



# SIR Branch 116

## Newsletter

### March 2022

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

#### Message from Fred

It looks like Spring is nearing though it remains more than a bit chilly at the moment. Punxsutawney Phil forecasted cool weather until roughly 15



March so by the time of our meeting we should be on a Spring Roll.

The really good news is that covid has been crashing and Contra Costa County has therefore lifted indoor masking requirements for vaccinated individuals.

This has enabled us to **restart our monthly Lunch Meeting at Boundary Oaks on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.**

The menu will be Corn Beef and Cabbage following St Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate along with the Irish and get back to seeing our friends on a regular basis.

We will be forwarding an e-mail to every member on March 1<sup>st</sup> with all the details for our Lunch Meeting at Boundary Oaks. There will be a link in the e-mail to RSVP so that we can insure that we can meet Boundary's minimum of 100 members for the lunch service. In the meantime our BEC is working on a fun agenda for the session.

This would be a good time to invite that friend of yours that may be interested in becoming a member as your guest.

Our Speaker will be Carolyn Jackson who is the General Manager for the Leshner Center for the Arts and she will review the upcoming performance calendar and some interesting back stage stories. Additionally she will include a few theater gift cards in our normal raffle. Many of us have been theater goers in past seasons, so this will definitely help us to get back into the groove of normal life before covid

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), the speakers committee, and our recruiting team. Contact Al Farbman or Don Schroeder if you can help.

If you haven't yet paid our \$10.00 dues this year try out the credit card function on our web site. It works just like Amazon.

See you on the 21<sup>st</sup> if not before at one of our activities.

*Fred Wachowicz, Big SIR*

#### Next Meeting

**Mar. 21 @ Boundary  
Oak, 10:30 AM**

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**There will be an  
in-person Branch  
luncheon at  
Boundary Oak in  
March!.**

Trampas Topics

## 2022 SIR Branch 116 Officers



**Big SIR**  
Fred  
Wachowicz



**Little SIR**  
Roger  
Craig



**Treasurer**  
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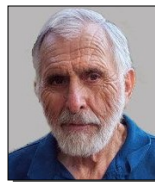


**Member.Sec.**  
Phil  
Goff

## 2022 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Don  
Benioff



Sam  
Beret



Kevin  
Donahue



Al  
Farbman



Darrell  
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## 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 George Pryhuber

### 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 Jim McCormick
- Team Advisor Lee Moy

### Luncheon Support Team:

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

### Speakers Committee

- 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	Harry Sherinian
• 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
• 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—Carson City	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	
• Saturday Tours	Greg Hughes	
• \$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	
• Travel	Jeff Johnson	
• Wine-O-SIR	Lou Meylan	


**A Thank You to all Br. 116 SIR Who  
Volunteer to be Leaders**

## 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

## March 2021

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)		Amiable Amblers (8:15@ Martinez Waterfront Park Parking) Pickleball (9:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	Golf Clinic
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	18-Hole Golf (9:40@ Boundary Oak GC )	Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Country Club)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ)		Amiable Amblers (8:15@ Olympic Blvd. Staging Area) Pickleball (9:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	18-Hole Golf (9:40@ Boundary Oak GC )		9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	 Book Group 2 (11:00 via Zoom)	Amiable Amblers (8:15@ TBD) Pickleball (9:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<b>SIR Br. 116 Meeting</b> (10:30@ Boundary Oak)	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Blue Rock East GC) Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Country Club)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment (1:30 via Zoom)	Fishing Group (8:30 via Zoom)	Amiable Amblers (8:15@ San Ramon Valley Museum) Pickleball (9:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	Walking Tour
27	28	29	30	31		
	18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Lone Tree GC) Book Group 1 (10:15 via Zoom)		9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Shadow Lakes, Brentwood)			



# Branch Administration



## Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

March 2022			
	Feb. 28	2022 YTD	
Contributions	\$ 4,674.64	\$	4,674.64
Disbursements	\$ (4,841.77)	\$	(4,841.77)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (167.13)	\$	(167.13)
November Cash Balance		\$	9,921.84
Outstanding Checks		\$	0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$	9,921.84



## Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership: 198

- Rob Lemmo New Member  
Sponsor Don Schroeder
- Jim Hemmenway New Member  
Sponsor Jack Minicucci
- David Williams New Member  
Sponsor Pete Coggiola

