



Trampas Topics

October, 2016

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, October 17, 2016
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2016 Big Sir Jim Barstow



We have reached the month of October, and the fall colors are already beginning to appear. Hopefully, copious amounts of rain are not far behind. Of course we need to stock up on supplies, preparing for the ghosts and goblins that will appear at our door the evening of October 31st. Do you think any will show up early at our October 17th Luncheon?

Please welcome our new SIR inducted at our September Luncheon, Joe Cain. Encourage Joe to participate in all of our fun filled activities. Please don't feel that just because you don't play Golf (one of our most popular activities) there is nothing to do apart from our Luncheons. Take a moment to read through the rest of Trampas Topics and the many activities available. SIR Richard Madden is hosting the first Couples Mexican Train on Tuesday evening, September 27th. I am sure this will become a popular activity. Thanks Richard.

We will be honoring our past Big SIRs at our October Luncheon. Please let them know how much you appreciate their contribution to the success of our Branch. It is those individuals who volunteer to accept these roles that keep our Branch vibrant and alive. Without these volunteers, our Branch could not function. We always have a need for those of you willing to invest some time and support our branch. We need your help!

Our October 17th Luncheon will depart from the norm, as we will not have a guest speaker. Instead, we will discuss the reasons a change in our Luncheon Venue is being considered. The reasons for this consideration, the venues considered, and a schedule / vote, will be discussed. You, our members, will cast the votes, making the decision. Please try to attend.

Enjoy the wonderful month of October here in the Bay Area. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our October 17th Luncheon.

Jim Barstow, Big SIR

Mark your calendar:

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Wednesday December 14, 2016



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Thursday prior to the
meeting to cancel your
standing reservation or to
bring a guest.*

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Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256

Some Other SIR Area 2 Activities

Apple User Grp.	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947
Bocce	Bob Barnes (Br.8)	686-0106
Bowling	Dan Weller (Br. 8)	935-5510
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Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (174)	376-8140

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Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

October 2016

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Napa-Kennedy GC)	4 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 First Christian Church, 3039 Willor Pass Rd, Concord)	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	6	7	8
9	10 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	11 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train Dominos (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	13	14 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Loard's Ice Cream, Alamo)	15
16	17 <u>SIR Br. 116</u> <u>Luncheon</u> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	18 Ladies Day Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC) 18-Hole Golf (1:00@ Rossmoor CC)	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Wise Girl Ristorante Italiano, PH)	20 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	21	22
23	24 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Eagle Vines) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	25 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	26 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood CC) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Wise Girl Ristorante Italiano, PH) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	27 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	28 <div>Walking Tour (11:00@ SF 49er Museum)</div> Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Denica's Café, WC)	29 Walking Tour
30	31 <u>HALLOWEEN</u> 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Rooster Run)					



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	Sept. 2016	2016 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,517.00	\$ 47,215.17
Disbursements	\$ (6,587.80)	\$ (44,214.92)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,070.80)	\$ 3,000.25
Sept. 26th Cash Balance		\$ 10,735.61



Lunch Attendance

Sam Beret
(snb49@outlook.com)

Attendance at the Sept. 19th Meeting

Total:	166
Members:	162
Guests & Visitors:	2
Speakers:	2
Excused:	51
Long-term impairment:	6
Un-Excused:	17

The un-excused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	236
This Month's Inductees:	2
• Joe Cain—Sponsor: Max Foust	
Inactive to Active:	0
Active Members Resigned:	1
• Don Booth	
Active to Inactive:	0
Inactive Resigned:	0
On Inactive Status:	19

October Luncheon Menu

Oktoberfest Celebration with
 Smoked Bratwurst with
 Sweet Hot Mustard (on the Side)
 Sauerkraut & Roasted Potatoes
 Cole Slaw & Marbled Rye Bread & Butter
 German Chocolate Cake
 Coffee, Ice Tea & Lemonade

October Birthdays

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

1. Don Acamo	11. Bob Keldgord
2. Bruce Adair	12. Carl Langhorst
3. Jack Bevis	13. Lee Medeiros
4. Urs Christen	14. Ken Miller
5. J. Christopherson	15. Frank Portillo
6. Wayne Cook	16. Al Satake
7. Jed Daniel	17. Jim Shurr
8. John Fraser	18. Dick Thomson
9. Dave Heck	19. Bob Wolf
10. Marty Katz	

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Trampas Topics
branch116.org/trampas/

Computer and Technology
a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena
(marena@astound.net)

As your Sunshine Chairman I have asked that you stay off my list.

