



SIR Branch 116 Trampas Topics Newsletter April, 2018

Next Meeting: 11:30 am
Monday, April 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

THE MISSION OF SIR IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS – WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE.



I am sitting here putting this Big SIR letter to together with a very heavy heart. I am not a real prayer type of guy. However, in our own ways let us all have kind thoughts for those that died at Stone-man Douglas High School. Some how some way we must protect our youth. They, are our future. It is totally our responsibility.

A big shout out to Branch 116 and to those members who brought in guests and sponsored a new member. I am very proud of all of you and your interest in growing our Branch. John Riordan and Essie Naddaf, Ernie Wong/ Duane Spencer and Rick Parker, Mike Yale welcome back. To our sponsors and their guests, Andy Benz and Dick Savage, Bob Vetro and Peter Cubanske, Jerry Hicks and Andy Myhr/Tom O'Brien, Bernie Wroblewski and Gerry Zampino. Thank you all! What do you say about making these fine gentlemen new members in March? I have faith all of you can accomplish this. I will be out of town in March and this would be a nice return for me in April.

Speaking of being out of town in March our Little SIR Jerry Hicks will take over and run the March meeting. Please offer him the respect that you all have offered to me.

Hey, we have a new Recruitment Chairman. Skip Berkson, thank you for stepping up and supporting Branch 116. Skip and those like Skip are the future and foundation of Branch 116. Always looking for other men just like Skip.

Michael Barrington our February Chaplin/Story Teller, thank you. That was very entertaining. I sure could use some more Chaplains and Story Tellers. Come on guys help me out. I'll even share some of my stories/jokes with you.

Little SIR Jerry Hicks hit another homerun with our latest speaker. I'm going to the Leshner. Who's with me? Read our Little SIRS column to find out who the next speaker is. Note, he is going to be great and we all know him. No more hints!

Well Gentlemen that is it. I'll be gone in March and will really look forward to leading you all again in April. Anyone for a good joke.:

Marty Katz, Big SIR



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

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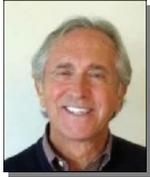
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2018 Activity Chairmen

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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 |
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| • Golf - Carmel | Jim Barstow |
| • 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 |
| • Wine Appreciation | Lou Meylan |

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

2018 Support Chairmen

RAMP Committees (or Chairmen or Departments)

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| • Recruitment | To Be Named |
| • Activities | Norm Alberts |
| • Member Relations | Bob Donohue |
| • Publicity | Allan Chasnoff |

2018 Support Chairmen:

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

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| • Attendance | Kevin Donohue |
| • Audio Visual | Neil Schmidt |
| • Chaplain Committee | Various |
| • Greeters Committee | Paul Ramacciotti |
| • Raffle Committee | Don Schroeder |
| • Speakers Committee | Jerry Hicks |
| • Storytellers Committee | Various |

Recruitment Committee

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|---------------------|--------------|
| • Recruitment Chair | Skip Berkson |
| • Interviewer | Max Foust |

Membership Relations Committee

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

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

April 2018

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Easter	18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Contra Costa Bridge Center, Concord)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)			
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train Dominos (2:00@ TBD)		Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Christian Church)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SIR BR. 116 MEETING (11:30 @ Boundary Oak)	Ladies/Couples Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Canyon GC) Poker Group (1:00@ Diablo Country Club)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Earth Day	18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Las Positas GC)	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Panera Bread, Alamo)	
	29	30				
	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Tilden GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)					



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer

(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	Jan. 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 6,011.02	\$ 6,011.02
Disbursements	\$ (5,266.89)	\$ (5,266.89)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 744.13	\$ 744.13
Jan. 31st Cash Balance		\$ 8,877.10



Membership

Phil Goff

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is **209**

3 New Members Joined:

Essie Naddaf, sponsor is John Riordan

Rick Parker, sponsor is Duane Spencer

Mike Yale, sponsor is Tom Eller

Active Members Resigned:

Dave Butner

Joe Cain

Hugh Duggan

Lee Medeiros

Ken Miller (passed away 2/9/2018)