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

## March Birthdays

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

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Doug Allen     | 8. Bob Price         |
| 2. Gary Bonfiglio | 9. Ron Radakovich    |
| 3. John Hughes    | 10. Paul Ramacciotti |
| 4. Dick Kauffman  | 11. Norm Schoenfeld  |
| 5. Bob Loder      | 12. Terry Sherman    |
| 6. Bill McCord    | 13. John Story       |
| 7. Rick Parker    | 14. Dave Williams    |

## March Luncheon Menu



### SIR 116 Luncheon

March 21, 2022

#### Salad

#### Irish Garden Green Salad

Mixed Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Hard Boiled Egg  
Lemon-Herb Vinaigrette

#### Entrees

#### Classic Braised & Glazed Corned Beef

Cabbage, Boiled Carrots & Potatoes  
Whole Grain Mustard Sauce

Or

#### Seared Salmon Cakes

Lemon Herb Cous Cous, Seasonal Vegetables  
Remoulade Sauce

Or

#### Vegetarian Option

#### Dessert

#### Carrot Cake

Caramelized Pineapple Sauce

## 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/)



# Branch 116 Financials



## Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

The 2022 budget was approved at the January 17th BEC meeting. The budget contains an Annual Dues of \$10.00 per member.

### Pay by Credit Card:

- Go Branch website ([branch116.org](http://branch116.org))
- Select "Shopping Cart" button on Home Page
- Select "Annual Dues" and check out

Or: Pay at the March Luncheon (cash or check)

Or: If paying by Mail with a Check:

- Make the Checks Payable to: SIR Branch 116
- Mail checks to: Alan Fitzgerald, Br. Treasurer  
1805 Wales Dr.  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

### Lunch Cost

The lunch costs for 2022 is \$31.00 per person. Boundary charges the Branch \$31.00 which includes the meal, taxes, service charge and use of the facilities. This is only a \$3.70 increase over the past two

# Branch 116 Member Relations



## Member Relations

David Harris

### **SIR March Anniversaries**

We will like to recognize the members of SIR Branch 116. Each month, we will list the members who have an anniversary with SIR.

Here are the March Anniversaries:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years with SIR</u>	<u>Date Joined SIR</u>
Ben Smith	28	03/21/1994
Marv DeHeus	24	03/16/1998
Art Donaldson	24	03/16/1998
Doug Aalders	21	03/19/2001
David Harris	21	03/19/2001
Frank Portillo	18	03/15/2004
Rich Black	15	03/19/2007

Paul King	15	03/19/2007
Larry Heaton	12	03/15/2010
Norm Alberts	9	03/18/2013
Ken Binning	9	03/18/2013
David Fern	9	03/18/2013
Harry Oberle III	9	03/18/2013
Al Satake	9	03/18/2013
Dennis Snarr	9	03/18/2013
Ron Henrickson	7	03/16/2015
Mike Schneider	7	03/16/2015
Don Benioff	5	03/20/2017
Neil Desmond	5	03/20/2017
Dick Savage	4	03/19/2018

# Luncheon Speaker



## Speaker for March Meeting

### "Leshner Center—Back Stage Stories" by Carolyn Jackson

Carolyn Jackson is the Interim General Manager of the City of Walnut Creek's Leshner Center for the Arts, overseeing programming including the presentation series, Center Repertory Company, Bedford Gallery, venue rentals, and educational programs. She has previously served as the City's Arts + Recreation Community Relations Manager since 2015, and prior to that as Communications Director for non-profit theater Dance Place and Assistant Director for modern dance company DancEthos, both in Washington, DC. While at Dance Place, her responsibilities included serving on the curatorial

team for the annual performance season, as well as creating and enacting comprehensive programmatic and institutional marketing plans for programs in the theater, school and community. Jackson holds an M.A. in Arts Administration from American University and previously supported the City's Arts + Recreation Department in interim management roles overseeing the Center for Community Arts and Recreation Classes and Social Services divisions.

# Branch Administration



## Little SIR Report

Roger Craig

Big Sir Fred Wachowicz tells us we are "all systems go" for an in person meeting. Stay tuned for details, but, by all means plan to attend as we come together to revitalize our branch post COVID.

I recently sat in on a State Zoom meeting where the discussion was rebranding the SIR logo to better describe who we are. You may have noticed the logo no longer says Sons in Retirement but now says Social Activities for Men. This was to focus on younger members who might be still working but able to participate in SIR activities.

