



SIR Branch 116 Newsletter June 2022

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

Message from Fred

Spring Activities and events are now in full swing so check out our calendar once again to see where your interests might lie. All of the warm



weather activities are now underway including Bocce, Golf, Pickle Ball, and both Walking and Saturday Tours.

We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Crow Canyon Country Club on Wednesday the 24th as our annual Spring Fling returned to the calendar. Apologies to the Bridge Group who were scheduled for a local Bridge Tournament on the 24th as well so couldn't be available for the fling.

We did have a few members that test positive for covid this month and we hope that they didn't experience any severe symptoms of the virus and are now on the mend.

Our June Boundary Oaks meeting is on schedule for June 20th and our speaker will be Vice President Avila of the Contra Costa Water District. Mr. Avila will provide a most interesting discussion of Contra Costa Water Issues which will be affecting us this summer and beyond.

Now that we are fully back to normal operations, we have reverted to our former luncheon protocol of assuming that every member will attend. We ask you to advise us on the Luncheon Line when you are unable to attend. The Telephone Number is 925-322-1318 and the e-mail address is luncheon116@gmail.com

With the return to normal operations, we have also set a minimum annual dues amount of \$10.00 to cover branch insurance as well as other operational needs. If you're like me I wasn't sure if I had paid dues or not so had to check it out. We appreciate attention to this one.

Since we can now get all of our activities back into high gear, we can really use a few more volunteers to help us with publicity (posting to Patch and Nextdoor), Treasury, the Speakers Committee, and our recruiting team. Contact Al Farbman, Alan Fitzgerald, or Don Schroeder or myself if you can help. The fuel for our success is volunteer leadership so don't be shy to call.

See you on June 20th if not before at one of our activities.

Fred Wachowicz, Big SIR

Next Meeting

**June 20 @ Boundary
Oak, 11:30 AM**

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Call 925-322-1318

or email to

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**by the Monday
prior to the meeting
to cancel your
standing
reservation.**

Trampas Topics

2022 SIR Branch 116 Officers



Big SIR
Fred
Wachowicz



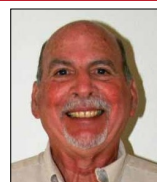
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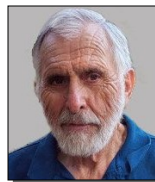


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2022 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Don
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Sam
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Kevin
Donahue



Al
Farbman



Darrell
McClaughry



Dave
Williams

2022 Support Chairmen

RAMP Department Heads:

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

Branch Support Chairmen:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| • 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	Bob Wolf
• 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

June 2022

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	2	3 Pickleball (8:30@ Heather Farms)	4
5	6 18-Hole Golf (9:40@ Boundary Oak GC)	7	8 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ)	9 Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	10 Amiable Ambers (8:15@ Rudgear Rd Exit) Pickleball (8:30@ Heather Farms)	11
12	13 18-Hole Golf (9:40@ Boundary Oak GC)	14 Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Country Club)	15 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	16 Book Group 2 (11:00@ Arbolado Park, WC)	17 Amiable Amblers (8:15@ TBD) Pickleball (8:30@ Heather Farms)	18
19 Father's Day	20 SIR Br. 116 Meeting (11:30@ Boundary Oak)	21 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Massimo Rest.) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Tilden GC)	22 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment (1:30 via Zoom)	23 Fishing Group (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC) Bocce (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	24 Amiable Ambers (8:15@ Stone Valley Rd West) Pickleball (8:30@ Heather Farms)	25
26	27 18-Hole Golf (10:02@ Rancho Solano) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	28 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Massimo Rest.) Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Country Club)	29 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Dublin Ranch GC)	30 Community Service		



Branch Administration



Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership: 195

- LaDue, Dave New Member
- Lawrence, Dan Rejoining the Branch
- Ferm, David Resigned due to health issues



Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

May 4, 2022

	April	2022 YTD
Contributions	\$ 2,612.40	\$ 33,921.45
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ (33,649.45)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 2,612.40	\$ 272.00
July Cash Balance		\$ 10,080.97
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$ 10,080.97

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



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>

June Birthdays

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

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

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

SIR Web Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Branch 116 Shopping Cart
sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site

Area 16 Computer and Technology
sirinc2.org/a16cat/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/newsletters/

June Luncheon Speaker

Speaker for June Meeting "CONTRA COSTA WATER ISSUES"



Vice President Ernesto Avila of the Contra Costa Water District. Mr. Avila will provide a most interesting discussion of Contra Costa Water Issues which will be affecting us this summer and beyond.

