



SIR Branch 116
Trampas Topics
 Newsletter
 July, 2018

Next Meeting: 11:30 am
 Monday, July 16, 2018
 Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley
 Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2018 Big Sir Marty Katz



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OPEN SEATING



I would like to thank all that responded to the call of submitting your Open Seating Groups. A Job Well Done! Remember the Deadline is an email to myself and Little Sir Jerry Hicks by July 1.

A review for those who were not at the meeting or any others.

The format that will be used so that all are Happy with the Seating Arrangements at our Branch 116 Meetings is as follows.

- Tables will be awarded by groups
- The groups will have a Group Name
- Each Group will have a Group Captain
- The Captain will be in charge of regulating, organizing and reporting all group information to the Big Sir, Little Sir
- If a group has more than 10 to a table enough tables with the Group Name will be assigned.
- If there is as an example, 5 at a table from a group the remaining 5 seats will be designated as Open Seating
- There will be ample opening/guest tables available. These will not be assigned group tables. These will only be for Open/Guests.
- If you would like to just seat with friends. Find an open table or open seats at appropriate Group Tables. Place an open napkin over the back of the chair/s. No one may move a napkin over a chair.
- All Captains will let the Big Sir know of open seats at their tables 15 mins. Before the start of the meeting.
- I will announce open seats 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.
- We usually have around 150-165 eating attendees. Therefore there will be, again as an example, 15-6 tables of 10.
- There will not be a need to get there at 7:30 in the morning and put out name tags. Just go to your Group Table or Open/Guest table.

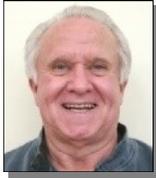
This will work if you wish for it to work. It is entirely up to each and every one of you.

Thank you all for your cooperation and good will to each other.

Marty Katz, Big SIR

PLEASE CALL 322-1318
 or email to
luncheon116@gmail.com
 by the Monday prior to
 the meeting to cancel your
 standing reservation or to
 bring a guest.

2018 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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484-0122



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945-7465



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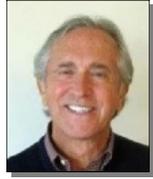
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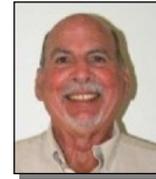
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2018 Activity Chairmen

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| • Book Group | Rich Black |
| • Book Exchange | John Fraser |
| • " " | Dick Kauffman |
| • Bridge | Jon Dickson |
| • Computer & Tech. | Neil Schmidt |
| • Dine-O-SIR | Alex Lutkus |
| • Duplicate Bridge | Conrad Robertson |
| • Fishing | Harry Sherinian |
| • Golf-18 Hole | Bernie Wroblewski |
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| • Hiking & Walking | Joel White |
| • " " Asst. | John Riordan |
| • Mexican Train | Richard Madden |
| • " " Asst. | Alex Lutkus |
| • Parties | J. Christopherson |
| • Poker | Lou Sandor |
| • \$ums in Retirement | Ben Smith |
| • Walking Tours | Alan Fitzgerald |
| • " " Asst. | Greg Hughes |
| • Wine Appreciation | Lou Meylan |

2018 Support Chairmen

RAMP Committees (or Chairmen or Departments)

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|--------------------|----------------|
| • Recruitment | Skip Berkson |
| • Activities | Norm Alberts |
| • Member Relations | Bob Donohue |
| • Publicity | Allan Chasnoff |

2018 Support Chairmen:

- | | |
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| • Audit Committee | Ron Armijo |
| • Nominating Committee | Paul Ramacciotti |
| • Sunshine Committee | Matt Arena |
| • Travel Committee | Don Murray |

Luncheon Support:

- | | |
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| • Attendance | Kevin Donohue |
| • Audio Visual | Neil Schmidt |
| • Chaplain Committee | Art Donaldson |
| • Greeters Committee | Paul Ramacciotti |
| • Interviewer | Max Foust |
| • Raffle Committee | Don Schroeder |
| • Speakers Committee | Jerry Hicks |
| • Storytellers Committee | Pete Coggiola |

Membership Relations Committee

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| • Computer Support | Neil Schmidt |
| • Email Contact | Phil Goff |
| • Membership Roster | George Pryhuber |

