



Trampas Topics

September, 2016

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, September 19, 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

Have we really reached the month of September? Where have the first 8 months of 2016 gone? I am told that the more fun you are having, the faster time flies. It is true that I have enjoyed this year, and I hope all of my fellow SIRs have also. Lets all continue to take advantage of all the activities offered by our Branch.



Please welcome our new SIRs inducted at our August Luncheon, Pete Belden and Bob Keldgord. Encourage Pete and Bob 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. Just take a moment to read through the rest of Trampas Topics and the many activities available.

I wish to Thank Bob Donohue and the nominating committee for the excellent candidates offered for election at our August Luncheon. I also wish to congratulate and Thank all of our new officers and directors for 2017. These officers and directors, a very qualified staff, will be installed at our November Luncheon. I encourage all of you to think of how you may volunteer to serve Branch 116 as an officer / director, or supporting one of our activities. Volunteers are required to keep our Branch active and alive.

We are rapidly approaching our Carson City Golf Outing. September 7th through September 9th. Thanks to Tim Hubbard, Jerry Hunter, David Harris, and Dave Carlson for organizing this three day event which includes 3 buffet dinners, Breakfast Coupons, Prize Drawings, and activities for the ladies who do not play golf. I hope you remembered to sign up for this fun filled event.

Parking continues to be an issue at our Luncheons. Remember the parking across the street, and I encourage you to consider car pooling which would help

I trust you will enjoy the extended Labor Day Weekend, and if traveling, be safe. Looking forward to seeing you all at our September 19th luncheon.

Jim Barstow, Big SIR

**Carson City Golf Getaway
September 7-9, 2016**



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2016 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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2016 Activity Chairmen

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Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439
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Golf - Carmel	Jim Barstow	938-2744
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" " Asst.	Alex Lutkus	827-2828
Parties	J. Christopherson	393-9373
Poker Group 1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Poker Group 2	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
\$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Walking Tours	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
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
Digital Photo.	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	254-8338
Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (174)	376-8140

2016 Support Chairmen

Activities Coord.	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Attendance	Sam Beret	388-6145
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	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
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Guitar	Paul King	938-3035
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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"	Gary Boswell	673-3545
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Raffle	Don Schroeder	837-6005
Storytellers	(rotating)	(various)
Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Travel	Marty Katz	484-0122
Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

September 2016

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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4	5 	6 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 First Christian Church, 3039 Willor Pass Rd, Concord)	7 <u>Carson City Golf</u> <u>Getaway</u> 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	8 <u>Carson City Golf</u> <u>Getaway</u>	9 <u>Carson City Golf</u> <u>Getaway</u> Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Heather Farms Swim Parking Lot)	10
11	12 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	13 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	14 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Cjhurch of Christ, WC)	15 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	16	17
18	19 <u>SIR Br. 116 Mtg.</u> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	20 Poker Group #2 (1:00@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Paradise Valley GC)	21 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	22 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	23 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Inspiration Point Trailhead)	24
25	26 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Rancho Solano GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books) Hiking & Walking (8:30@ Lafayette Reservoir)	27 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	28 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC)	29 Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	30	



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer

(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	July. 2016	2016 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,591.09	\$ 38,616.15
Disbursements	\$ (6,465.77)	\$ (34,190.12)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (874.68)	\$ 4,426.03
July 23th Cash Balance		\$ 12,161.39



Lunch Attendance

Sam Beret

(snb49@outlook.com)

Attendance at the Aug. 15th Meeting

Total: 174

Members: 173

Guests & Visitors: 0

Speakers: 1

Excused: 34

Long-term impairment: 7

Un-Excused: 22

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

September Birthdays

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Michael Barrington | 9. Tom Hickey |
| 2. Rich Black | 10. Allen Leschot |
| 3. Dave Butner | 11. Mike Loughery |
| 4. Rob Campbell | 12. Terry Miller |
| 5. Mike Carpenter | 13. Jim Nachtweih |
| 6. Mike Corker | 14. Mel Williams |
| 7. Alan Fitzgerald | 15. Carlos Xavier |
| 8. Warren Garrison | |



