

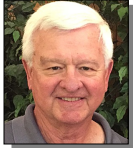


# SIR Branch 116 Newsletter May 2022

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

## Message from Fred

We're celebrating Spring with a Mini Spring Fling! Don't miss it at the Crow Canyon Country Club on May 24th! Sign up with your spouse or friend on the reservation form included in this newsletter.



We won't be holding a regular meeting at Boundary Oaks this month since the Fling is on!

On April 20th roughly 70 members and spouses enjoyed a great Italian dinner at La Veranda in Clayton. A good time was had by all not to mention the tasty menu along with the fellowship we all enjoyed. Great job Alex for getting the Dine-O-Sirs together.

Covid residuals remain in our community though it seems that those affected are not experiencing severe symptoms.

Our June Boundary Oaks meeting is on schedule for June 20th. Its great to be back on our regular schedule

Boundary Oaks is working hard to improve our luncheon events and provided a significant accommodation for the leprechaun issue in March.

Now that we are back, we are reverting to our former luncheon protocol of assuming that every member will attend our regular monthly meetings at Boundary. 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](mailto:luncheon116@gmail.com)

Since we can now get all 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 May 24th if you can make our Mini Fling!

See you on April 18th 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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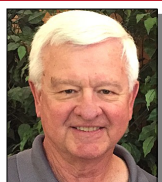
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by the Monday  
prior to the meeting  
to cancel your  
standing  
reservation.

**\*\* Mini Spring Fling Signup Form (page 5) \*\***

Trampas Topics

## 2022 SIR Branch 116 Officers



**Big SIR**  
Fred  
Wachowicz



**Little SIR**  
Roger  
Craig



**Treasurer**  
Alan  
Fitzgerald



**Asst.Treas.**  
David  
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**Asst.Treas.**  
Al  
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**Secretary**  
Paul  
Ramacciotti



**Asst. Sec.**  
Alan  
Pope

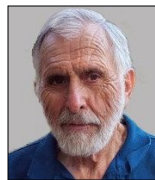


**Member.Sec.**  
Phil  
Goff

## 2022 SIR Branch 116 Directors



Don  
Benioff



Sam  
Beret



Kevin  
Donahue



Al  
Farbman



Darrell  
McLaughry



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

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| • 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

## May 2022

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:45@ Boundary Oak GC )	3	4 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	5 <b>Cinco De Mayo</b>	6 <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (9:00@ Martinez Bocce Courts) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	7
8 <b>Mothers Day</b>	9 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:45@ Boundary Oak GC )	10 <b>Bridge</b> (10:00@ Diablo Country Club)	11 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pleasanton GC) <b>Mexican Train</b> (10:00@ Church of Christ)	12 <b>Bocce</b> (10:00@ Clayton Courts)	13 <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (9:00@ Lafayette Reservoir) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	14
15	16	17	18 <b>Monterey Golf</b> <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	19 <b>Book Group 2</b> (11:00@ WC Ygnacio Valley Library)	20 <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (9:00@ Valley Vista Staging, Moraga) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	21 <b>Walking Tour</b>
22	23 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:12@ Paradise Valley GC) <b>Book Group 1</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 <b>Mini Spring Fling</b> (12:00@ Crow Canyon CC) <b>Bridge</b> (10:00@ Diablo Country Club)	25 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>\$ums Investment</b> (1:30 via Zoom) <b>Wine-O-SIR</b> (4:00@ Jon Dickson Home)	26 <b>Bocce</b> (10:00@ Clayton Courts) <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	27 <b>Amiable Amblers</b> (9:00@ Arbolado Park) <b>Pickleball</b> (8:30@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	28
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# Branch Administration



## Branch Membership

Phil Goff, Membership Chairman

Total Current Membership: **194**

- Bob Shader Resigned due to health issues
- Darell Dummett Resigned. Moved out of area
- Bill Clarke Resigned.