Some Other SIR Area 16 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

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

July 2018

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	3	4  9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	5	6	7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	10 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	11 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Upper Parking Lot, Arborado Park, WC)	14
15	16 SIR BR. 116 MEETING (11:30@ Boundary Oak)	17 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Rooster Run GC) Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr., WC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	19 Computer & Tech (9:30@ WC Elks Lodge)	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Walking Tour (10:30@ Bonsai Garden, Lake Merritt, Oakland)</div>	21 Walking Tour
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Canyon Lakes GC) Book Club (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC)	26 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	27 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Olympic & Pleasant Hill Rds, Lafayette/Moraga Trailhead)	28
29	30 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Kennedy Napa GC)	31 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)				



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer

(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	June 2018	2018 YTD
Contributions	\$ 7056.90	\$37,373.73
Disbursements	\$ (7,554.94)	\$ (36,739.24)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (498.04)	\$ 634.49
June 30st Cash Balance		\$ 8,767.46

July Birthdays

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

1. Don Benioff	11. Don Miller
2. Meade Bernard	12. Bob Nichols
3. Gary Boswell	13. Tom O'Brien
4. Steve Cherepy	14. Hal Redsun
5. Bill Clark	15. John Takacs
6. Garrett Girvan	16. Tim Tinnes
7. Al Hutchko	17. Chuck Vanoncini
8. Paul King	18. Bob Vetro
9. Dick Krieger	19. Jim Videle
10. Brad Lee	20. Bernie Wroblewski



Membership

Phil Goff

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is 206

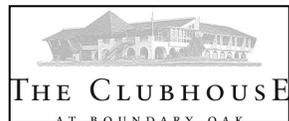
2 New Members Joined:

- Andy Myhr, sponsor is Jerry Hicks
- Tom O'Brien, sponsor is Jerry Hicks

Active Members Moving to Inactive

- Nick Fokas
- Don Roberts

July Lunch Menu



SIRS 116 Luncheon

July 16, 2018

Salad

Spinach Watermelon Salad

Baby Spinach, Sweet Summer Watermelon, Feta Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Honey Lemon Baked Chicken

Lemon & Herb Marinated Chicken Breast, Garlic Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables, Cream Butter Sauce

Or

Baked Pacific Dory

Chili Rubbed Marinated Dory, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Lemon Butter Sauce

Or

Vegetable Wellington

Sautéed Spinach, Mushrooms, Roasted Bell Peppers, Ricotta Cheese Wrapped In Puff Pastry, Red Pepper Coulis & Balsamic Reduction

Dessert

Italian Rum Cake

Vanilla Sponge Cake, Chantilly Cream, Caramel Sauce

**Want a Free \$25 Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !**



Poker

Lou Sandor

(lsandor@astound.net)

Contact Lou Sandor at 925-944-1634 or lsandor@astound.net if you are interested in joining the Poker group



Meeting Speaker

2018 Little SIR Jerry Hicks



Our June Luncheon speaker, **Captain Eric Christensen** of Oakley police department, gave for us a superb presentation on Scams and Fraud, 2018. It was timely, informative, and interesting.

Our July Luncheon Speaker is the President and CEO of \$32 Million Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay, **Jim Caponigro**. Prior, Jim was the VP of marketing for Goodwill of North Georgia.



While serving on the Board of Directors in Georgia, he led a team to develop a five-year strategic approach, doubling the funds raised to \$127 million. Prior to his association with Goodwill, Jim was a Senior vice President at J. Walter Thompson, a world-

wide advertising agency. Jim lives in Walnut Creek with his wife, Judy. I was amazed to learn the many good activities of Goodwill and I'm sure that you will also find them very interesting.