Membership

Phil Goff

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members: 236

This Month's Inductees: 2

- Peter Belden

- Bob Kelgord

Inactive to Active: 0

Active Members Resigned: 1

- Don Welsh

Active to Inactive: 0

Inactive Resigned: 0

On Inactive Status: 19

September Luncheon Menu

Roasted Rosemary Chicken Quarters
Mashed Potatoes and Creamy Chicken Gravy
Mixed Vegetable Succotash
Green Salad, Rolls & Butter
Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea & Lemonade

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !

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)

SIR **Don Welsh** passed away in July. He was dealing with a terminal illness which we fought to the end, Don had many friends in the branch and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of his friendship.

SIR **Will Schneider** continues to be treated for stage four cancer. He is still not sure if he is responding to the treatment but he is hopeful.

SIR **Dave Tullus** is coming along slowly with a condition involving his blood cells. Dave sounded very upbeat on the phone and misses coming to the luncheons.

SIR **Roger Colton** is showing little change in his condition. He is at home with support of his wife Laurie.

SIR **Tim Dorr** is stilling using a walker but is getting out and about. Tim looks fine and is in good spirits.

SIR **Harry Honstein** and I had a good chat on the phone. He has been away from the Branch for a long time. He has been dealing with disabling arthritis for many years. As usual Harry is his charming self and send his regards to all his friends.

"YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE ,BUT IF YOU DO IT RIGHT,ONCE IS ENOUGH." —Mae West

In Memoriam

Don Walsh

March 2, 1934 - July 30, 2016



New Branch 116 Members



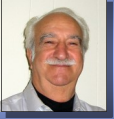
New Member Peter Belden with
sponsor Bob Price



New member Bob Kelgord with
sponsor Conrad Robertson

👉 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.



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, September 22nd**, 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. Come early for some breakfast and an opportunity to swap stories about your latest fishing outing.

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, all are welcome.

Lee Clark interrupted an Alaskan cruise to fish from Ketchikan catching some delicious pink salmon. Ernie Wong, Stan Wong and Carl Moyer got ocean rockfish closer to home.

Karl Droese joined Dick Medel, Mike Simenstead and Donn Mall in Baja for lots of marlin catching, including some giants. This is an annual trip for Karl and one that he really looks forward to. Ernie Wong ended his summer shad season with 502 Shad caught and released. A really good year. Mike Corker caught black bass in the delta. Terry Miller, Pete Gates, Joe Miscione, Harry Sherinian, Mike Corker and Tom Kostik spent a day in the sun fishing for Stripers. Mostly small fish but many of them. It was a great day in the sun and a lot of good comradery.

Contacts are Paul Dubow, Big Fish (415-495-6504) or Harry Sherinian Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator (925-846-7067).

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

The investment activity of Sons-In-Retirement, Area 2 is restarting its meetings on Wednesday mornings on **September 28**. The location remains the Diablo Creek Country Club on Port Chicago Hwy. just North of Hwy 4. The time remains 8:00AM - 9:30AM.

This month we will have a video presentation of Warren Buffett on his investment methods. We will follow the presentation with a discussion of 'value-investing' and how his methods can be used by smaller investors who wish to own individual company equities and not mutual funds.



Ernie Wong – Tough Day Fishing...
(and I guess the flippers are just to swat the flies away)





Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zp2mrz@yahoo.com)

The **Friday, August 12** walk led by **Richard White** meandered southeast on a shaded, tree lined portion of the Lafayette-Moraga trail. This pleasant walk was enjoyed by Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Paul and Anna Freitas, Dan and Andrea Green, John Riordan (who recommended this venue), Richard and Aase White, and Joel White. Post walk coffee and conversation (of course there was also plenty conversation during the walk) was at the El Charro Starbucks which had pleasant, shaded outdoor seating.