Steve Sandoval

Inactive Members Resigned:

Lee Dulac (passed away 1/21/2018)

March Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Doug Allen | 10. John Peterson |
| 2. Pete Belden | 11. Allen Pirkle |
| 3. Gary Bonfiglio | 12. Bob Price |
| 4. Bill Harrington | 13. Ron Radakovich |
| 5. John Hughes | 14. Paul Ramacciotti |
| 6. Dick Kauffman | 15. Norm Schoenfeld |
| 7. Bob Loder | 16. Terry Sherman |
| 8. Bill McCord | 17. John Story |
| 9. Rick Parker | 18. Dave Williams |

March Lunch Menu



SIRS 116 Luncheon

March 19, 2018

Salad

Orzo Spinach Salad

Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Feta Cheese

Red Wine Vinaigrette

Entrees

Classic Braised and Glazed Corned Beef

Boiled Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage

Or

Parmesan Crusted Cod

Orzo Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables

Fire Roasted Red Bell Pepper Butter Sauce

Or

Seared Teriyaki Tofu Medallions

Vegetarian Fried Rice and Stir Fried Vegetables

Dessert

Grand Marnier Cake

White Cake, Orange Liqueur, Vanilla Whipped Cream

Notice

Individuals With Special Health Related Dietary Needs

Individuals with health related dietary needs such as diabetes, can contact Boundary Oak representative Charlene Maisler directly by email (cmaisler@playboundaryoak.com) the week prior to each luncheon meeting to make special adjustments to individual dishes. At the time of check-in you will receive a special "chit" with your name that indicates your selection instead of taking a poker chip.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday February 9 walk was led by Brad Lee at the Martinez Regional Shoreline Park on a balmy, sunny morning. Walkers today were Rich Black,

Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Paul and Anna Freitas, David and Colleen Geary, Dan Green, Brad and Martha Lee, Essie Naddaf, John and Gail Riordan, and Joel and Susan White. Afterwards we walked across the tracks to the Hot Dog Depot for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

The Friday February 23 walk was led by Dan Green on a frosty morning. We met the Lafayette Christian Church and followed the Regional Trail towards downtown Lafayette. Walkers today were David and Colleen Geary, Dan and Andrea Green, Essie Naddaf, and John and Gail Riordan. Afterwards we reconvened at Millie's Kitchen for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

The **Friday, March 9** walk, led by Richard White, will meet at **8:15 am** at the junction of Stone Valley Road West and the Iron Horse Trail. Park in the Alamo Plaza Shopping Center lot. We will walk north on the Trail toward Walnut Creek. Post-walk convocation be at Panera Bread in the shopping center. Please **RSVP** to Richard at 925-357-1241 or toytrain13@comcast.net

The **Friday, March 23** walk, led by Paul Freitas, will meet at **8:15 am** at the junction of Stone Valley Road West and the Iron Horse Trail. Park in the Alamo Plaza Shopping Center lot. We will walk south on the Trail toward Danville. Post-walk convocation be at Cherubini, a block away on the east side of Danville Blvd. Please **RSVP** to Paul at pmfreitas@pacbell.net

All walks are with or without significant others. The significant other/ spouse is also invited to participate 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 in a particular walk.



Meeting Speaker

2018 Little SIR Jerry Hicks

(jerryhicks@astound.net)

Speaker for March 19th Luncheon

Our Speaker for March is the very recognizable



Steve Moskowitz, best known for regular appearances on Comcast SportsNet TV, the Warriors network. There he discusses and answers wide ranging questions dealing with sports and its stars' tax and legal issues.

Steve, a talented taxation attorney and founder of Moskowitz LLP, will give a synopsis of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs act and then tell a few stories about sports personalities. Have those questions ready about sports and law.

Our Speaker for April is scheduled to be Dick Calahan, the popular public address announcer for the Oakland A's.

Luncheon Seating Reminder

While you desire to sit with your friends, it's also important to meet and become better acquainted with other members. To accomplish both important goals, we will have two settings at each table marked open as well as one open table and a guest table. You will still be able to place eight name cards at each table. Please no reservation cards on the open and guest tables.