A new luncheon table reservation system, effective for July, was introduced at the June meeting by BIG SIR Marty. There will be no need to get to Boundary at 8:30 to put out name tags. I found that this practice had wasted many man hours and for those doing it was a frustrating and thankless task. Email Marty or myself if you desire to reserve a table for a group. This table reservation will be effective for the entire year. Also, please remember to email "luncheon" if you are unable to attend.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday June 8 walk, led by Steve Bort traveled north on the Iron Horse Trail from the Stone Valley trail head on a beautiful late spring morning. Participants were Richard Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Paul Freitas, Dan and Andrea Green, Essie Naddaf, John Riordan, Joel and Susan White, and Richard and Aase White. Post walk convocation at the adjacent Panera Bread

The Friday June 22 walk was led by Tom Welte. After meeting at the Moraga Commons for another of our favorite walks on the Lafayette Moraga Trail toward St Mary's University, Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, John and Gail Riordan, Tom and Mary Welte, and Joel and Susan White enjoyed the "new" larger Starbucks in the Rheem shopping center.

The **Friday July 13** walk will meet at 8:15 am in the upper parking lot (near the tennis courts) of Arbolado Park in Walnut Creek. Post walk pleasantries will be at Denica's in the Citrus shopping center near Ygnacio and Oak Grove. Please RSVP to the walk leader, Dennis Snarr. denliz@comcast.net.

The **Friday, July 27** walk will be led by Rich Black. We will meet at the Olympic and Pleasant hill road parking lot of the Lafayette/Moraga trail at 8:15am. Please ensure no valuables are left in plain sight. Following the walk we will gather at the Lafayette Starbucks next to El Charro restaurant. Please RSVP to Rich: blackrw41@comcast.net.

All walks are with or without significant others. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even when the member is unable. Also, members and/or spouses are invited to join the post walk convocation even if they are unable to participate is a particular walk.

Anyone, including those from other SIR branches, wishing to join this mellow group, or to be added to the e-mail contact list, should contact Joel White



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, July 26th**, in 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. Contacts are Harry Sherinian 510-207-7067 and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243.

Our spring trip to Lake Almanor led by fishmaster Chuck Vanoncini, with Stan Wong, Rich Fiscina, Brad Hatcher, Chuck Cornell, Rick Parker, Ken Konzak, Harry Sherinian, Ray Pixton and Pedro Contreras who all said the trip was so enjoyable that most of them already are looking forward to the October trip! Ernie Wong is having a good year for shad, and he took Ken Konzak, Don Mittelstaedt, Pete Gates, Robert Hillaker, Phil Scimonelli, Tom Boltz, and Carl Moyer to his good spot on the Sacramento River. Pete Gates led Chuck Vanoncini, Carl Moyer, Karl Droese, Paul Dubow, Ron Lew, and Tom Boltz to Pardee Lake for trout and kokanee salmon. Dick Thomson, Karl Droese and Paul Dubow went to Sitka, Alaska to fish for king salmon. Unfortunately, they only caught 3 salmon, but did well on halibut, ling cod (to 43 lbs) and rock cod. Rich Fiscina, Stan Wong, Ron Lew, and Gordon Linebaugh caught halibut and stripers in the bay. Carl Moyer, Brion Beetz, and Phil Scimonelli caught trout at San Pablo Reservoir. Brion and Carl got rock fish from the ocean. Mike Corker, Tom Kostik, and Harry Sherinian got black bass from the delta. Rick Parker caught catfish in Missouri.



Meeting Attendance

Kevin Donahue

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

June 18, 2018 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	206
Guests/Visitors:	2
Transfers & Inductees:	2
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	52
Excused due to long term illness:	3
Members NOT excused:	21
Total Attendance:	135

% of Active Members in Attendance 63%

Members not excused will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.

SIR Happenings is Back!

The Sons In Retirement newsletter called "SIR Happenings." is Back! featuring news about SIR and all the fun things that are going on in our Branches. Check it out by going to the following link:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>



Carl Moyer, Pete Gates and Paul Dubow showing off their Kokanee Salmon from Lake Pardee



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

No new member related health news this month.
Keep up the good work and stay healthy.

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



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group meetings are fun and informative where we discuss applications for computers and technology. At each meeting we have a presentation on a topic covering everything from antivirus programs, ways to back up your data, digital photography, genealogy research, smart phones and many other topics. It's a great way to learn about new technology and to also get answers to your computer questions or problems.

Our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge will be on **Thursday, July 19, 2018** starting at 9:30 am. Come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. The July presentation topic will be "Password Security" by Richard Andrus. Richard will discuss password security, how hackers steal your password, safe password practices, other ways to safeguard your online assets, and the state of the art in passwords and user authentication.