## Treasury Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer

**April 24, 2022**

	April	2022 YTD
Contributions	\$ 11,634.36	\$ 30,639.81
Disbursements	\$ (12,459.40)	\$ (27,817.14)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(825.04)</b>	\$ <b>(2,822.67)</b>
July Cash Balance		\$ 12,631.64
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$ 12,631.64



Sponsor Fred Schafer and  
New Member Dave Havlik

**When you see a new member,  
introduce yourself and say hi.**

## May Birthdays

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

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Doug Aalders  | 13. Greg Hughes        |
| 2. Ron Banducci  | 14. Bruce Kessler      |
| 3. Ed Barney     | 15. George Kohut       |
| 4. Ben Bryce     | 16. Ed Lichtig         |
| 5. Larry Cannon  | 17. Al Lundmark        |
| 6. Al Farbman    | 18. Darrell McClaughry |
| 7. Jim Flessner  | 19. John Riordan       |
| 8. Rudy Gebert   | 20. Tony Rohrs         |
| 9. Chuck Gilliam | 21. Paul Russell       |
| 10. Dave Havlik  | 22. Chick Walsh        |
| 11. Jerry Hicks  | 23. Mike Yale          |
| 12. Bob Huck     | 24. Al Zavattero       |

## 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/)



# Mini Spring Fling

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## Branch 116 Mini Spring Fling Tuesday, May 24, 2022, Special Lunch Event Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville, CA

No host bar Social Hour will start at 12:00 PM and Lunch will be served at 1:00 PM

### Entertainment & Raffle

House red/white wine at \$??/glass or \$??/bottle, bar well drinks at \$?; Corkage fee at \$15.00

Cost, \$50.00 per person, tax and tip included

### Lunch Menu

**SALAD:** Strawberry + Spinach with Arugula, Frisee, Candied Pecans, Goat Cheese, Creamy Balsamic

### ENTREES: Choice of -

**Pan Roasted Herb Salmon**, Citrus Buerre Blanc

**Penne Pasta Herb Grilled Chicken**, Creamy Pesto Sauce, Sundried Tomatoes

**Mushroom Ravioli**, Truffle Cream Sauce, Tomato Ragu (Vegetarian Item)

**DESSERT:** New York Cheesecake, Berry Coulis

## Invite friends to also attend!

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### Mini Spring Fling, Tuesday, May 24, 2022

(Deadline for registration is May 14, 2022)

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

Entrée Selection: Salmon \_\_\_\_ Penne Pasta \_\_\_\_ Ravioli \_\_\_\_

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

Entrée Selection: Salmon \_\_\_\_ Penne Pasta \_\_\_\_ Ravioli \_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending: \_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please Note: A signed waiver and proof of vaccination are required to attend!

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 [branch116.org](http://branch116.org)) or, if you must, by check (make check to: SIR Branch 116 Spring Fling and mail your reservation to: Michael Barrington, 5401 Lynnbrook Place, Concord, CA 94521)

Call or e-mail Michael if you have questions. 510-396-8496 – [majb7016@gmail.com](mailto:majb7016@gmail.com)

# Branch Administration



## Little SIR Report

Roger Craig

April showers bring May Flowers. May also brings a welcome Country Club luncheon with our spouses and/or significant others.

Mark your calendar for May 24th and secure your reservations as soon as possible. (Details herein). The site is the beautifully refurbished Crow Canyon Country Club. Hope to see you there.

April's luncheon at Boundary Oak was well attended. The April birthday boys were headlined by

Marsh Stashyn who celebrated his 90th birthday that month.

The Country Club luncheon will replace May's meeting at Boundary Oak.

Our branch is steadily recovering from Covid. Activity participants make us go. We acknowledge those members who are currently enjoying various activities and encourage everyone to get involved.



## Sunshine

Matt Arena

SIR **Jerry Christopherson** has broken his shoulder but thankfully will not require surgery.

He will use a sling and do physical therapy until he is totally healed. He will not be driving and is not able to use his right hand.