I really should take my advise but it finally caught up with me.

See you at the October luncheon.

There is little change in our members since the last report. Please remember them as they recover and deal with their illnesses. How fortunate that we enjoy good health.

BE WHO YOU ARE AND SAY WHAT YOU
FEEL,BECAUSE THOSE WHO MIND DON'T
MATTER,AND THOSE WHO MATTER DON'T
MIND

-BERNARD M. BARUCH

New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Max Foust with
New Member Joe Cain

**Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !**



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson
(jchris161k@aol.com)

It's that time again.....our final business meeting of the year, otherwise known as:

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

When: Wednesday December 14, 2016

Where: Round Hill Country Club

Time: 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Cost: \$53.00 p/p

This year: Tables of 8, Singers from Las Lomas H.S.,
Two (Yes, 2) No-Host Bars

We will have reservation forms available at the October SIR Meeting and in next months Trampas Topics.

Mark your calendars and get ready to have a GREAT time!!



\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)
(tomh925@icloud.com)

The SIRs Area 2 investment activity will meet at the Diablo Creek Country Club (North of Hwy 4 on Port Chicago Hwy) from 8:00AM to 9:30AM on **October 26, 2016**. Our presenter will be Kevin Gahagan, who specializes in working with business owners, professionals and corporate executives in providing advanced financial planning and investment strategy. He has been recognized by the San Francisco Business Times as one of "the Bay Area's Top Twenty-Five Independent Wealth Advisors," identified as a "Top Advisor" by Reuters AdvicePoint, and recognized by the Consumer Research Council of America as one of "America's Top Financial Planners."



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be **Thursday, October 27th**, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am but many of us get there early for breakfast and storytelling time. It's a lot of fun to hear about various outing.

Paul Dubow, Karl Droese, Gordon Linebaugh, Barry Rauchle, and Jack Waddell caught some salmon to 20 lbs. up the Sacramento River on a guided trip. Lee Clark, Gordon Linebaugh, and Carl Moyer each got a salmon on a party boat out the gate. Carl Moyer and Dick Thomson released a 5 foot sturgeon when fishing for catfish in San Pablo Reservoir. It was a long and strenuous battle on the light gear. On that same outing, Harry Sherinian and Terry Miller never had a bite. (Go figure.) Carl and Gene Shulting caught 4 nice catfish there; and Gene and Reggie Fromm caught 5 big cats to 11 lbs. before that. Tom Kostik and Mike Corker caught black bass and small stripers from the Delta. Stan Wong caught trout from Boca Reservoir in Nevada. One of our popular non fishing events took place at the house of Rich Facina. The annual Summer Bar-B-Que was a huge success. With our host making pizza houdours in his outdoor wood oven and the bar-b-que food being outstanding, we all ate and drank our fill. This is an annual event were wives and significant others are welcome. Many thanks to Rich and his wife for their hospitality. Our own Dick Thomson also assisted in the planning and execution of the event.

We will be very busy this fall fishing for: catfish, striped bass, black bass, crappie, bluegill, sturgeon, crawfish, trout, salmon, halibut, ling cod, and rock fish. We live in a fishermen's paradise. Come join us and enjoy the sport of fishing.

Contact is Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator (925-846-7067).

Fishing Joke

A woman goes into a shop to buy a rod and reel as a gift.

She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter where there's a shop assistant wearing dark shades.

"Excuse me sir" she says "can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?"

The assistant replies "Ma'am I'm blind but if you drop it on the counter I can tell you everything you need to know about it from the sound it makes."

She didn't believe him, but dropped it on the counter anyway.

He said, "That's a 6' graphite rod with a Zebco 202 reel and 10 lb. test line...It's a good all around rod and reel and it's only \$20.00".

The lady said, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I think it's what I'm looking for so I'll take it."

He walks behind the counter to the register, and in the meantime the woman breaks wind big-time. At first she is embarrassed but then realizes that there is no way he could tell it was her...being blind he wouldn't know that she was the only person around.

The assistant rings up the sale and says, "That will be \$25.50."

She says, "But didn't you say it was \$20.00?"

"Yes ma'am, the rod and reel is \$20.00, but the duck call is \$3.00, and the catfish stink bait is \$2.50."

