or have any questions about the Clinic, please email Chris Doan at cdo-an99@gmail.com.



## SIR 116 Golf 2022 Special Events "Presidents Series"



**PGA Presidents at Quail Hollow, September 20-25, 2022**

**Branch 116 Presidents August, September, October, 2022**

**August 8, Boundary Oak**

**Four Ball (Better Ball)**

**September 12, Boundary Oak**

**Both Ball Counts each hole**

**October 3, Boundary Oak**

**Stableford Modified (points)**

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**Two Man Teams – Drawn by Committee**

**Net handicaps**

**Closest to hole one each nine**

**Entry of \$20 (\$5 towards each monthly, Closies, Overall prizes)**

**Pay-outs monthly at Taphouse (BO)**

**If partner is unavailable, substitutions may be approved**

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**Sign up by August 2 on [Shopping Cart](#)**

**By Your Golf Special Events**

**Jim Barstow, Mike Barrington, Jerry Hicks**

**(For Information call Jerry Hicks cell 925-360-0447; [jerryhicks@astound.net](mailto:jerryhicks@astound.net))**



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