



# SIR Branch 116

## Newsletter

### December 2022

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

#### Message from Fred

**The Party is on!** It's our annual **Holiday Party** including spouses & partners on DEC 14<sup>th</sup>. Use our Shopping Cart system on our branch web site to make your reservation before Dec 1st. Great entertainment is on tap for a wonderful holiday evening.



We will be installing our Officers and Directors for 2023 at the Holiday Party. They include: Roger Craig/Big SIR, Alan Pope/Little SIR, Jeff Johnson/Treasurer, Al Satake/Assistant Treasurer, Phil Goff/Membership, Paul Ramacciotti/Secretary, Greg Hughes/Assistant Secretary and Directors Don Benioff, Gary Bonfiglio, Kevin Donohue, Darrell McClaughry, Dave Williams, and Fred Wachowicz.

Since this will be my last newsletter as your Big SIR I would like to extend a heartfelt round of thanks to our membership.

To each of our members who continue to support our Branch through the siege of covid, the learning experience with Zoom, and the requirement for Vaccine cards and Waivers for both Luncheons and Events.

To our activity leaders for keeping our activities in play at the earliest possible restart date and for putting up with a couple of unhelpful BS (yes, this abbreviation has a double meaning) decisions in the process.

To our BEC, Directors, and RAMP (Recruiting Leader Schroeder, Activities Coordinator Ward, Membership Chair Goff, and Publicity Chair Farbman) leaders for being 100% available for whatever was needed to keep our Branch viable throughout the year.

To our Website and Newsletter Managers Neil Schmidt and Phil Goff for a ton of communication work.

And lastly to our Speakers Team (Farbman, Freitas, Craig, and Dawe) for engaging top notch speakers of interest to us all.

Our membership is currently at 182 which is steady with last month despite a couple of membership losses. The good news is that we have picked up 14 new members this year despite having lost over 20 men from our ranks since the onset of covid. Remember to invite your friends and colleagues who may be interested in SIR membership to a future luncheon.

See you at our Holiday Party on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> or next year in 2023!

*Fred Wachowicz, Big SIR*

**Next Meeting**  
**Jan. 16 @ Boundary**  
**Oak, 11:30 AM**

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**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  
Pope

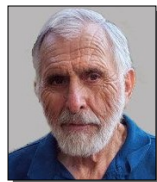


**Member. Sec.**  
Phil  
Goff

## 2022 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Don  
Benioff



Sam  
Beret



Kevin  
Donahue



Al  
Farberman



Darrell  
McClaughry



Dave  
Williams

## 2022 Support Chairmen

### RAMP Department Heads:

- Recruitment Don Schroeder
- Activities Mike Ward
- Member Relations David C. Harris
- Publicity Allan Farberman

### 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

- 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:

- 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

- Team Member James Dawe
- Team Member Allan Farberman
- 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	
• 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—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	Dave Havlik	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

## December 2022

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			<b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:30@ Pleasanton GC)	1	<b>Amiable Ambers</b> (9:00@ Lafayette Christian Church) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	3
4	<b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:40@ Boundary Oak) <b>Book Group 1</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	6	<b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Mexican Train</b> (10:00@ Church of Christ) <b>\$ums Investment</b> (1:30 via Zoom)	8	<b>Amiable Ambers</b> (9:00@ Moraga Commons) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	10
11	<b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:40@ Boundary Oak)	<b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (10:00@ Brass Door, San Ramon)	<b>Holiday Party</b> (5:30@ Boundary Oak) <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	<b>Book Group 2</b> (11:00@ Ygnacia Valley Library) <b>Fishing</b> (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	<b>Amiable Ambers</b> (9:00@ Panera Bread, Countrywood SC) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	17
18	<b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Canyon Lakes)	20	<b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills)	22	<b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	24
25	26	27	<b>9-Hole Golf</b> (no golf)	29	<b>Pickleball</b> (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	31

Christmas

New Years Eve



# Branch Administration



## Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership: 185

Davis, Whitey	Resigned.
Legler, T	Resigned.
Savage, Dick	Resigned.
Watson, Jamie	Resigned.
Datzman, Joe	New Member
	Sponsor is Roger Craig.