We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there....



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

For all those interested in playing casual bridge, we have games every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club. It is lunch at 11:30 AM and bridge right after. We play Chicago Style, 6 rounds of four hands, change partners and tables after every round. Prizes for top scores. There is varying degrees of expertise so all are welcome.

If you have any inclination to play bridge, or wish to start playing again, please do join us on Tuesday, **July 10th or 24th** for lunch & bridge. Contact Jon Dickson to sign up.



Wine Appreciation Group

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The Wine Appreciation Group meets on the fourth Thursday, every other month, from 4PM to 6PM. We meet at member homes on a rotating basis. Our July meeting will be at the home of SIR Jon Dickson. If you plan to attend RSVP to Jon at 925-837-1178 or email still26@sbcglobal.net.

New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Little SIR Jerry Hicks with Two
New Members Andy Myhr and Tom O'Brien.



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

The Book Group met on Monday June 4, 2018 to discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. A Russian Count has lifelong house arrest in a first-class Moscow hotel. Ah, the history he sees, the people he comes to know and see grow, and his response, always the response of a gentleman, to the circumstances they encounter.

Joel White recommended the book and Rich Black led the discussion with Garrett Girvan, Mac McLoughlin, John Kopchick, Bob Wolf, Tim, Paul Freitas, Richard White, Al Farbman, Steve Bort, Joel White, Jerry Zampino, Dick Kaufman and Jerry Christopherson. .

Most found the book a delightful read so the group awarded it 3.9 stars. The group agreed to meet again in June at 10:15 on Monday, June 25 to read "The Cowboy President: The American West and the Making of Theodore Roosevelt" by Michael Blake.

The Book Group did indeed meet on Monday, June 25, to discuss "The Cowboy President: The American West and the Making of Theodore Roosevelt" by Michael F. Blake. T.R. traveled frequently to the Badlands area of North Dakota from 1884 to 1887 to hunt, manage his cattle ranches and experience true frontier life. It is the author's contention that during those three years he developed the appreciation for America's wild lands and the unique leadership qualities which made him one of America's outstanding presidents.

Joel White recommended the book and Rich Black led the discussion with John Kopchick, Bob Wolf, Tim Tinnes, Paul Freitas, Steve Bort, Dick Kauffman, John Riordan, Art Donaldson and Richard Rossland. The book was an easy read which members of the group appreciated since they had only three weeks to read it. They awarded it 3.5 stars.

The group will next meet on at **10:15 AM on July 23** at to discuss "Beyond the Call: The True Story of One World War II Pilot's Covert Mission To Rescue

POW's On The Eastern Front," by Lee Trimble and Jeremy Dronfield. The Book Group meets at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



The book exchange is located in the room opposite the bar. There is a wide variety to choose from and we encourage you to take what you might enjoy and by the same token donate books that you have enjoyed. This is all on the honor system and we encourage your participation. Please give some thought to join our book club, an interesting book every month and a fun discussions



Walking Tours

Alan Fitzgerald

(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

The **July 21st** Saturday Walking Tour will be to the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt. We will meet at 10:30 at the entrance (666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland) for a photo Op. There is plenty of parking at the entrance of the garden. As you exit W. Grand Ave. onto Bellevue there is a booth collecting \$5.00 per car for parking. This is a self guided, on your own pace tour. Admission is FREE; donations to help maintain and improve the garden are gratefully accepted and BGLM pins are available for a minimum donation of \$5.00.

For those interested in lunch, the Los Cantaros Restaurant is located near by at 336 Grand Ave.

"The BGLM is the only major all-volunteer bonsai garden in the country and houses some of the most important bonsai in the US. It was built, is staffed, and maintained by volunteers from throughout the greater Bay Area and is supported entirely by donations from visitors and the bonsai community."