The logo is again under discussion as we are entertaining women to join SIR. Nothing is official in this

regard but the idea is being explored by at least two branches.

Declining membership is not exclusive to SIR as service organizations such as Lions, Rotary etc report a loss of members.

The March meeting gives us a reason for the "wearing of the green" and the chance to refer to the Big Sir as Fred O'Wachowicz.

Finally, the nine holers give a shout out to Marty Katz. Get well soon and hurry back.



# Branch Activities



## Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

### MEEK MANSION - MARCH 26

On MARCH 26, 2022, the Saturday Walking Tours Activity will visit the Meek Mansion historical site in Hayward. The tour will be conducted by Caroline Sandoval, Outreach and Educational Manager, Hayward Area Historical Society. The Mansion was built in 1869 by William Meek, one of the first pioneers of commercial agriculture in Alameda County. When he built the mansion he had planted over 3000 acres of cherry, apricot, plum, and almond orchards at that site.

Ms. Sandoval is an excellent and very qualified speaker, and we anticipate that everyone will greatly enjoy her presentation. The tour will begin at 10:15 at the Mansion's front steps. Please anticipate her tour will run 60+ minutes. There is a \$150

donation which will be shared equally by participants. We plan to limit the event to 20 participants and the cost should be \$7.50 per person.

This is a Hayward City Recreational Park and it has full bath room facilities.

The Mansion has wheelchair access for the FIRST FLOOR ONLY. We understand that the majority of the tour will be conducted on this floor.

We expect all participants to be fully Covid compliant as it is defined by the CCD for that date. Participants should be prepared to wear masks.

After the tour the participants will meet for lunch in a local restaurant. Will decide on a final venue when we get closer to the March 26 date. Please contact Greg Hughes or Mike Schneider for more info.

Saturday Walking Tour

Meeks Mansion

Hayward CA

March 26, 2022

Start: 10:30

Fee: \$7.50/person

Lunch: TBD



## \$ums Investment

Tom Henry (Br. 174)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their Zoom meeting- on Wed March 23 at 1:30 PM.

Topic to be announced.

A Zoom invitation will be sent out later for those on the email list. Email Dave Sutton to be included.

(davesutn@comcast.net)

# Branch Activities

## TWO NEW ACTIVITIES!



### Community Service

Jeff Johnson

Chapter members were sent a survey regarding interest in the Pay-It-Forward Activity. The results are under review. Volunteer opportunities will be identified by the committee membership and leaders will be assigned to each volunteer activity. None of the activities envisioned will constitute endorsement of the benefactor and no monetary contributions or support will be made under this activ-

ity. If you are interested in joining the committee or being a volunteer, please contact Jeff Johnson – 415-652-4840 – [jeffjohnson9000@att.net](mailto:jeffjohnson9000@att.net).



### Travel

Jeff Johnson

Some good news, the state board has reinstated the foreign travel insurance, each SIR traveler will need to pay \$27 per person to offset the cost.

Alaska Land & Sea May 23 June 4th. 2022 8-day cruise Majestic Princess including one night Fairbanks, two nights Denali National Park, and one Night Mt. McKinley Lodge. Land & Cruise including roundtrip Airfare \$2995.

Columbia & Snake River Cruise 8 Nights starting May 12, 2022, via the American Harmony of the American Cruise Lines following the path of Lewis and Clark. Starting from \$5,600.

For more information, contact Jeff Johnson 415-652-4840 or [jeffjohnson9000@att.net](mailto:jeffjohnson9000@att.net).

## 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>

## Trampas Topics Submissions

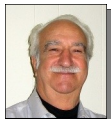


We need your contributions and suggestions for Trampas Topics. Please send photos, news items, SIR activities, and Letters to the Editor:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor  
[trampastopics@gmail.com](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com)



# 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 Bob Lively 925-383-5193 or 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, March 24th at 8:30am.**

Crab fishing has come to a halt. It was short and sweet this year, but many of our fisher folk had hearty meals of the tasty crustaceans. Our trout season started with a few fish from Lafayette Reservoir in January, spearheaded by Phil Scimonelli, Brion Beetz, Mike Browne, and Stan Wong. When San Pablo Reservoir opened on February 4th, the weather turned balmy, the trout cooperated, and we

had a ball. Phil Scimonelli caught 2, 5 pounders on the same day, Stan Wong wore his arm out catching the big trout, and Carl Moyer, Brion Beetz, Bob Lively in his Kayak, Bob Stein, Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, and Mike Browne joined in the catch. Chuck Vanoncini went fly fishing up the Sacramento River twice with a guide on productive adventures. Ben LaSala of our Sacramento SIRs caught salmon from Folsom Reservoir. Bob Lively tried for stripers in his kayak in the delta for a strike out, but Harry Sherinian, Stan Wong, Tom Kostik, and Ron Lew did a little better on the winter striped bass. Ron Lew fished the super bowl sturgeon derby, but the Los Angeles Rams did much better than Ron. We are looking forward to more trout, improved striper catches, and light winds in March.