👉 REMINDER 👈

To cancel your standing Luncheon reservation, please call the Luncheon Hotline (925-806-8874) or send an email to the Attendance Chairman at snb49@outlook.com no later than Thursday AM in the previous week.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

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The Friday September 9th walk was led by Art Donaldson. On a clear but somewhat cool morning, the walking group met at Heather Farm pool, headed north to the Regional Trail, west toward Walden Park, then North again to the bridge over Treat Boulevard at Pleasant Hill BART station. After an hour's round trip promenade, Richard Black and Donna Arganbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David and Colleen Geary, and Richard and Aase White, adjourned across Ygnacio Valley Road to Sweet Affair Bakery for coffee and conversation. A topic of interest to all (among others) was the Mountain Shadow Film Society that meets monthly at the Walnut Creek Main Library.

On a gorgeous early fall September 23rd morning with a clear sky, John Riordan led a walk on the paved Nimitz trail at inspiration point in Tilden Park. John, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David Geary, and Joel and Susan White enjoyed magnificent vistas of the East Bay hills with mirror surfaced reservoirs among the forests and golden hills. Coffee and conversation followed at Geppeto's café in Orinda where we were joined by Coleen Geary. Pictured from left to right: Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Susan White (foreground, Joel is behind camera), David Geary, and John Riordan.



The **Friday, October 14** walk will be led by Paul Freitas at 8:15am. We will meet at Loard's Ice Cream in Alamo, 220 Alamo Plaza #B, just west of the Stone valley Road exit from 680. Please RSVP to Paul: pmfreitas@pacbell.net; 925-939-3921.

The **Friday, October 28** walk will be led by myself, meeting at Denica's Café in the Citrus Center in Walnut Creek at 8:15 am. We will walk on the Contra Costa Canal trail



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Paul Ramacciotti

(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

There will be no formal Luncheon Speaker in October. Instead, we will be discussing the reasons a change in our Luncheon Venue is being considered. The reasons for this consideration, the venues considered, and a schedule / vote, will be discussed. It is important that all members, if possible, attend our October 17th luncheon.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Once again we just missed the Trampas Topics deadline. Our next event will be on **Sept 29th**. See the next edition for coverage of the event.

We meet every other month at the home of one of the members. The host decides on the theme of the event, secures the wine and the hors d' oeuvres. He is reimbursed by the group for expenses.

Contact Jack Bevis for more information at Jack-b435@comcast.net or call 925-254-7256.

State 'SIR Happenings'

Enjoy reading *SIR Happenings* and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website located at:

sirinc.org/sirhappenings

2016 Carson City Golf Getaway





Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next SIRS Branch 116 walking tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 29. This tour will be of the San Francisco 49ers football museum located at Levi Stadium in Santa Clara. Cost to tour the museum is \$10. Tickets are can be purchased at the museum box office the day of the tour. The museum is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays.

Directions to Levi Stadium are as follows.:

- The address of Levi Stadium is: 2525 Tasman Dr., Santa Clara
- Take I-680 south to Mission Blvd./CA Route 262 (Exit 12) toward I-880.
- Take I-880 south toward San Jose to CA 237 west toward Mountain View.
- Take Exit 6 off CA 237 west for Great America Parkway toward Lafayette Street.
- Turn left onto Great American Parkway.
- Turn left onto Tasman Drive.

Estimated travel time from the Walnut Creek area is 1hour, 20 minutes.

Car pools are encouraged the day of the tour. Please let me know of your attendance and of anyone wishing to drive that day. We will target 11:00 am to meet at the museum box office. An optional lunch will follow the tour.

If you know of other friends who would like to join us, as always, they are welcome.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

Dine-O-SIR get together at the "Speakeasy":

Wise Girl Ristorante Italiano

(191932 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill)

Two night event, Wednesday, **October 19 & 25**

Limited to seating of 50 per nights so sign-up early

Social time starts at 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:45 PM.

Price \$35, all inclusive

MENU

Start—House Mixed Green Salad

Choice of One of the following entrees

1. Sicilian Rosemary Chicken—Half chicken baked with lemon, garlic, rosemary, served with pasta Aglio e Olio & fresh seasonal vegetables
2. Salmon Piccata—Grilled with lemon butter and capers, served with wild rice pilaf and fresh seasonal vegetables
3. Prime Rib—Slow roasted in red wine, garlic and special seasonings, with whipped mashed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables
4. Lasagna Di Giovanni—Homemade and baked, 3 layers of ricotta , meat, mozzarella and marinara sauce

Soda, coffee and tea along with focaccia bread and dipping sauce included

Dessert—Italian Chocolate Love Cake

Send reservation request along with check made out to **SIR BRANCH #116-DINING** to SIR Ben Smith, 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA 84507. Please indicate the preferred night and menu selection.