Mr. Avila has over 32 years of professional experience in planning, environmental compliance, regulation, design,

and construction of water and wastewater works and municipal facilities. He is currently Principal/Vice-President of a private engineering firm.

Mr. Avila lives in Clayton and is a licensed civil engineer with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara University and a master's degree in Business Administration from St. Mary's College of California.

Important Luncheon Notice!

We will be continuing to use our normal "Standing Reservation" system for Boundary Oak luncheons. That means: **Everyone is expected to attend the luncheon unless we are notified via the luncheon hotline number or via email at least one week**

prior to the meeting. Individual who forget to notify and don't show up will be billed for the luncheon. Use one of these two options to opt out:

- 1.Call luncheon hotline at: 925-322-1318
- 2.Send an email to: luncheon116@gmail.com

Branch Administration



Little SIR Report

Roger Craig

What Big Sir Fred Wachowicz envisioned as a Mini Spring Fling blossomed into the real deal. It was a nice get together with spouses at the Crow Canyon Country Club. The afternoon was highlighted with an excellent presentation by our own published author Michael Barrington and a special musical performance by our own Tony DeGrassi. Tony sent every couple home with a CD and Michael provided several raffle winners with one of his books.

There were several contributors to the day's success namely Michael Barrington, Alan Fitzgerald, Alan Pope and Dave LaDue.

Now on a serious note. We are trying very hard to determine our actual membership as we recover from Covid.

The best way to determine membership is by dues paying members. We are not broke. It just tells us who wants to continue to be a Branch 116 member.

If you haven't paid your dues Alan Fitzgerald wants to hear from you. If we don't hear from you we can only assume you wish to terminate your membership. We certainly hope that's not the case.

Let's all look forward to our June luncheon at Boundary Oak.

Branch Administration



Member Relations

David Harris

SIR June 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>
Bill Clarke	19	06/16/2003
John Story	18	06/21/2004
Tom King	16	06/19/2006
Larry Cannon	15	06/18/2007
Bob Donohue	14	06/16/2008
Paul Ramacciotti	13	06/15/2009
Phil Perrelli	12	06/21/2010

Paul Freitas	10	06/18/2012
Denny Giambastiani	10	06/18/2012
Jim Gleason	10	06/18/2012
Mac McLoughlin	10	06/18/2012
Fred Schafer	10	06/18/2012
John Riordan	9	06/17/2013
Brad Lee	8	06/16/2014
Ben Bryce	7	06/15/2015
Bob Huck	7	06/15/2015
Fred Wachowicz	6	06/20/2016
Andy Myhr	4	06/18/2018
Tom O'Brien	4	06/18/2018



Sunshine

Matt Arena

SIR **Jim Altamore** passed in May 2022. Jim has been dealing with memory issues for a very long time. He enjoyed SIR but had not been an active member for some time.

SIR **Jerry Cristopherson** is growing new bone after his shoulder injury. Starting next week he will be in the care of a physical therapist. Here is hoping for your quick recovery.

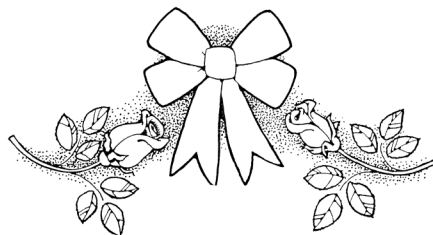
Past Big SIR **Robbie Robinson** celebrated his 82nd birthday last week. His Nancy says he is doing well at the memory facility. Happy Birthday Robbie.

SIR **Joel White** has just come through successful heart surgery. He is recuperating at home and wished the recovery would be faster. Hoping your wishes come true Joel.

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

Gen. George S. Patton JR.

In Memoriam
James Altamore
May 2022



Branch Activities

Mini Spring Fling at Crow Canyon Country Club on May 24, 2022



* Note from Newsletter Editor: I heard the Mini Spring Fling was an excellent event but these are the only photos submitted. I encourage fellow members to take photos of our SIR activities and submit them so they may be shared with fellow members.



Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

May walkers included Richard Black & Donna Arganbright, Steve Bort, Allan & Lynda Chasnoff, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, Dick Frankel, Paul & Anna Freitas, David & Colleen Geary, Dan & Andrea Green, Essie Naddaf, and John & Gail Riordan. On May 6 we walked a variety of loops in the Martinez Regional Shoreline, followed by a post-walk gathering at States Coffee and Bread. On May 13 we walked the lower loop around the Lafayette Reservoir, followed by a post-walk gathering at Tutu's. On May 20 we walked from the valley vista Staging area to the Upper San Leandro Reservoir, followed by a post-walk gathering at the Town Bakery and Café. On May 27 we walked the Ygnacio Canal Trail from Arbolado Park followed by a post-walk gathering at Starbucks.

The June walks are scheduled to commence earlier at 8:15AM rather than 9:00AM. RSVP to jriordan730@gmail.com. The **June 3** walk will

gather at the Olympic Blvd Staging Area and walk west along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. The **June 10** walk will gather at the parking lot by the Rudgear Rd exit from I-680 and walk south along the Iron Horse Trail. The **June 17** walk is TBD. The June 24 walk will gather at the trailhead on Stone Valley Rd West and walk south along the Iron Horse Trail.

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 or 925-284-3394. Also contact me if you wish to be removed from the list for future emails.

Branch Activities



Community Service

Jeff Johnson

Our membership has enjoyed successful careers and now is the time to pay it back to the community.

In May we had about 10 of us at the Contra Costa/Solano County Food Bank sorting incoming food donations

On **June 30th** we are once again working for a morning at the Food Bank, this time packing food boxes instead of sorting donated food. Have 10 members signed up so far and there is room for more.

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

- White Pony Express in July
- 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) or 415-652-4840.



Mexican Train Dominos

Rechard 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 in attendance at our April meeting. Harry Sherinian was low with a score of 252 while Richard Madden was second with 327. Alex Lutlus was a close third with a score of 364. Gary Bonfig-

lio had 423 points while Paul Freitas score was 483. The average score for the group was 370.

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. Our next meeting time and location is to be announced as we approach the May date since our organizer will be out of the area for May.

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.

You can contact Richard Madden, madden-ram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223

Branch Activities



Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

Walking Tours - Downtown Walnut Creek

On Saturday, **July 23**, the Walking Tours group will enjoy a guided walking tour of the Walnut Creek downtown business area. The tour is hosted by the Walnut Creek Historical Society. At our request they are providing a dedicated docent guide for our walk. Participants will meet at 9:00 at the Liberty Bell Plaza. The tour, questions and pictures typically run for 90 minutes. During the presentation the participants will be primarily standing, and there will be only a few stations with public seats available.

The tour provides a historical review of Walnut Creek's buildings and enterprises. The tour is free. There is a booklet with historic photos available for

purchase at the tour for \$5. The booklet helps to illustrate existing buildings that have changed over the years, and buildings that were previously located at that site. The booklets are easily shared by 2-3 people.

Additionally, because the Walnut Creek Historical Society is providing us with our own guide, the Walking Group is contributing \$100 to this organization. We are requesting the participants to share in the cost of this donation by paying \$5 per person.

As we normally do, we will break for lunch at a local downtown restaurant (TBD). If you plan to attend, or have further questions, please contact Greg Hughes at (925) 998-5650, or greghughes505@gmail.com.

SIR Riding the Niles Diesel Train during May 21st Walking Tour

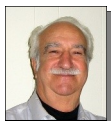


Kathy & Jerry Hicks



David & Jayne Harris

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, June 23rd** at 8:30am.

Eight of us went to Lake Almanor for our two day Spring fishing trip there. The eager eight caught rainbow and brown trout and coho salmon. Halibut in the bay are biting very well, but the stripers are slow this spring making their way to the bay from

the delta. Many of us have cashed in on the good halibut bite, limits are not uncommon. Salmon are biting well down south and are moving north slowly. Tom Kostik, Stan Wong, and Mike Corker got stripers in the delta. Mike and Harry Sherinian managed a few black bass there, but it was a slow bite. Phil Scimonelli and Carl Moyer caught trout at San Pablo Reservoir, but Phil's wife outdid them with her pink rod. 30 of us feasted at Carl's Backyard Spring Fish fry. The future looks promising with better showings of salmon, black bass, catfish, clam digs, and rockfish. Let's go fishin!!!



May Fish Fry



Dave Havelik at Lake Almanor

Branch Activities



Book Group 1

Rich Black

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

- Monday, June 27... "The Cold Millions" by Jess Walter"
- Monday, July 25... "We Are the Wounded" by Keith Wheeler
- Monday, August 22.. " The Last Green Valley" by Mark Sullivan

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. Prospective new members, or guys just wanting to sit in for a session, should contact Richard Black at

Blackrw41@comcast.net.