Check out this web-site for more information:
<https://gardensatlakemerritt.org/bonsai-garden>

SIR Branch 116 Fun Activities





**SIR BRANCH 116
2018 RENO GOLF GETAWAY
SEPTEMBER 5-6-7, 2018**



**Sept. 6 - Lakeridge Golf Course 8:45 AM Start
Sept 7 - Summerset Country Club 10:00 AM Shotgun**

Staying at the Silver Legacy

Golfer..... \$465.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)
Golfer..... \$627.00 Single Occupancy (K)
Non-Golfer... \$325.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)
Non-Golfer... \$487.00 Single Occupancy (K)

Staying at Circus Circus

Golfer..... \$430.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)
Golfer..... \$555.00 Single Occupancy (K)
Non-Golfer... \$290.00 Double Occupancy (QQ)
Non-Golfer... \$415.00 Single Occupancy (K)

Includes:

3 Nights Deluxe Lodging, 36 Holes of Golf (with cart and range balls)
Golf Balls, \$25 each person food coupons,
Raffle prizes, Golf Prize Money, Gaming and Bar Coupons
Sept. 5 - No-Host Reception,
Sept. 7 - Sit Down Prime Rib Dinner

Non-Golfers: Enjoy what the "Biggest Little City in the World" has to offer: Shopping, Gambling, Live Shows, Great Restaurants, Museums and more...

Entry Deadline: August 10, 2018

Please Complete the form and circle your selections

Silver Legacy or Circus Circus

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer Smoking: Y or N

2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer Smoking: Y or N

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. _____ 2. _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to SIR Branch 116 Golf

Your e-mail address _____

Mail Checks to: Paul Ramacciotti, 436 Ridgeview Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

For questions: e-mail Paul at dagobuildr@comcast.net or call 925.207.3762



“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 seven players scheduled to play but ended up with six as John Riordan did not make it. He was high since we gave him the high score for each round. Of the six that actually played only five finished as Gary Bonfiglio had to leave early so he was given a DNF. That being said we had a first time winner, Bob Wolf with a score of 222. Harry Sherinian with 274 was the only other player who scored in the 200's. Alex Lutkus was third at 359 while Robbie Robinson came in fourth at 391. Richard Madden came in last at 464. I will have to try harder.

We meet at 10:00 AM on the second Wednesday of the month, except when we have conflicts, at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek. Our next meeting is on July 11th.



Alex Lutkus, Harry Sherinian,
Bob Wolf and Robbie Robinson



“Dine-O-SIR” Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus

(alutkus@yahoo.com)

The DINE -O-SIR Dinner Group had one of its splendid dining events on June 5th at Zio Fraedo's Italian & Continental Restaurant in Pleasant Hill.

The next DINE-O-SIR event will take place in August. Details will be forthcoming soon.

If you would like to be notified of upcoming Dine-O-SIR dining events, and you are not already on the e-mail list, send an e-mail request, containing your name, phone number and e-mail address, to Alex Lutkus at alutkus@yahoo.com.

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

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

After our last meeting on May 23 about Elder Abuse, we'll be taking the summer off.. Next meeting after that will be on **Wed, Sep 26**.

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site (With new design)
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Computer and Technology
a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



SIR Travel

Don Murray

(dmurray721@comcast.net)

Aug 6 – 12, 2018 Yellowstone, A Wildlife Safari:

Tour Highlights: Yellowstone NP , Idaho Falls, Grand Teton NP, Snake River Float trip, Salt Lake City w/Mormon Tabernacle choir and Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center Includes: home pickup, transfers, R/T air Salt Lake City, (10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners) all taxes and gratuities. Cost: \$2789 per person dbl occupancy. \$3509 Single.Br. 32 Escorts John Pletsch 408 504-1255 and Mike Console 408 2461080 Aug 7-18, 2018 Alaska Land/Cruise Tour: Fly to Fairbanks, Visit Denali NP, McKinley SP. Cruise from Whittier, AK to Vancouver. Ports and Views along the way Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan, Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay. Price range from \$3550 inside cabin to \$4795 balcony per person. Single Range from \$5240 inside cabin to \$7760 balcony. Escorted by Joe Salameda #54 408 767-2838 ascreenman756@g.mail.com