Jerry feels fortunate that he will let nature take its course and do the healing. GET WELL SOON.

PAST BIG SIR **Robbie Robinson** responded to wife Nancy's visit when she brought along photos of his grandkids. Robbie is not doing much talking these days and does a fair amount of resting. He is being cared for quite well at the center.

SIR **Mike Ward** after his ordeal at the hospital and rehab facility is gaining his strength. He has very little recollection of the 2 months in intensive care at John Muir Medical Center. Our health is our most important gift in retirement.

SIR **Norm Jokerst** is doing well following his fall and stroke. Hospice care has been invaluable to his recovery.

SIR **Bob Huck** is recovering from surgery and is doing well. He expects to be at the May luncheon.

KEEP YOUR FACE ALWAYS TOWARD THE SUN-  
SHINE THE SHADOW WILL FALL BEHIND YOU

WALT WHITMAN



## Member Relations

David Harris

### SIR April 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>
Dick Thomson	29	05/18/1993
Marty Katz	7	05/18/2015
Dick Frankel	1	05/17/2021
Dave Havlik	1	05/17/2021

## Branch Administration



90 Year Presidential Award given to Marshal Stashyn by Jeff Johnson



April Luncheon Speaker Salvation Army's Major James Sullivan

## Branch Activities



### Community Service

Jeff Johnson

We had hearty soles working at the Contra Costa/Solano County Food Bank for a morning in April. The Food Bank relies on volunteers to help them serve approximately 250,000 people living in Contra Costa and Solano Counties monthly. 20 million pounds of food was distributed last year - more than half of that was fresh fruits and vegetables. We were able to do our part by sorting food dona-

tions and checking the "use by" dates.

To support and inspire our activity, Major James Sullivan of the Salvation Army was the featured speaker for our April chapter lunch.

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



# Branch Activities



## Walking Tours

Greg Hughes



On Saturday, May 21, the Walking Tours group will ride the Niles Diesel Train. The train will depart from the Sunol station terminal at 10:30 AM. The train runs for 7 miles. It arrives at the Niles Terminal, and then it returns to the Sunol Station. The round trip takes 90 minutes.

SIR Branch 116 has reserved 20 seat tickets under our branch name. The ticket prices are \$15 for Senior and Children, and \$25 for Adults. You pay for your own tickets when you arrive at the Sunol Station that morning, and when you purchase them at the ticket window.

Please note, this is a Diesel Team train attraction. Due to COVID the Steam Train facility has not been returned to service.

We have lunch reservations at Bosco's Bones & Brew which is located in Sunol and is across the street from the Sunol station. After lunch, the group will do a self guided tour to the Kilcare community, the Sunol Glen School, and the Sunol Water Temple.

If you plan to attend, or have further questions,



## 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 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, maddenram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223



# Branch Activities



## Amiable Amblers

John Riordan

April walkers included Richard Black & Donna Arganbright, Dick Frankel, Paul & Anna Freitas, David & Colleen Geary, Dan & Andrea Green, Essie Nad-daf, John & Gail Riordan, and Joel & Susan White. On April 1 we walked the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail, followed by a post-walk gathering at the Town Bakery and Café in Moraga. The subsequent walks were rained out, but the April 29 walk is planned for the Iron Horse Trail in Alamo.

The May walks are scheduled to commence at 9:00 AM, but I am considering an earlier start for the June walks. RSVP to [jriordan730@gmail.com](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com). The **May 6** walk will gather at the Martinez Bocce Courts and we will walk in the Martinez Regional Shoreline. The **May 13** walk will gather at the Lafayette Reservoir and we will walk the Loop Trail. The

**May 20** walk will gather at the Valle Vista Staging Area in Moraga and we will walk toward the Upper San Leandro Reservoir. The **May 27** will gather in Arbolado Park and we will walk the Ygnacio Canal 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](mailto:jriordan730@gmail.com) or 925-284-3394. Also contact me if you wish to be removed from the list for future emails.