Book Group #1 just met on Monday, May 23 to discuss "Shadow Divers" by Robert Kurson an account of the discovery and identification of U-869, a WWII era German submarine resting on the ocean floor off the coast of New Jersey.

A shout out to SIR's Book Group #2 for reading and then reviewing this book so highly. Book Group #1 isn't too proud to take a good recommendation.

Richard Black led the discussion with Mike Schneider, Dick Kaufman, Richard Rossland, Jim Flessner, Art Donaldson, Garret Girvan, John Riordan, Tim Tinnes, Richard White, Mac McLoughlin and John Kopchik. This book merited 3.6 stars.



Book Group 2

Scott Clark

Book Club 2 met Wednesday, May 19, to discuss author John Grisham's novel Sooley.

The book takes two tracks. One follows Samuel Sooley, 17 years old, with big hoop dreams, who has earned a chance, along with his Sudanese teammates, to play in a showcase basketball tournament in the United States. The second track starts when, after arriving at the tournament, Sooley learns that a civil war is raging across his homeland, his father has been murdered, his sister is missing, and the rest of his family has fled to another country.

The story follows Sooley's tireless efforts to improve his game and lead his team to a winning season and

advancement to the Final Four. Sooley's end game: to win a NBA contract and the money to relocate his family to the USA and safety.

Our members rated the book 3.6/5. A word of caution. Most members did not like the ending.

Book Club 2 next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 16 at 11 AM**. The meeting will take place at Arbolado Park Walnut Creek near the basketball courts. Contact Scott Clark for more information, 925-998-4553. For June, Book Club 2 will read and discuss Apeirogon by Colum McCann.

Branch Activities



Bocce

Paul Russell

Bob Huck (assistant chairman) will be standing in for me this week while my wife and I will be in Colorado. We've played a total of two games so far and had a grand time. We've got a total of four teams this year with each team having between 7 to 8 players.

We would like to have more people participate due to vacations and such. We play every other Thursday from 10:00 to noon at the Clayton Bocce Courts

in downtown Clayton. The games are to a score of nine and you must win by two points.

Regular league games are generally played to a score of either 12 or 15, but due to our time limit, 9 points is about all we can do to fit in three games.

If you would like to join us with you spouse / significant other, please let me know via email (peruz@att.net) and we'll get you on a team.

\$ums Investment

Dave Sutton (Br. 8)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group on Wed June 22 at 1:30 PM. via Zoom. (Topic to be announced)

You may wish to attend in person. There will also be a Web Ex link provided for remote attendance.

Email Dave Sutton at davesutn@comcast.net to be included.



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

The May Wine Tasting, hosted by Jon Dickson and his lady Dee Formosa, was held May 19th at Jon's home.

Our next tasting will be **July 28th**, the fourth Thursday of the month. It will be held at the home of Dave Havlik and his wife Judy.



Bridge

Jon Dickson

Lunch & Bridge continues on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club. We were a bit disappointed when SIR's scheduled the Spring Fling on our bridge day, as it made many of us to make a decision on which activity to attend.

Our bridge attendance was down and I know there were 5 or 6 at bridge who would have attended the Spring Fling. Hopefully that will not happen again.

Slams are in short supply, which might be the start of the summer doldrums. I hope not! Think SLAM!

Branch Activities



Dine-O-SIR

Alex Lutkus

We have confirmed a two night dining event for Tuesday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 28. We will be feasting at one of Walnut Creek's premier restaurants - Massimo Ristorante. Our private room will accommodate 40 persons per evening. The no host social hour begins at 6 pm with dinner to follow at 6:45 pm. The price for dinner is just \$52 per person,

including tax and tip. Please see the flyer on page 14, in this Newsletter, for the reservation slip and event details.

Sign-up, ASAP, via the Branch's "Shopping Cart" system. Reservations go quickly and you want to avoid the waiting list.



Pickleball

Ed Solomon

Join us every Friday at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center in Heather Farm from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Beginners welcome. 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.