Aug 22-30, 2018: Colors of Provence River Cruise

– Lyon to Aries Begin your cruise in Lyon, France’s gastronomical capital. Cruise through legendary wine growing regions. Enjoy wine tastings at local vintners, marvel at Roman ruins and stroll through medieval villages. See the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Avignon, the city where Vincent Van Gogh lived and Pope’s at one time. Post option, three nights in Barcelona. Price \$6349 to \$7350. Larry Yarberry Branch 8 – yarberry42@comcast.net Phone 925-890-9245

September 3-13: Alaska Inside Passage: 11 day Grand Princess Cruise starting in SF With ports of call at Skagway, Ketchikan, Juneau, Glacier Bay National Park and Victoria, BC .Includes R/t transfers to SF Pier, Luggage Handling for One Suitcase per person, Govt ,Port Taxes, Porter Gratuities and Pre-Trip Orientation. Price from \$2265 Inside to \$3235 Balcony per person. Contact Roy Newman #45 530 755-3713 roy.newman@comcast.net

Sep 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip. 7- day trip with stops at the US Airforce academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Colorado National Monument

and Colorado Museum. Cost \$3035 and includes 15 meals, R/T Air, home pickup and back, professional tour manager, Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

Sep 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage. 11-day Grand Princess Cruise starting in SF with ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria B.C. Trip includes R/T transfer, Gratuities, Shipboard credit, and Photo. Cost \$1899.00 to \$3249 depending on cabin. Tom Molinari, Br 147, 707-762-1880. stmolinari@sbcglobal.net

Sep 17-25, 2018: The BIG E. The largest fair on the East Coast. Fall colors, culture, history, entertainment, shopping, food and drink. Highlights include Eastern States Exhibition, Storrowton Village, Springfield Museum, Dr Seuss Sculpture Garden, Big E Circus and Parade, Ben and Jerry Factory, Lunch at Trapp Family Lodge, Quechee Gorge Loon Gondola ride, Portland City Tour and Lighthouse Lovers Cruise. Trip includes R/T air, accommodations, deluxe motor coach, Meals, admission fees, gratuities. all taxes, and driver, step on guide fees. Lee Suess, Br 96, 408-309-1480.

Sept 20 – 27 2018 Islands of New England: Eight-day escorted tour. Highlights – Providence, Newport, Boston, Cranberry Bog, Plymouth Plantation, Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, Lobster Dinner, Provincetown, Hyannis, Nantucket. Br. 38 Escorted by Bill Rodman 408 274-4521 or Alan Patmore 408 867-4197 Cost: \$3349 pp dbl occupancy Covered are air taxes & fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, gratuities & R/T air fare from SFO & transfer to/from airport. Please note: Spots of this trip are guaranteed only until March 13, 2018

Some SIR Travel Opportunities

SIR Area 16 web site has many other travel opportunities. Check them out at: <http://area2.sirinc2.org/>





SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman
(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

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.

In addition to the Tournament format, Special Events such as Match Play, Best Ball, Scramble, and others are also periodically scheduled.

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 is: branch116golf.org

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

- 2018 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, start-

ing 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.

July 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 11	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 25	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

July 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:32	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 09	9:32	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Tues. 17	10:00	Rooster Run	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 23	9:30	Canyon Lakes	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 30	10:00	Kennedy Napa	Alex Lutkus

18-Hole Results

Blue Rock Springs West, Mon, Jun 25, 2018

Phil Jenkins, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Tie 1st Jim Barstow	68 3	1st Don Schroeder	65 3	1st Al Hutchko	68 3	1st Kevin Donahue	57 3
Tie 1st Alan Fitzgerald	68 3	2nd Gary Boswell	68 2	2nd Randy Welker	75 2	Tie 2nd Wayne Cook	80 2
3rd Jim Johnson	69 1	3rd Harry Oberle	70 1	3rd Richard Maddden	77 1	Tie 2nd Bill Hemmelsbach	91 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald	83	Don Schroeder	84	Al Hutchko	94	Kevin Donahue	96
<u>Closest-to #3</u>		<u>Closest-to #3</u>		<u>Closest-to #3</u>		<u>Closest-to #3</u>	
Jim Johnson							