## 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).



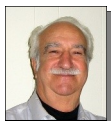
## Pickelball

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.

# 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 Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator, 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, **May 26th** at 8:30am. Come early and have breakfast with the guys and tell us your latest fishing story.

Trout and halibut are our spring catch. 8 of us went to New Melones for two days, and caught many nice surprise black bass, 16 kokanee, and 11 trout.

The group had a great time. Lee Clark, Gordon Linebaugh, and Carl Moyer all got halibut on party boats in the bay. We did get some trout from San Pablo Reservoir. Stan Wong caught stripers in the delta and from shore in Benecia. Salmon fishing started well, but the fish are far out, and rough water kept us from them. When the boats go they are doing well with fish to 12 lbs. We have great expectations. Rockfish also started, but again we did not partake. Despite that, we have high hopes. Remember, you don't have to have a boat and you do not have to be a diehard fisherman. Just come and join us for some great fishing fun.



## Bocce

Paul Russell

Well, we're going to be getting started with our first Bocce Ball games on Thursday morning (April 28th). This year we've got a total of 35 players which will make up 4 teams of between 8 - 10 players per team. The last game will be contested on November 10th of this year.

We'll be playing every \*other\* Thursday starting at 10:00 am until noon. We will be playing on the Clayton Bocce Ball courts in the city of Clayton, Ca. on Main St. next to Skippolins pizza. If you need directions to the courts from your location, just email me at peruz@att.net and I will get back to you.

## Branch Shopping Cart Tip

### Purchasing a two different meal choices for a dining event

- Launch Shopping Cart via your browser (use Shopping Cart button on our home page at [branch116.org](http://branch116.org))
- Select 1st meal from "Meal Choice" dropdown and then hit "Attend" button to put into your cart

- Select 2nd meal from "Meal Choice" dropdown and then hit "Attend" button to also put it in your cart
- Select Shopping Cart icon on top right of screen and then select "Checkout" to pay.

Go to web link [Guide](#) for more information

# Branch Activities



## Book Group 1

Rich Black

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

- Monday, May 23... "Shadow Divers" by Robert Kurson
- Monday, June 27... "The Cold Millions" by Jess Walter
- Monday, July 25... TBD

Book Group #1, as pictured in the Dick Kaufman photo below, 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

should contact Richard Black at [Blackrw41@comcast.net](mailto:Blackrw41@comcast.net).

Book Group #1 just met on Monday, April 25 to discuss "Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles, a novel of four boys of different ages and goals and the myriad characters they meet on their journeys.

Joel White recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Mike Schneider, Dick Kaufman, Richard Rossland, Nick Bowles, Jim Flessner, Art Donaldson, Garret Girvan, John Riordan, Steve Bort, Tim Tinnes, Richard White and John Kopchik. This book merited 3.9 stars.



## Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

The Wine O Sirs will be meeting on Thursday, **May 25th** from 4pm to 6pm at the home of our host Jon Dickson. If you would like to attend please RSVP to

Jon at [still26@sbcglobal.net](mailto:still26@sbcglobal.net) or 925-837-1178.



# Branch Activities



## Book Group 2

Scott Clark

Book Club 2 met April 21 to discuss *There is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the Twenty-First Century* by Fiona Hill. With ten members in attendance we rated the book 2.6/4.

This book is a memoir of Ms. Hill's life growing up in the era of declining coal production in northern England. Her father, a coal miner, lost his job and he advised her, "there is nothing for you here". Despite the poor circumstances of her birth and childhood she managed to go further than her father could ever dream. She studied in Moscow and at Harvard, became an American citizen, and served three US Presidents as a Russian and Eastern European foreign policy expert.

The author's main message, that declining opportunity has set America on the grim path of modern Russia and draws on her personal journey out of poverty, as well as her unique perspectives as a historian and policy maker. This is a deeply personal account in which the author shares what she has learned, and why expanding opportunity is the only long-term hope for our democracy.