## Dine-O-SIR

Alex Lutkus

With the reactivation of Branch luncheons starting in March, the Dine-O-SIR Committee is now proposing to schedule three dining events to take place in the months of **June, August and October.** Of

course, this depends upon the Covid Pandemic situation staying under control. As the Committee's planning work evolves, we will send out announcements in more detail.



## Bocce

Paul Russell

The SIR Br.116 Bocce activity we're looking to start in **April** at some point. We are trying to get as many interested members as we can, so we can try to field 4 teams of approx. 6 - 8 players each. Last year we were only able to field a total of 18 players, or 9

ppl / team. Hopefully we'll get more interest this year.

If anyone is interested, please send an email to peruz@att.com to sign up.

# Branch Activities



## Book Group 1

Rich Black

Book Group #1 will next meet at 10:15 on **Monday, February 28, 2022** by Zoom to discuss "A Shot To Save the World: The Inside Story of the Life-or-Death Race for a Covid -19 Vaccine" by Gregory Zuckerman. Prospective new members who wish to join our +/- one-hour discussion (not a class) should contact Richard Black at Blackrw41@comcast.net

Book Group #1 last met on Monday, January 31 to discuss "The Spy and The Traitor" by Ben Macintyre which discussed the work of British spy and

KGB Colonel Oleg Gordievsky in the 70's and early 80's. His efforts may very well have contributed to nuclear disarmament under Ronald Reagan. Richard Black and Steve Bort led the discussion with Mike Schneider, Richard White, Joel White, Dick Kaufman, Richard Rossland, John Riordan, Garret Girvan, Mac McLoughlan, Nick Bowles, Paul Freitas, John Kopchik, Jim Flessner and Art Donaldson. The book was a thought-provoking page turner as reflected by the score of 4.5.



## Book Group 2

Scott Clark

Book Club 2 met February 17 to discuss A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare: 1599, by James Shapiro. Nine members were in attendance. We rated the book 3.25 out of 4.

The book presents an intimate history of the most important and productive years in Shakespeare's life. How did Shakespeare go from being a talented poet and playwright to become one of the greatest writers who ever lived? In this one year the reader follows what he reads and writes, what he saw, and what he created, Henry V, Julius Caesar, As You Like It, and Hamlet.

Some members commented that some prior knowledge of these plays was useful in following the

story. Other members enjoyed reading of the momentous events in world history that occurred in 1599: a rebellion against Queen Elizabeth, turmoil in Ireland, and a threat by Spain to launch an invasion of England. The book "brings the news, intrigue and flavor of the times together with wonderful detail about how Shakespeare worked as an actor, businessman, and playwright, to create an exceptionally immediate and gripping account of an inspiring moment in history.

The next meeting of Book Club 2 will be **March 17**. We will be discussing Restless: A Novel by William Boyd. To be included in our Zoom invitation please contact Alan Pope.



## Pickleball

Ed Solomon

Join us every Friday at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center in Heather Farm from 8 to 9:30 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.

# Branch Activities



## Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

Changes are underway. By popular demand, our walks will now commence at 9:00 instead of 8:15. We are also adding "bonus" walks for the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month that will have a slightly more challenging option (hill, dirt road, etc.); the 2nd and 4th Fridays will be our usual easy trails. We will also consider outdoor dining venues for the post-walk gatherings.

February walkers included Richard Black & Donna Arganbright, Allan & Lynda Chasnoff (and grandson Jack), Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, Al Farbman, Dick Frankel, David & Colleen Geary, Dan Green, Essie Naddaf, John & Gail Riordan, and Joel & Susan White. The February 4 walk was along the Carquinez Overlook Loop Trail with wonderful views of the Carquinez Strait and Benicia. The February 11 walk was along the Iron Horse Trail in Alamo. The February 18 walk was along beautiful green valleys in the in the Castle Rock Recreations Area. The February 25 walk was along the Ignacio Canal Trail on a cold but sunny morning.