Chardonnay, Mon, June 19, 2018

Fred Schafer, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Jim Barstow	65 3	1st Bernie Wroblewski	71 3	1st Bob Testa	63 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	71 3
2nd Phil Goff	70 2	Tie 2nd Don Schroeder	75 2	2nd Al Hutchko	78 2	2nd Wayne Cook	77 2
Tie 3rd Alan Fitzgerald	72 1	Tie 2nd Gary Boswell	75 2	3rd Richard Madden	85 1	3rd Kevin Donahue	78 1
Tie 3rd Jim Johnson	72 1						1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Jim Barstow	84	Don Schroeder	94	Bob Testa	92	Kevin Donahue	107
<u>Closest-to #5</u>		<u>Closest-to #5</u>		<u>Closest-to #5</u>		<u>Closest-to #5</u>	
Alan Fitzgerald		Bernie Wroblewski		Bob Testa			

Boundary Oak, Mon, June 11, 2018

Wayne Cook, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Jerry Hicks	64 3	1st Al Zavattero	67 3	1st Richard Madden	62 3	1st Wayne Cook	63 3
Tie 2nd Phil Goff	68 2	2nd Harry Oberle	68 2	Tie 2nd Pete Coggiola	69 2	Tie 2nd Jerry Christopherson	69 2
Tie 2nd Jim McCormick	68 2	Tie 3rd Hank McDermott	69 1	Tie 2nd Jed Daniel	69 2	Tie 2nd Kevin Donahue	69 1
		Tie 3rd Carlos Xavier	69 1				
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Jerry Hicks	80	Don Schroeder	90	Richard Madden	87	Kevin Donahue	98
<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>	
Jerry Hicks		Harry Oberle		Jai Yee		Conrad Robertson	

Boundary Oak, June 4, 2018

Harry Oberle, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st David Harris	64 3	1st Bernie Wroblewski	65 3	1st Pete Coggiola	67 3	1st Art Vogl	64 3
2nd Alan Fitzgerald	68 2	2nd Dirk Meyer	68 2	2nd Dave Carlson	69 2	2nd Bill Hemmilsbach	69 2
3rd Jim McCormick	69 1	3rd Gary Boswell	69 1	3rd Jai Yee	70 1	3rd Wayne Cook	71 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
David Harris	82	Gary Boswell	91	Dave Carlson	96	Art Vogl	101
Jim McCormick	82	Marty Katz	91				
<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>	
Jim McCormick		Marty Katz		Dave Carlson		Art Vogl	

2018 First Half Final Leaders (as of Blue Rock Springs West, Mon, June 25, 2018)

<u>FLIGHT 1</u>		<u>FLIGHT 2</u>		<u>FLIGHT 3</u>		<u>FLIGHT 4</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Jim Barstow	28	Don Schroeder	25	Al Hutchko	40	Wayne Cook	21
David Harris	26	Bernie Wroblewski	22	Dave Carlson	24	Fred Schafer	15
Jim Johnson	22	Gary Boswell	20	Richard Madden	17	Kevin Donahue	14
Phil Goff	18	Al Zavattono	17	Alex Lutkus	10	Matt Arena	13
Alan Fitzgerald	12	Harry Oberle	16	Pete Coggiola	10	Bill Hemmelsbach	11
Jerry Hicks	10	Dirk Meyer	11	Terry Grummitt	8	Phil Jenkins	9
Mel Williams	7	Marty Katz	10	Bob Testa	8	Carl Langhorst	8
Warren Garrison	7	Carlos Xavier	7	Terry Sherman	7	Conrad Robertson	6
Denny Giambastiani	5	Frank Portillo	3	John Story	7	Robbie Robinson	5
Bill McCord	3	Jim Clizbe	1	Jed Daniel	2	Art Vogl	1
Jim McCormick	3	Don Marini	1	Randy Welker	2	Jerry Christopherson	1
Michael Barrington	2	Hank McDermott	1	Bob Donohue	1	Greg Hughes	1
				Jai Yee	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, July 17	Rooster Run	July 5	\$43
Monday, July 23	Canyon Lakes	July 11	\$40
Monday, July 30	Kennedy Napa	July 21	\$35
Monday, August 6	Dublin Ranch	July 30	\$32

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
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94596-5805

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Rules of Attendance & Membership for SIR Branch 116

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

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

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

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.