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



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, March 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.

This has been a fantastic winter for weather and fishing. Trout at local lakes are the headliners, Stan Wong, Thom Wadkins, Terry Miller, George Vogt, Phil Scimonelli, Bob Hillicker, Bob Stein, Gordon Linebaugh, Carl Moyer, and Reggie Fromm all caught nice sized red fleshed rainbows from San Pablo Reservoir and Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. Tom Kostik, Mike Corker, Dick Thomson, and Terry Miller caught stripers from the delta. Rich Fiscina, Pedro Contreras, Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, and Brion Beetz fished for sturgeon, but no keepers. Tom Anders got Northern Pike through the ice in Wisconsin. Bob Fieber, and Joe Miscione joined Carl Moyer on his annual venture to Barbara's Fish Trap in Half Moon Bay. Brion Beetz fished on a party boat from Monterrey for sand dabs and crab, getting lots of sand dabs and a few crab. What a great start on the new year! For more information about the Area 16 Fishing Club contact:

Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

Our next meeting is **Wed March 28** at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

The presenter will be Scott Horton of J.P. King Advisors. Scott will update us on his thinking about the possibility of a 'summer rally' for stocks in the coming months.

The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

\$UMS Chairman Tom Henry - tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.net



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

WATCH THIS SPACE!

LOOK FOR BREAKING NEWS IN NEXT MONTH'S TRAMPAS TOPICS

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DETAILS ON THIS YEAR'S

SPRING FLING

Your Party Guys are currently working hard to bring you a fantastic event. May is the target date. We know you won't want to miss it!



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Ed Regalia** passed on February 6, 2018 after years of dealing with a stroke. Ed was a founding partner in the law firm of Miller Star Regalia in Walnut Creek. He help to establish the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship that awarded 4.4 million dollars in scholarships to 750 students who had financial need ,the grades and enough units from any of the Contra County Community Colleges to transfer to a 4 year university.

PAST BIG SIR **Ken Miller** passed on February 9, 2018. He founded the Walnut Creek Seniors Bicycling club "Folks on Spokes". Many of us remember him riding to the lunches in his bike gear. Ken saw a good part of the world during his career and during retirement. Ken loved his position as BIG SIR and brought a lot of energy to our Branch He will be missed.

SIR **Pasquale "Pat" Contestable** died on February 11, 2018. Pat devoted his career to the John Swett Unified School District from teaching to superintendent and many of the other positions in between. As a member of the Branch he enjoyed golfing particularly with his many friends from the field of education.

SIR **Lloyd Plank** is now settling in his new home in Sacramento following the loss of his home in Lafayette .He is still dealing with treatment of his cancer. Lloyd has the courage of a warrior at age 92.

SIR **Mike Ward** fractured a foot while in his garage. It required surgery with an abundance of metal in his foot to support the injury. He will recuperating for the next couple of months. Get well soon Mike.

SIR **Allan Farbman** has had orthopedic surgery and we wish him well during his recovery. SIR Tim Dorr lost his wife Kathy to cancer after a short illness .

GOLD MEDALS ARE'NT MADE OF GOLD

THEY ARE MADE OF SWEAT, DETERMINATION, AND A HARD TO FIND AN ALLOY CALLED

GUTS

Author Unknown



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's has lunch & plays bridge every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Diablo Country Club, starting at 11:30 AM. A fun afternoon of playing Chicago style, changing partners every 4 hands, 6 rounds with prizes for the high scorers. Relaxed, fun bridge. Do join us if you have any interest in playing bridge.

Our April LADIES DAY lunch & bridge will be on Tuesday, April 17th at Diablo Country Club. Bring your own partner and play Chicago style bridge after a very nice lunch. Partners can be two women, two men or the usual couple. Do mark your calendars and join us for our semi-annual, spring, LADIES DAY bridge.

Hope to see you playing bridge with us.