Poker Group #2

Jerry Kaplan
(mgkaplan@astound.net)

Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. Low stakes, good times and fun. To play, contact Jim Shurr (925-937-9142) or Jerry Kaplan (925-938-1037) at least 24 hrs before the game.



"Mexican Train" Dominos

Richard Madden
(maddenram@sbcglobal.net)

"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 meet at 10:00 AM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek.

We hope to see you on October. We are planning to start an evening group that will include the ladies.

You can contract Richard Madden, maddenram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223



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

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
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Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



The Book Exchange continues to be a well used resource.

We have between one hundred to two hundred books available at each meeting with many best sellers and notable topics. As you probably know by now, the Book Exchange is free just bring a book and take a book or take a book and bring one back at the next luncheon.

Happy Reading



Bridge

Jon Dickson
(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Bridge is offered every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Round Hill Country Club, with lunch starting at 11:30 and bridge right after. We welcome all bridge players for an afternoon of Chicago Style bridge. On **Tuesday, October 18th** we will have our fall **LADIES DAY** bridge, welcoming couples for the same afternoon of lunch and bridge at Round Hill CC, also starting at 11:30 AM. Our definition of "couples" is any two people who wish to play bridge. Two women, two men or the usual man & women! You can even bring your wife! On Tuesday, September 13th we had a top score for the first time in a long while. Ron Wolberg and Norm Schoenfeld bid and made a vulnerable 7 No Trump for a big score! We had not had a Grand Slam bid for along time, let alone the 7 No Trump.



SIR Travel

By Marty Katz, Travel Chairman
(mctkatz@pacbell.net)



Enjoy your travels where ever they may take you...

Oct 8, 2016: Fleet Week (Blue Angels)

Join us on the San Francisco Belle Paddle Wheeler the crown jewel of San Francisco Bay. There is no better vantage point to see the Air Show then on the SF Belle. Cost is \$141.00 including RT Motor-coach, Cruise aboard the Belle, Reserved seating, Hosted Hot Buffet Lunch with Beverage, Music Entertainment, Special viewing of Blue Angel Show, and Driver Gratuity. Contact Milt Smith Br. 146, 925-280-0328 or John George 408-600-4635.

See the quarterly State SIR Happenings Web Site at: sirinc.org/sirhappenings/ offers additional SIR travel options.

Some SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

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Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt
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The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:30 am**. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

The presentation this month will be "The Connected Home" by Frank May. Frank will be discussing some of the new home Internet connected devices and the information & capability they provide.

Arrive earlier to chat with friends and enjoy the coffee and cookies. Note that we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if this meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black
(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"The First Family Detail"

The Bookgroup met on Monday, 26 September, 2016 to discuss "The First Family Detail" by Ronald Kessler. Richard Rossland recommended the book and Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Art Donaldson, Steve Bort, John Rear-don, Tim Tinnes, Mike Barrington, John Frazier, John Kopchik, Joel White, Mac McLoughlin, Garrett Girvin and Bob Wolf. While most found some new information about the Secret Service, the consensus was that the book lacked objectivity and reliability. The group awarded the book 2.1 stars.

On **Monday, 24 October** the group will again meet to discuss "*Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*." Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books in Orinda, California.

How to Speed Up Your Golf Play

by GolfLink

Note: This is a continuation of a series of articles on ways to speed up our SIR golf play.

Instructions:

- Mark your golf balls for identification purposes to avoid time wasted confirming your ball in play, or worse yet, playing the wrong ball.
- Carry a spare ball and tee with you to the tee box in case your first shot is out-of-bounds or out-of-sight. This way, you will not have to return to your bag for another ball or tee if you need to take a second, or provisional, tee shot.
- Limit your practice swings to no more than two before addressing the ball for each shot.
- Drive your cart to a location as close as possible to your, or your cart partner's ball after your shots. Drop that player off, and take the cart to the other player's ball. Do not wait for the first player to take the shot. That will occur while the cart is moving to the other player's ball location.
- Take the clubs that you need for subsequent shots, including your putter, when you leave the cart for an approach (to the green) shot. You can then walk directly to the green, without having to return to the cart, while the other player moves the cart to the greenside parking area.
- Park the cart at greenside as near as possible to where you expect to exit the green after holing out. This avoids backtracking.
- Go directly to the cart and move to the next tee box after holing out. Do not take time to record the hole score until you are at the next tee box

Tips & Ideas:

- Pull the flagstick and set it down out of the way of play, if your putt is closest to it and you will be the last to putt. Pick up the flagstick and replace it immediately after the last player holes the last putt, if you are the first player to hole

out.