## December Birthdays

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

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. John Antczak   | 8. Tim Hubbard       |
| 2. Nick Bowles    | 9. Lou Johnson       |
| 3. Allan Chasnoff | 10. Walt Kaweck Jr.  |
| 4. Marv DeHeus    | 11. John Kopchik Jr. |
| 5. Jim Gleason    | 12. Ed Solomon       |
| 6. David Harris   | 13. Jamie Watson     |
| 7. Larry Heaton   |                      |



## 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/)



## Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

November 27, 2002		
		2022 YTD
Contributions	\$ 6,945.06	\$ 82,049.37
Disbursements	\$ (4,747.33)	\$ (77,249.68)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 2,197.73	\$ 4,799.69
July Cash Balance		\$ 14,608.66
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$ 14,608.66

## 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 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>

## 2023 Newsletter Hardcopy Subscription Due

If you are receiving, or wish to receive, a hardcopy of the Trampas Topics newsletter mailed to your home each month, the 2023 subscription fee of \$20 is due. Send your check, made-out to "SIR Branch 116", to our Treasurer: Alan Fitzgerald, 1805 Wales Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94595

# Branch Administration



## Little SIR Report

Roger Craig

Wow ! December is here and another year is about to go flying by. Big Sir Fred Wachowicz is to be commended for leading us through a year of Covid uncertainty and attendance reluctance. He has encouraged increased luncheon attendance and activity participation. Our last luncheon was well attended highlighted by an excellent presentation by Admiral Baker. It was a memorable conclusion to our meeting luncheons for the year.

Hopefully many of you have signed up for our Holiday party on December 14.

It promises to be a great evening of song, good cheer and dancing to some of your favorites. Hope to see you there.

Hope your Holidays are happy and blessed with family and friends.



## Sunshine

Matt Arena

SIR **Marv DeHeus** will attend our luncheons on an occasional basis since he is now using an electric scooter. Marv is hosting the next bridge event at his residence in Clayton. He wants very much to stay in the loop with his fellow SIRS.

SIR **Bill McCord** finds it difficult to join the luncheons but follows our activities in TRAMPAS TOPICS. He is sounding good and except for the pain

(which he manages) he is looking forward to his 95th birthday next MARCH.

PAST BIG SIR **Robbie Robinson** has enjoyed visits from his friends. The church choir he has sung with for many years paid him a visit and brought him some joy. They sang songs to entertain him. He does a lot of sleeping but he is open to visitors.

# 2022 Holiday Party



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# Branch Activities



## Book Group 1

Rich Black

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

- Monday, December 5.. "Freezing Order" by Bill Browder
- Monday, January 2.. "River of the Gods" by Candice Millard
- Monday, January 30... To be determined

Book Group #1 continues our +/- one hour discussion at Orinda Books, normally on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:15 am however the above schedule reflects our adjustments for Thanksgiving and Christmas. 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 met on Monday October 31 to discuss "Circe", by Madeline Miller. Circe is a banished nymph with a weakness for mortal men. And

then there is the problem that Athena has it out for her but fortunately, she develops protection from witchcraft. Well, you get the idea. Talk of the ways of gods and men segues pretty easily into theology and we dabbled in a bit of that.

Paul Freitas recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Steve Bort, Art Donaldson, Mac McLaughlin, John Riordan, Richard Rossland, Mike Schneider, Tim Tinnes, Brad Wait, and Richard White.

The group awarded the book 3.8 stars.

"Freezing Order" is a quick read and Vladimir Putin is much on our minds of late, so there is time between when you read this report and the December 5 meeting to read the book and join us. Hope to see a newbie or two at Orinda Books.



## Wine-O-SIR

Dave Havlik

The Wine-O-SIRs met for a wine tasting event shortly before Thanksgiving at Dave and Carol Williams home. We were all asked to match four Cabernet Sauvignons with tasting notes from professional reviewers, and met this challenge with varying de-

grees of success. There is no wine tasting event in December. The next one is on January 26th at Lou and Carole Meylan's home. Also, after four years as leader of the Wine-O-SIRs, Lou has turned his responsibilities over to Dave Havlik.



## Bridge

Jon Dickson

We are adapting to our new venue, The Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon, each game settling in a bit more. **Tuesday, December 13th** will be the last game of the year, resuming our 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month on Tuesday, January 10th.

We wish all bridge players and non-bridge players and families a joyous Holiday Season. See you in January, if not on December 13th.

# Branch Activities



## Community Service

Jeff Johnson

*"If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be heard"*

On November 21<sup>st</sup> our team worked at the **Bay Area Rescue Mission** to serve dinner during Thanksgiving week. There were two seatings, the first was for the men in their resident program and the women & Children in residence. The second seating was for anyone off the street. We fed lots of people in need which was a rewarding experience – making us all

the more thankful for our blessings on Thanksgiving.

We will pause Community Service in December and pick it up again in January.

If you are interested in participating in one-time events, please contact Jeff Johnson ([jeffjohnson9000@att.net](mailto:jeffjohnson9000@att.net) or 415-652-4840.