The **Friday, August 26**, led by Richard Black, had a decided urban flavor. It began at the corner of the new parking garage on the corner of South Broadway and Newell avenue, and followed the concrete channeled creek past Walnut Creek Intermediate School north of Ygnacio Valley road. Participating in the walk and conversation afterwards at Pacific Coffee Company were Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Paul and Anna Freitas, Dan and Andrea Green, John Riordan and Donna Arghanbright.

The **Friday, September 9** walk will be led by **Art Donaldson**, meeting at **8:15 am** in the parking lot in front of the Heather Farms swimming pool in Walnut Creek. Please **RSVP to ART**:

dnldsn@sbcglobal.net.

The **Friday September 23** walk will be led by **John Riordan**. Meet at **8:15 am** at the **Inspiration point trailhead**. Please **RSVP to John**:

gcriordan@comcast.net.

There will also be a "pre-book club" walk on **Monday September 26** beginning at **8:30 am** beginning at the east end of the Lafayette reservoir. You need not attend the book club to participate in this walk, but we do need an RSVP to Joel White:

zp2mrz@gmail.com.

This Group is open to all members and spouses. Walks are on an "out and back" basis for 30 minutes in each direction (except Lafayette Reservoir which is a circle taking just under an hour), with groups walking at various paces and designed

so all can return to the start at roughly the same time. We then join together for coffee and conversation at a local breakfast type establishment. Wives are invited to participate without their husbands if they so wish. Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zp2mrz@gmail.com.



Luncheon Speaker

By **Little Sir Paul Ramacciotti**

(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

The September SIRS guest speaker is Budd McKenzie - Founder, Trust in Education.

Background: After graduating from Amherst College in 1967, Budd moved westward to Boalt Law School and Hass Business School, UC Berkeley, where he graduated with a joint JD/MBA degree. Budd opened a private law practice in 1971, providing legal and business counsel to entrepreneurs ever since. Budd has been committed to community services, serving as a coach and manager for various youth sports teams. His Lafayette Chamber of Commerce service includes six years as a member of the Board of Directors and president in 2006. Budd founded Trust in Education after reading Charlie Wilson's War, becoming informed about US involvement in Afghanistan, and visiting Afghanistan. Trust in Education is comprised of an ever increasing number of people who have chosen to make time to help Afghans rebuild their lives and country.

Topic: Afghanistan and the War for Hearts and Minds - The work that Trust in Education has done and is doing in Afghanistan and the challenges in combating extremism there and here.

2017 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



Listed from left to right: Bob Shader (Asst. Treasurer), Peter Coggiola (Director), Jim Nickels (Treasurer), Fred Schafer (Secretary), Harry Sherinian (Director), Marty Katz (Little SIR), Paul Ramacciotti (Big SIR), John Story (Director), Al Setake (Asst. Treasurer), Phil Goff (Membership Secretary), Jim Barstow (Director), Al Hutchko (Director). Not shown: Dave Williams (Asst. Secretary) and Norm Alberts (Director)

Bring a friend to SIR because:

JOIN SIR and MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE!

SIR Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, national origin or religion. Begun in 1958, SIR has thousands of members and branches in most areas of Central and Northern California. Surely there is a Branch near you. See the "Branch Locations" button on the left for specific localities.

WE CREATE ACTIVITIES OUR MEMBERS ENJOY.

We have monthly luncheons with interesting speakers and good fellowship. Additionally, our members have lots of fun doing a variety of other activities such as golf, fishing, bowling, card games and computers. Many activities like travel, dining, picnics, and holiday parties include our ladies and guests. To get more information on our activities Click on the Icons to the right.

BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE DON'T DO!

We don't raise money. We don't have a political agenda. We don't have a religious orientation. We don't sell light bulbs or anything else. We don't have a problem with organizations that do these things, its just that we don't. You've paid your dues to the working world - it's time to enjoy life.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Our most recent wine event was held July 28th at the home of Dick and Claudia Conger. (one day after the cutoff date for Trampas Topics).

We were 20 in all who attended and enjoyed a fun time. Indoors. It was too hot a day to be outside.