The **March 4** walk will commence at 9:00 in the Bocce Court parking lot in the Martinez Waterfront Park. There will be 3 walking loops ranging from 30

to 60 minutes in the adjacent Martinez Regional Shoreline. The **March 11** walk will commence at 9:00 in the Olympic Blvd Staging Area parking lot closest to the roundabout. We will walk west on the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. RSVP to [jriordan730@gmail.com](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com).

The **March 18** walk is TBD. I will be away and am asking for a volunteer to lead it.

Joel White will lead the **March 25** walk, which will commence at 9:00 at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (aka Railroad Museum) in Danville. We will walk north on the Iron Horse Trail. RSVP to Joel at [zpz2mrz@gmail.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@gmail.com).

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.



## Bridge

John Dickson

We are continuing to have our 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month lunch & bridge at Diablo Country club, starting at 10:00 AM. For those who were not with us on January 11th, Diablo raised the cost of lunch (this is called Inflation) so cost will be \$35 for the day. We welcome all those who like to play bridge. We WILL NOT have our usual April LADIES DAY this spring because of Omicron haz-

ards. It is tough to get men out for our regular bridge sessions so don't want to try to lure ladies out for bridge.

I hope everyone had a fun New year Celebration as we all can celebrate still being alive and vertical to see year 2022.



SIR Golf  
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

## Hole-In-One Insurance

Sandbag golfer Alan Fitzgerald had a hole-in-one on February 4 (see photo on page 14). It is therefore time to renew your Hole-In-One Insurance. Go to the Branch Shopping Cart to renew.

## 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.

### March: 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 02	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Marty Katz
Wed. 09	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 16	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 23	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 30	10:00	Shadow Lakes	Dick Chaffee

### March: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:40	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
Mon. 14	9:40	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
Tue. 22	9:30	Blue Rock East	Jim Johnson
Mon. 28	10:00	Lone Treeh	Jim Johnson

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
February 22	Blue Rock East	Mar. 14	\$37
February 28	Lone Tree	Mar. 21	\$48
March 22	Redwood Canyon	Apr. 11	\$37
March 28	Rancho Solano	Apr. 14	\$48

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)





## Golf Clinic

Chris Doan

Chris Doan The Golf Clinic theme for the 1st quarter of the new year is to provide a foundation for “generating impressive results” in your golf game with a particular focus on your short game. The first two Clinics have been well attended with one or two new participants at each event.

The March and April Clinics will move the focus out to about 30 yards and then 50 yards from the pin so it will include chipping from various lies and distances as well as effective bunker play. The goal of both sessions will be to improve your ability to move the ball as close to the pin as possible in a sin-

gle stroke.

All Clinic sessions will be held at Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord under the direction of Golf Pro Pete Asselin. The cost is \$30 and spouses are welcome to participate.

Members interested in getting involved, please contact Chris at [cdoan99@gmail.com](mailto:cdoan99@gmail.com) or (602) 908-0292 to be added to the Clinic mailing list. **The March Clinic will be on the 5th.**

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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.

### Golf Branch 116 Match Play

Seven pairs of the sixteen players’ match prevailed through the cool and windy day at the fast course at Boundary Oak. Pairings were drawn for competitions and resulted in very close matches with small difference of handicaps between the competitors. Don Schroeder, Jim Barstow, Zav, Alan Pope, Hicks, Keven D, Harris will advance to the March 7th second round and awaiting for the fervent match between Gary Boswell and Dirk Meyer. All players, winners and almost, received token for an enjoyable game!



The SIR Golf Tournaments have become very competitive



# Branch Photos



Chuck Vanacini caught this one on the Upper Sacramento



Terry Miller with nice stringer of fish caught at San Pablo Reservoir



Alan Fitzgerald celebrating his Hole-In-One at Boundary Oak's 12th Hole on Feb. 7



Pickleball guys having fun in February

Have fun - Try a new SIR Activity!



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

**RULE 100.** A member shall be notified in writing and/or telephone by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership should he be responsible for any of the following:

- Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.
- Did not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.
- All legitimate alternatives to termination shall be explored. The member's response may suggest an alternative to termination such as inactive status.

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

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### **Non Responsibility Declaration**

**RULE 345:** All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

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### **Checks for Trips**

Trips of 2 days and 1 night or less may be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Trips in excess of 1 night must be made payable to the travel agency involved.