## Mexican Train Dominos

Richard Madden

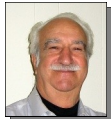
"Mexican Train" is a domino game which uses a set of Double Twelve Dominoes. From 2 to 8 can play. Each player draws 11 to 15 dominoes. The number of dominoes each player draws depends on the number of players. The object of the game is to play all your dominoes. When you draw your hand, you set it up 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 normally 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 nine players in November so we had to have two games going at one time.

Please email me and if you would like to talk and I can give you a call. A notice will be sent out when the May plan is determined. Let me know if you would like to be put on our list.

# Branch Activities



## 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, December 15th** at 8:30am. Come early.

Crabs took center stage, and we all got em. Some of us went on crab/rockfish combo trips, with good results on the crab, not so much with the rockfish. But Bob Stein caught a monster 25 pound lingcod and nice rockfish with Carl Moyer and Brion Beetz. Ken Bellinder and Bob Lively also got lings and rockfish with Carl. New member Wallly Blackwood fished San Pablo reservoir with Gordon Linebaugh. Gordon got a trout. Terry Miller also fished the reservoir and caught 2 Trout. Phil Scimonelli and spouse caught 4 nice trout there the week before. Ron Lew and Bob Lively got bat rays

and an unusual guitar fish in the bay. Stan Wong, Tom Kostik, Harry Sherinian, Joe Miscone, and Mike Corker did very well catching stripers in the delta. Phil Scimonelli waded into the ocean by Pacifica for some surf perch.



Harry Sherinian with nice Striper caught in the Delta



## SIR Br. 116 Maui Golfing Event

In October, four SIR couples were on the island of Maui at the same time and they met in Kahana for lunch at the Maui Brewing Company. (From the left: JJ Johnson and Maureen Abshire, David and Jayne Harris, Robin McCluen and Kevin Donahue, and Sharon and Mike Schneider.)

# Branch Activities



## Dine-O-SIR

Alex Lutkus

The 2022 year of Dine-O-SIR events has come to completion. The Committee Members express their sincere appreciation for all those who attended and enjoyed the dining functions.

As the year comes to an end, I have decided it's time to step down and pass the baton to new leadership of the Dine-O-SIR Committee.

Jerry Hicks, who will take over as Chairman in the New Year, is committed to carry-on the high-level

of enjoyable Dine-O-SIR activities. The Committee has accomplished a multitude of splendid dining events over the years and I am confident, that under the leadership of Jerry Hicks, Dine-O-SIR activities will continue to successfully thrive in the future.

The Dine-O-SIR Committee wish that you and your loved ones all have a very enjoyable Holiday Season and good health and happiness in the New Year.



## Bocce

Paul Russell

We had our final Bocce matches on November 10th, 2022. The rain that week didn't help the outcome that much and it was even hard to tell which balls were green and which balls were red since they were covered with wet sand.

We had a very close outcome however, with two teams tying for first with 23 matches won, one team with 22 wins and one team with 21 wins.

Afterwards, we had a nice luncheon at the La Veranda Cafe in Clayton when we were finished play-

ing. We had 23 people show up to play on the 10th and there were 25 that came to lunch.

We'd like to get an additional 14 - 16 players next year beginning sometime in April, to be able to field three courts for the season. We play at the Clayton bocce courts from 10:00am until noon every other Thursday. If you'd like to join us, we'd be glad to have you. Just email me at [peruz@att.net](mailto:peruz@att.net) and let me know.



Bocce end of season lunch at La Veranda Cafe

# Branch Activities



## Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

November walkers included Richard & Donna Black, Steve & Patty Bort, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, Al Farbman, Terry Fleming, Dick Frankel, Paul & Anna Freitas, David & Colleen Geary, Dan Green, Essie Naddaf, John & Gail Riordan, Tom and Mary Welte, and Joel & Susan White. On November 4 we walked along the Iron Horse Trail from the Walnut Creek Civic Park with a post-walk gathering at Caffe La Scala. Art Donaldson led the November 11 walk along the Contra Costa Canal with a post-walk gathering at Panera Bread. On November 18 we walked along the Iron Horse Trail in Alamo with a post-walk gathering at Peet's Coffee.

The December walks are scheduled to commence at 9:00AM. RSVP to [jriordan730@gmail.com](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com). Dan Green will lead the **December 2** walk, which will meet at the Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glen-side Dr, and walk north along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at Starbuucks,

3343 Mt Diablo Blvd in Lafayette. The **December 9** walk will meet at the Moraga Commons and walk north along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at the Town Bakery and Cafe, 337 Rheem Blvd in Moraga. The **December 16** walk will meet in front of Panera Bread in the Countrywood Shopping Center and walk west along the Contra Costa Canal Trail; the post-walk gathering will be at Panera Bread. There will be no walks on December 23 and 30.

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.