Dick had an interesting idea for the tasting. He hid the labels. We had to Guess the variety of the wine and the appellation of the region in the United States that it came from. Quite a few came up with zinfandel as the variety. No one got the appellations correct, but it was fun trying and discussing possibilities.

The actual wines were:

Tobin James Cellars, "James Gang Reserve"
Paso Robles

Seghesio Cellars, "Sonoma County". Sonoma
Kinker Brick, Lodi

Oliver Winery, Bloomington Indiana (fruit from
Lodi)

Terr d Oro, Amador County

The next event will be on **September 29th**. There is no event in August. For more information contact Jack Bevis at jackb435@comcast.net or Phone 925-254-7256



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches"

The Bookgroup met on Monday, 22 August, 2016 to discuss "Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History" by S.C Gwynne. Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Art Donaldson, Steve Bort, Jerry Christopherson, Paul Freitas, John Reardon, Rich White, Richard Borland, Jack Butler, Tim Tinnes and Bob Wolf. Every member of the group, most especially the military veterans, could relate to the story in a personal way. The group awarded the book 3.9 stars.

On **Monday, 26 September** the group will again meet to discuss "The First Family Detail" by Ronald Kessler. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books in Orinda, California.



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.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



The Book Exchange has free books for you!

At the last luncheon there was brisk activity for the 130 books we had for distribution.

We have a loose arrangement for exchanging books and it is available to all. Bring a book, take a book or take a book and bring one to the next meeting.

Happy Reading





Bridge
Jon Dickson
 (still26@sbcglobal.net)

All bridge players are welcome to join us on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of each month for Chicago Style bridge with Lunch and bridge at Round Hill Country Club. Starts at 11:30 AM.

We usually have 5 or 6 tables, with prizes for the top 4 to 6 scores. Slams of any kind have been few and far between these past weeks after our record setting 6 slams on one day. Everything averages out in the long run! If you play bridge and want to spend a fun afternoon with your fellow SIR's, join us at Round Hill CC on Tuesday.

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



Michael Barrington, Dennis Giambastiani and David Harris surveying the golfers behind them at Chardonnay Golf Course



"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 had eight players at the July meeting. Harry Sherinian was our winner with a score of 197 and still has the lowest average score at 239.3. Low score wins.

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 September. 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



Walking Tours
Bernie Wroblewski
 (bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

There will be no walking tour in September. The next scheduled walking tour will take place in **October**. Once the tour details are established, there will be a written announcement in the October Trampas Topics as well as an e-mail to those on the walking tour e-mail list



SIR Travel

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



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

Sep 13-26, 2016: Essence of the Elbe: Berlin to Prague. 13 day river cruise tour aboard the M/S River Allegro, a privately owned 90 passenger ship exclusively for American Travelers. Ports of call include Prague, Dresden, Meissen, Torgau, Wittenberg, Magdeburg and Berlin. Trip includes 2 night hotel stay in Prague and 3 nights in Berlin, 29 meals, 10 exclusive tours with headsets, transfers, port charges, gratuities for local guides, motor-coach drivers and a dedicated Program Director. Cost \$3595 to \$4195 depending on Cabin. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 925-689-6217.

Sep 28-Oct 3, 2016: Custer State Park. Feel the thunder of pre-historic beasts as they rumble by during this fall tradition in the beautiful Black Hills. This one of a kind program also includes the Buffalo Roundup Art Festival, a buffalo steak dinner, a ride on the famous 1880 train, Rushmore, Crazy Horse and much More. Cost \$1565 or \$2065 with air. Contact **Larry Yarberry**, Br. 8, 925-890-9245.

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 Motorcoach, 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.



Computer & Technology
Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt
(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 9:30 am**. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Glen Colman from the Coleman IT Group (formally Coleman Computer Services) headquartered in Walnut Creek will be discussing "**How to use computer based notebooks... The power of One Note, EverNote and other computer based notebook tools.**"

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.