Ed, Gary Dennis, Doug, Jerry, Don, Dick hamming it up

Branch Activities

Branch 116 Dine-O-SIRs
Tuesdays, June 21 & 28, 2022 Dining Event

MASSIMO Ristorante

1604 Locust Street, Walnut Creek, CA

No host bar Social Hour will start at 6:00 PM and Dinner will be served at 6:45 PM

House red/white wine @ \$5/glass or \$20/bottle; bar well drinks @ \$5.00; Corkage fee @ \$20.00

Cost, just \$52.00 per person, tax and tip included (NOTE: Each night is limited to 40 persons max.)

(Abundant parking is conveniently located across the street in the city garage)

Dinner Menu

Salad: Organic mixed greens w/ balsamic vinaigrette, honey glazed walnuts & goat cheese Crostini

Entrée: Choice of - 1. Hanger Steak with Bordelaise Sauce, vegetables and potato
2. Pan Seared Filet of Salmon with vegetables and potato
3. Chicken Piccata with lemon caper sauce, vegetables and potato

Desert: Apple Tart or Tiramisu (Served with coffee, decaf or tea)

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Branch 116 Dine-O-SIRs, MASSIMO RISTORANTE

Date Choice (6/21)_____ or Date Choice (6/28)_____

NAME: _____

Entrée Selection: Steak ____ Salmon ____ Chicken ____

NAME: _____

Entrée Selection: Steak ____ Salmon ____ Chicken ____

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) or, if you must, by check, (make
check to: SIR Branch 116 Dining and mail your reservation to: Tom Eller, 10 San Ardo Court, Walnut Creek,
CA 94598) Call or e-mail Tom if you have questions. 925-939-5897 tomeller2000@yahoo.com*

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



SIR Golf
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

Branch 116 Golf Website

The Golf Website is: 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.

Golf Matches

Our SIR 116 Golf individual matches are continuing almost as long as the NBA Basketball playoffs! Twice of our matches were postponed due to weather and some competitors are vacations elsewhere. **Semi-final** bracket prevailed by Al Zavattero (Zav) over Jim Barstow by 3&2 in the May match play at Boundary Oak. Waiting for the other **Semi-final** match between Davy Harris and Jerry

Hicks may be in town at the same time. Final for our Branch Championship match will then be scheduled soon following.

Second half of our golf year has in the past held a two man team for match play. Information for sign-ups will be announced this month for a start in August. Make your plan.

June: 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 01	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 08	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Marty Katz
Wed. 15	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 22	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 29	10:00	Dublin Ranch	Dick Chaffee

June: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 06	9:40	Boundary Oak	Don Schroeder
Mon. 13	9:40	Boundary Oak	Don Schroeder
Tue. 21	9:30	Tilden	Don Schroeder
Mon. 27	10:02	Rancho Solano	Don Schroeder

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 21	Tilden	June 9	\$44
June 27	Rancho Solano	June 15	\$48
July 19	Paradise Valley	July 10	\$48
July 25	Poppy Ridge	July 13	\$58

Sign-up for Golf via Branch 116 Shopping Cart System at: sons-in-retirement-las-trampas-br-116.square.site



Golf Clinic

Chris Doan

In May, the Golf Clinic adjusted its format to offer a unique opportunity to play a short round with our Pro, Pete Asselin. During the two hours of play, he has emphasized course management and shot choices for each shot. Those members and spouses that have had their "Play with the Pro" session have really enjoyed the session and felt it would benefit their game.



However, a number of interested members found their May calendars did not have room for the

Clinic. As a result, we have decided to extend the "Play with the Pro" format for another month. Please consider taking advantage of this unique format to take a live lesson on the course for some practical one-on-one attention for about 2 hours.

We continue to use the Diablo Creek Golf Course (holes 13-18) with weekday play Monday through Thursday each week of the month. Tee time will be early (7:00a or 7:15a) so as not to disrupt the normal 18 hole play. Cost for this format will be \$50 plus green fee. More to come.

Members interested in getting involved, please contact Chris at cdoan99@gmail.com or (602) 908-0292 to be added to the Clinic mailing list.

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SAVE THE DATES- 2022 Reno Golf Outing

This year we will go back to Reno for golf. The dates will be **Tuesday Sept. 6 to Friday Sept. 9.**

We plan to play Toiyabe Golf Club and Wolf Run Golf Club.

We will arrive Tuesday, play Toiyabe on Wednesday and Wolf Run Golf Club on Thursday, and

come home on Friday. Group dinners will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. There will be activities for the men and woman who do not play golf. Save the dates.

There will be more details about the outing this spring. If you have any questions, contact David Harris.





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