Amiable Amblers on November 11

# Branch Activities



## 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!



## Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

On Saturday, February 25, the Walking Tours Activity plans to visit the David and Eliza Glass House Museum, in San Ramon. This Victorian Home was built in 1877, and relocated to the Forest Home Farms park in 2010. SIR's will enjoy a 60 minute Guided tour of the house and gardens.

For SIR's that have lived in this area for years, this is the same white Victorian house that is visible from the 680 freeway.

The Forest Home Farms park also has a Museum of restored farm tractors, a Garage Museum covering farm life activities. a self guided tour of Walnut harvesting operations. These other displays/exhibits will also take 60 minutes to see.

The house tour is restricted to 12 participants at one time. However, we are planning on 20 participants for this event. To accommodate everyone we are scheduling two house tours. The first house tour begins at 11, and the second starts at 12. Participants will visit the Farm Home Park facilities when they are not doing the house tour.

We will be collecting roughly \$5 from everyone at the start of the tour.

After the tour we will schedule a lunch at a local cafe (TBD).

Questions - please feel free to call Greg Hughes (925) 998-5650, or Marty Katz (925) 484-0122.

## \$ums Investment

Dave Sutton (Br. 8)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group Zoom meeting. Due to the holidays, there will only be one meeting for Nov / Dec:

on Wed December 7 at 1:30 PM. Topic is Real Estate. Email Dave Sutton at [davesutn@comcast.net](mailto:davesutn@comcast.net) to be included.

# Branch Activities



## Book Group 2

Scott Clark

Book Club 2 met November 17 to discuss *Never* by Ken Follet. The book is best described as an international thriller spanning a multitude of continents and cultures.

President Pauline Green, a moderate Republican who's up for reelection, must contend for the nomination with far-right Sen. James Moore, whose macho talk appeals to many republican voters. On the foreign policy front, Green wants to punish the Chinese for selling arms to terrorists, so she proposes a resolution against them in the United Nations. This is the first move in a political chess game between China and the U.S. that could lead to all-out war. At home, Green and her husband are having difficulties with their marriage and their bright 14-year old daughter. Meanwhile, in N'Djamena, the capital of Chad, CIA officer Tamara Levit is running Abdul John Haddad, a 25 year old cigarette vendor, as a spy on the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara. These

are just a few of the plotlines Follet lays out in detail and then slowly weaves them together as the stakes and suspense steadily rise. In the final pages all is made clear, and the reader realizes the story hasn't ended, it's just beginning.

Some of us found the number of plotlines excessive and felt the book could have benefited from being split into 2 volumes. At 800 pages, it is one of the longest book we've read this year. Still, most of us found the story moved along nicely. We rated the book 4/5

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, December 15**. Tentative location is the Ygnacio Valley Library, on Oak Grove Road. We will discuss *The Girl With Seven Names*, by Hyeonseo Lee. Whether you have read the book or not all are welcome to attend. Call Scott Clark 925-998-4553 for more information.



## Golf Clinic

Chris Doan

The SIR Golf Clinic is in its second year with a more dynamic offering for golfers of all skill levels. The Clinic will continue to be open to SIR Members and spouses or significant others. The December Clinic will take place on Saturday the 17th. Instead of a predetermined topic for everyone, you name the topic you want to focus on this month. In order to participate, you will need to be on the Clinic Register and Mailing List. If you would like to be added for the 2022/2023 season or have any questions about the Clinic, please email Chris Doan at [cdoan99@gmail.com](mailto:cdoan99@gmail.com). It has been a good year for improving our golf games at the Clinic ... FORE



# Branch Activities



## Recaping SIR Branch 116 Golf in 2022

# Branch Golf



## SIR Golf

Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

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.

### December: 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 07	10:30	Pleasanton GC	Marty Katz
Wed. 14	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 21	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 28		Happy Holidays	

### December: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:40	Boundary Oak	J. Johnson
Mon. 12	9:40	Boundary Oak	J. Johnson
Mon. 19	9:30	Canyon Lakes	J. Johnson
		See you next year	

### 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dec. 19	Canyon Lakes	Dec. 07	\$43

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)

### Boundary Oak Golf Shop Holiday Sale

Friday, December 9, 2022  
4 PM– 7:30 PM

Walnut Creek Men's Club, SIR Branch 8, **SIR Branch 116**, and SIR Branch 146 & Boundary Oak Women's 18 and 9 Hole Clubs

**Holiday Savings of 10-50% on all Merchandise**

Raffle Prizes\*

Wind Tasting—Shadowbrook Winery  
Beer Tasting—Mike Hess  
Light Appetizers

\* Bring in non-perishable food items to help support the Food Bank of Contra Costa and receive extra raffle ticket(s).

\* Receive extra raffle ticket(s) for holiday themed attire **!!!Ugly Sweater Contest!!!**





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Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5805

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