18-Hole Golf Questionnaire

All the 18-Hole golfers recently had an opportunity to provide guidance to our Golf Committee on events and competition for 2017 via an electronic questionnaire.

44% of the golfers responded, which was an outstanding response rate and shows a strong interest and vitality in the golfing group. A summary of all the responses may be found on our golf website (branch116golf.org) in the “Welcome” tab.

A few “highlights”, i.e., top vote getters (number enclosed in parenthesis) were:

- a. Have only two players sign scorecard; submitted scores are final (33)
- b. Revert to last year’s flight arrangement with players choosing preferred tee (24)
- c. Offer a non-competitive flight for those not interested in earning points (18)
- d. Have Shotgun start events (26)
- e. Have Shambles and Scrambles (16)
- f. Bad Behaviors causing slow play:
 - i. Too much time looking for balls, often not their own (18)
 - ii. Sitting in cart and not dropping off (17)
 - iiii. To many practice swings (9)
 - vi. Fix: Emphasis on ready golf and keeping up with the group ahead (10)

It should be noted that there was an overwhelming response to the “Slow Play” question indicating a strong concern that needs to be addressed by all golfers. Slow play not only affects our SIR golfers who are playing but also can cause problems when scheduling future events.



Golfers Playing from Different Tees

There has been a lot of discussion amongst our SIR golfers about competition between individuals playing off different tee boxes.

Background

When players are competing from different sets of tees, USGA Handicap Rule 3-5 requires that the difference in the Course Ratings of the tees be taken into account, by adding the difference in the Course Ratings to the Course Handicap of the players playing from the higher rated tees or, as we do in SMGA events, by subtracting the difference in the Course Ratings from the Course Handicap of the players playing from a forward tee (Yellow or White/Yellow). (Any Course Rating difference of 0.5 or greater is rounded upward.)

Short Explanation

The reason this adjustment is required is that a player’s **Course Handicap only focuses on the individual player.** (Course Handicaps are determined from the Slope Rating of the tees being played without reference to the Course Rating). **It doesn’t take into account where other competitors are playing from. Because each set of tees has a different Course Rating, this difference needs to be accounted for when players are competing against each other from different tees.**

Long Explanation

See page 66 of the Summer 2016 *NCGA Golf* magazine or USGA Handicap Manual Section 3-5.

Trampas Topics Submissions



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

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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.

September 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 07	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 14	10:00	Diablo Hills	D. McClaughry
Wed. 21	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 28	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

September 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 12	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Tue. 20	10:00	Paradise Valley	Bill McCord
Mon. 26	9:32	Rancho Solano	Bill McCord

18-Hole Results

Blue Rock Springs - West, Mon, Aug 22, 2016 Mel Williams, Official Scorer

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st David Harris	66	3	1st Jim Johnson	67	3	Tie 1st Bernie Wroblewski	69	3	1st Carl Langhorst	69	3
Tie 2nd Hugh Duggan	72	2	2nd Mel Williams	71	2	Tie 1st Dave Carlson	69	3	Tie 2nd Conrad Robertson	75	2
Tie 2nd Phil Goff	72	2	3rd Don Schroeder	72	1	3rd Randy Welker	70	1	Tie 2nd Robbie Robinson	75	2
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	85		Jim Johnson	82		Bernie Wroblewski	95		Carl Langhorst	102	
						Randy Welker	95				
Closest-to #7			Closest-to #7			Closest-to #7			Closest-to #7		
Phil Goff			Mel Williams			Richard Madden					

Chardonnay, Tue, Aug 16, 2016 Jim Barstow, Official Scorer

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st David Harris	65	3	1st Don Schroeder	76	3	1st Bernie Wroblewski	71	3	1st Matt Arena	70	3
2nd Denny Giambastiar	73	2	Tie 2nd Jim Johnson	81	2	2nd Alex Lutkus	74	2	2nd Robbie Robinson	75	2
3rd Michael Barrington	75	1	Tie 2nd Frank Crua	81	2	3rd David Carlson	77	1	3rd Marty Katz	80	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	84		Jim Johnson	97		Bernie Wroblewski	98		Matt Arena	109	
			Don Schroeder	97							
Closest-to #8			Closest-to #8			Closest-to #8			Closest-to #8		
Hugh Duggan			Jim Johnson			David Carlson			Matt Arena		