- Set clubs other than your putter, that you have carried to the green, down in the path that you expect to exit the green along, to avoid leaving them behind. Set them across the flagstick on the ground, if you are the player who pulls the flagstick.
- Pick up your ball when your hole score in progress reaches a triple bogey. Make that your maximum score per hole, unless you are playing competitive golf where you must hole out and count every stroke.
- Avoid distractions that take you away from the game, such as searching for other players' lost balls or visiting with the beverage car

2017 Golf Fees are Due

It is that time again, your 2017 Golf fees are due.

The fees are:

- 18-Hole with NCGA fee: \$56
- 18-Hole without NCGA fee: \$20
- 9-Hole without NCGA fee: \$15

If possible, bring a check to the **October 17 Luncheon**. If you forget to bring a check or cannot attend the luncheon, send your check made out to:

SIR Branch 116 Golf
PO Box 683
Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

Please send your check before the end of the year.





SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman
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We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

The 18-hole group plays once a week in a Tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away. Those playing in the 18-hole group must be members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and establish a handicap index. You may join the NCGA through our SIR club or through another club.

Foursomes in both the 18-hole and 9-hole groups are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch.

All our events are listed in the Trampas Topics and on our web site at branch116.org/116-golf. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great courses with reasonable prices.



Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman
(rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)

SIR 116 9-Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields-Concord, Diablo Hills-Walnut Creek, and other 9 hole courses in the area.

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2nd place 2 and 3rd place 1. The 2016 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

In December, we will again hold our 9 Hole Golf Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be 3 rounds of golf. One round at each of the courses we play. The Tournament Champion will be the golfer with lowest net total for 2 rounds. If a participant plays all 3 rounds, he can choose which 2 rounds will count.

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

branch116golf.org

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

- 2016 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.

October 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 12	10:00	Diablo Hills	D. McClaughry
Wed. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 26	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

October 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 03	9:30	Napa Kennedy	Wroblewski
Mon. 10	9:30	Boundary Oak	C. Robertson
Tue. 18	1:00	Rossmoor CC	Norm Alberts
Mon. 24	9:00	Eagle Vines	Norm Alberts
Mon. 31	9:30	Rooster Run	Norm Alberts

18-Hole Results

Rancho Solano, Mon, Sep 26, 2016

David Harris, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st David Harris	80	3	1st Jim Johnson	66	3	1st Bob Testa	69	3	1st Marty Katz	65	3
2nd Alan Fitzgerald	81	2	2nd Don Schroeder	70	2	2nd Sam Beret	70	2	2nd Robbie Robinson	73	2
3rd Bill McCord	83	1	3rd Al Zavattero	71	1	3rd Bob Price	73	1	Tie 3rd Kevin Donahue	78	1
									Tie 3rd Greg Hughes	78	1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>		
Alan Fitzgerald	96		Jim Johnson	82		Bob Price	95		Marty Katz	94	
<u>Closest-to #15</u>			<u>Closest-to #15</u>			<u>Closest-to #15</u>			<u>Closest-to #15</u>		
			Frank Crua			Sam Beret			Fred Schafer		

Paradise Valley, Tue, Sep 20, 2016

Conrad Robertson, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st Alan Fitzgerald	68	3	1st Don Schroeder	66	3	1st Terry Grummitt	69	3	1st Conrad Robertson	73	3
Tie 2nd Jerry Hicks	71	2	2nd Jim Johnson	68	2	2nd Bob Testa	70	2	2nd Robbie Robinson	74	2
Tie 2nd Jim Barstow	71	2	3rd Al Hutchko	69	1	3rd Sam Beret	71	3	Tie 3rd Bill Hemmelsbach	75	1
									Tie 3rd Kevin Donahue	75	1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>		
Alan Fitzgerald	82		Don Schroeder	87		Terry Grummitt	95		Kevin Donahue	106	
<u>Closest-to #3</u>			<u>Closest-to #3</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #3</u>		
Alan Fitzgerald			Norm Alberts			Dave Carlson					

Match Play Results: Schroeder & Katz def. Hicks 2 up.