The next meeting of Book Club 2 will be on **May 19, at 11 AM**, at the Ygnacio Valley Library. We will be discussing *Sooley*, by John Grisham. Along with John Grisham fans the theme of this book, basketball, will be especially appealing to fans of the sport. Whether you have read the book or not all are welcome to attend.

## 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.



## Bridge

Jon Dickson

Bridge is continuing every **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month, lunch & bridge at Diablo Country Club, starting at 10:00 AM. This past game, we initiated giving a "boobie prize" to the lowest score of the day, now named the Dick Chaffee Prize. Dick promoted giving a prize to the lowest score of the day. Not that he thinks he will ever win it!

Lou Sandor beat out (can we use the term "beat"?) Art Donaldson for as the winner of the first prize, with 990 points. Much better than his score the previous week, which was 920 points, which included 650 points for a "sit-out".

Our game is all in good fun and spirits so do join us for an entertaining day of lunch & bridge. Open to all bridge players.



# Branch Activities



## Dine-O-SIR

Alex Lutkus

On April 20, a terrific dining event was held at La Veranda Cafe with 69 persons in attendance. We are planning our next event for a date in June.

When we announce the event, send in your reservation ASAP - you don't want to be left on a waiting list.



Having a great time at La Veranda Café on April 20

## \$ums Investment

Dave Sutton (Br. 8)

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group Zoom meeting on Wed May 25 at 1:30 PM.

This will be a presentation by a Citibank representative discussing the services they have to offer.

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



SIR Golf  
Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman

## March Match (Golf) Madness

Our Golf Match quarterfinal games will be played on April 4th at Lone Tree. Competitions between Al (Zav) Zavattero vs. Jim (NoDak) Barstow with their foursome including Dave (Davy) Harris vs. Jerry (NoDak) Hicks will progress for the winner's final

in May. After our 18 holes of competition we'll get together in the 19th hole for bragging, crying, and lies.

Join us for a fun day and a mulligan (redo) at Lone Tree. All golfers sign up today on our easy SIR Br. 116 [Shopping Cart](#).

## 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.

## April: 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 11	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Marty Katz
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 25	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry

## May: 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:40	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
Mon. 09	9:40	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
18-19		Monterey Golf	Jim Barstow
Mon. 23	10:12	Paradise Valley	Jim Johnson

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
May 23	Paradise Valley	May 13	\$48
June 21	Tilden	June 9	\$44
June 27	Rancho Solano	June 15	\$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

The Golf Clinic theme for 2022 is to provide a foundation for “generating impressive results” in your golf game with an initial focus on your short game. The Clinic started last August, offering a total of 12 clinic sessions to date. 36 members and spouses have taken advantage of the clinic over that period. Feedback has been consistently positive. Our pro, Pete Asselin, gets high marks from our golfers and has commented how much he enjoys working with our members.

During the month of May, we are going to change the format and will offer an opportunity to play a short round with Pete. He will be emphasizing

course management and shot choices for each shot. It will be a great opportunity to take a live lesson to the course for some practical one-on-one attention for about 2 hours.

We will be using 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](mailto:cdoan99@gmail.com) or (602) 908-0292

## A True Story!

A young college golfer was playing a round with his dad one day.

They talked and the subject came up about record keeping

The young student's father suggested he keep a record of his golf scores

From 1950 and for 70 years this young man amassed the following record

• Rounds of golf played	34347
• Strokes taken	287,270
• Best handicap average	6-7
• Average score	83.7
• First shot his age	70 yrs old

- Shot his age at 90+ 4 times  
(3 at Boundary Oak,  
1 at Rancho Solano)
- Holes in one 4  
(160+yards with woods)
- SIR 1st Flight Champion 1980  
(Playing partners: Conrad Robertson, retired  
49er quarterback John Brodie)  
(Last played at Lake Chabot– January 2019)

You will know him if you followed him because he paints his tees in gold.

This famous golfer is our own **Bill McCord** (94 years old)



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