Boundary Oak, Mon, Aug 8, 2016 Norm Alberts, Official Scorer

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st Hugh Duggan	67	3	1st Norm Alberts	71	3	1st Dave Carlson	64	3	1st Matt Arena	65	3
Tie 2nd Neil Schmidt	71	2	Tie 2nd Frank Crua	72	2	2nd Kirk McVean	67	2	2nd Wayne Cook	68	2
Tie 2nd Jim Barstow	71	2	Tie 2nd Jim Johnson	72	2	Tie 3rd Pete Coggiola	69	1	Tie 3rd Tom Robinson	70	1
						Tie 3rd Alex Lutkus	69	1	Tie 3rd Fred Schafer	70	1
						Tie 3rd Bob Testa	69	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jerry Hicks	87		Jim Johnson	87		Dave Carlson	92		Wayne Cook	101	
Closest-to #12			Closest-to #12			Closest-to #12			Closest-to #12		
Phil Goff			Al Zavattero			Kirk McVean			Fred Schafer		

Match Play: Johnson/Cook def Xavier/Lutkus 3&1; Duggan/Story def Fitzgerald/Robinson 1 up; Hicks/Arena def Hutchko/Perrelli 4&3

Boundary Oak, Mon, Aug 1, 2016 Norm Alberts, Official Scorer

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st Alan Fitzgerald	68	3	1st Wayne Smith	65	3	1st Randy Welker	64	3	1st Fred Schafer	60	3
2nd Bill McCord	69	2	Tie 2nd Frank Crua	67	2	2nd Alex Lutkus	65	2	2nd Marty Katz	66	2
3rd Phil Goff	70	1	Tie 2nd Mel Williams	67	2	3rd David Carlson	67	1	3rd Tom Robinson	69	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Alan Fitzgerald	85		Jim Johnson	84		Randy Welker	90		Fred Schafer	92	
			Mel Williams	84							
Closest-to #6			Closest-to #6			Closest-to #6			Closest-to #6		
Alan Fitzgerald			Don Schroeder			Jim Videle			Fred Schafer		

2016 18-Hole Leader Board

Second Half Leaders, July - December, 2016
As of Blue Rock Springs-West, Mon, Aug 22, 2016

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Alan Fitzgerald	11	Jim Johnson	16	David Carlson	11	Robbie Robinson	11
Phil Goff	9	Mel Williams	12	Randy Welker	8	Matt Arena	10
Neil Schmidt	7	Frank Crua	8	Bernie Wroblewski	8	Marty Katz	7
David Harris	7	Don Schroeder	7	Alex Lutkus	5	Carl Langhorst	6
Michael Barrington	5	Wayne Smith	3	John Story	4	Fred Schafer	5
Hugh Duggan	5	Norm Alberts	3	Jim Videle	3	Jim Nickels	4
Jim Barstow	3	Carlos Xavier	2	Jerry Hunter	3	Conrad Robertson	4
Bill McCord	2	Al Zavattero	2	Terry Grummitt	3	Wayne Cook	3
Denny Giambastiani	2			Richard Madden	2	Jerry Christopherson	2
				Terry Sherman	2	Art Vogl	2
				Bob Testa	2	Phil Jenkins	1
				Kirk McVean	2		
				Pete Coggiola	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, August 16, 2016	Chardonnay	Aug-06	\$45
Monday, August 22, 2016	Blue Rock Springs—West	Aug-15	\$37
Tuesday, August 19, 2016	Crow Canyon CC	Aug-29	\$45
Tuesday, September 20, 2016	Paradise Valley	Sep-10	\$42
Monday, September 26, 2016	Rancho Solano	Sep-17	\$42

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



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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

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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.