Boundary Oak, Mon, Sep 12, 2016

Phil Jenkins, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st Alan Fitzgerald	69	3	1st Al Zavattero	67	3	1st Sam Beret	65	3	1st Fred Schafer	67	3
2nd Jim Barstow	72	2	Tie 2nd Harry Oberle	68	2	2nd Terry Grummitt	70	2	2nd Robbie Robinson	68	2
Tie 3rd Hugh Duggan	74	1	Tie 2nd Mel Williams	68	2	3rd John Story	71	1	Tie 3rd Ron Armijo	73	1
Tie 3rd Bill McCord	74	1							Tie 3rd Conrad Robertson	73	1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>		
Alan Fitzgerald	84		Mel Williams	84		Sam Beret	92		Fred Schafer	100	
<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>		
Denny Giambastiani			Mel Williams			David Carlson			Conrad Robertson		

Crow Canyon CC, Mon, Aug 29, 2016

Art Vogl, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st David Harris	66	3	1st Mel Williams	64	3	Tie 1st Dave Carlson	65	3	1st Matt Arena	59	3
2nd Neil Schmidt	71	2	Tie 2nd Don Schroeder	66	2	Tie 1st Pete Coggiola	65	3	2nd Fred Schafer	70	2
3rd Jim Barstow	72	1	Tie 2nd Al Zavattero	66	2	3rd Al Satake	67	1	Tie 3rd Bill Hemmelsbach	72	1
									Tie 3rd Phil Jenkins	72	1
									Tie 3rd Robbie Robinson	72	1
									Tie 3rd Art Vogl	72	1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>			<u>Low Gross*</u>		
David Harris	85		Mel Williams	82		Pete Coggiola	93		Matt Arena	98	
<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>			<u>Closest-to #4</u>		
			Frank Crua			Bob Testa			Phil Jenkins		

2016 18-Hole Leader Board

Second Half Leaders, July - December, 2016
As of Rancho Solano, Mon Sep 26, 2016

<u>FLIGHT 1</u>		<u>FLIGHT 2</u>		<u>FLIGHT 3</u>		<u>FLIGHT 4</u>	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Alan Fitzgerald	19	Jim Johnson	21	David Carlson	13	Robbie Robinson	18
David Harris	13	Mel Williams	17	Bernie Wroblewski	8	Matt Arena	13
Phil Goff	9	Don Schroeder	14	Terry Grummitt	8	Fred Schafer	10
Neil Schmidt	9	Frank Crua	8	Randy Welker	7	Marty Katz	10
Jim Barstow	8	Al Zavattero	8	Bob Testa	7	Conrad Robertson	8
Hugh Duggan	6	Wayne Smith	3	Sam Beret	6	Carl Langhorst	6
Michael Barrington	5	Norm Alberts	3	Alex Lutkus	5	Jim Nickels	4
Bill McCord	4	Carlos Xavier	2	John Story	5	Wayne Cook	3
Denny Giambastiani	2	Harry Oberle	2	Pete Coggiola	4	Art Vogl	3
Jerry Hicks	2	Al Hutchko	1	Jim Videle	3	Jerry Christopherson	2
				Jerry Hunter	3	Phil Jenkins	2
				Richard Madden	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	2
				Terry Sherman	2	Kevin Donahue	2
				Kirk McVean	2	Ron Armijo	1
				Al Satake	1	Greg Hughes	1
				Bob Price	1		

Golf Hotline: The Golf Telephone Hotline can be reached at 925-906-5355.

You may leave a message to register for 9-Hole & 18-Hole tournaments, cancel a previous registration, make special requests for pairings, ask to be added to a waiting list after the deadline and check to see if a tournament has been cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons.

If you are registering for Boundary Oak, please indicate whether you are Walking or Riding.

If you are registering for Paid-in-Advance tournaments, please mail your check prior to the deadline to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P. O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683.

Electronic Signups and Cancellations

Please note that you may also signup for Boundary Oak & Paid-in-Advance tournaments on this website. Simply navigate to 18-Hole Group/Schedules & Signups and choose either Boundary Oak or Paid-in-Advance. You may cancel a previous signup either by using the telephone hotline or by sending an email to branch116golf@gmail.com.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, October 18	Rossmoor CC	Oct. 8	\$30/\$43
Monday, October 24	Eagle Vines	Oct. 17	\$47
Monday, October 31	Rooster Run	Oct. 22	\$33/\$42
Monday, November 7	Mira Vista CC	Oct. 24	\$50
Tuesday, November 22	Canyon Lakes	Nov. 12	\$34

Send checks made out to SIR Branch 116 Golf, PO Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
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94596-5805

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RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) 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 (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

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.

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.