In Memoriam

Edmund L. Regalia

February 9, 1931 – February 6, 2018

In Memoriam

Kenneth G Miller

October 2, 1927 - February 9, 2018

In Memoriam

Pasquale "Pat" Contestable

August 22, 1929 - February 11, 2018



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

At our February meeting, and just in time for doing our taxes, Phil Goff presented a comparison of TurboTax with H&R Block's tax preparation software. Phil's presentation was followed by Barry Brown who covered some of the new features in the latest Photoshop Elements Version #18. Those who missed 16 and 17 were relieved to find out that Adobe went from #15 to #18 because they decided to make the edition comport with the year in which it was released.

The subject for the March 15, meeting will be, **Quicken and its Alternatives.** Quicken split off from *Intuit* last year and is changing to a "software by subscription model," where you will pay annually to use the program. Phil Goff and Neil Schmidt will discuss the effects of this upcoming Quicken change and review various financial management alternatives. You might want to be thinking about your own financial management efforts and what features in the program are important to you.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, March 15, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. 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 our March meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

New Branch 116 Members



**New Member Dick Savage
with sponsor Andy Benz**





Wine Appreciation Group

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The Wine Appreciation group met in January at the home of Lou Meylan. We had 26 in attendance.

Four different varieties of Old Vine Zinfandel were served. All very good.

Our March get together will be at the home of Bob Wolf on **March 29** from 4pm to 6pm. If interested in attending RSVP to Bob at bob.wolf@mnconsult.com or 925-932-0706.



Walking Tours

Alan Fitzgerald

(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

The March Walking Tour will be on **March 10th**. Oakland Aviation Museum 8252 Earhart Rd., Oakland (near the airport) Meet at 10:30, cost is \$10 for Seniors, all are welcome.



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:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus

(alutkus@yahoo.com)

"The next Dine-O-SIR dinner is all set for **Wednesday, March 21, 2018** at The Greenery located at Diablo Hills Golf Course (1551 Marchbanks Drive in Walnut Creek). The no host social hour starts at 6 PM with the sit down dinner following at 6:45 PM. The cost is \$34 per person which includes mixed greens salad, choice of three entrees (steak, salmon or grilled chicken) and lemon supreme cake dessert as well as coffee or tea. To sign up make your check out to "SIR Branch 116 Dining". On the reservation slip, specify your choice of entree and mail your check and reservation slip to: Alex Lutkus at 4054 Castlewood Court, Concord CA 94518. If any questions, contact Alex by e-mail alutkus@yahoo.com or phone (925) 827-2828. (See the Reservation Form on the following page.)"



Meeting Attendance

Kevin Donahue

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

February 19, 2018 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	209
Guests/Visitors:	4
Transfers & Inductees:	2
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	44
Excused due to long term illness:	7
Members NOT excused:	7
Total Attendance:	158

% of Active Members in Attendance 73%

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

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



DINE - O - SIR

Branch 116 March 2018 Event at

The Greenery At Diablo Hills

1551 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek (Ph 925-937-1270)

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Social Adjustment Beginning at 6:00; Dinner at 6:45

Dinner Menu:

Mixed Greens Salad with Italian Vinaigrette

New York Skirt Steak, herb buttered

With Baked Potato and Vegetable, or

Salmon Avocado Beurre Blanc

Basmati Rice Pilaf, or

Grilled Chicken Piccata

Basmati Rice Pilaf

Dessert

Lemon Supreme Cake

Coffee, Tea

Cost of Just \$34 per person, Inclusive

Beringer Chard or Cab at \$20.00 inclusive of tax; please tip accordingly

Corkage Fee of \$15.00

Wine \$6.00 per glass, House drinks \$6.00, Beer As priced

Detach: -----

The Greenery in Walnut Creek, Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6:00 PM

Name: _____

Entrée _____

Name: _____

Entrée _____

Number at \$34 = \$ _____

Make Check to: **SIR Branch 116 Dining**

Mail Check to: Alex Lutkus,

Address: 4054 Castlewood Court, Concord, CA 94518

Phone 925-827-2828



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

The Book Group's February meeting was on **Monday the 26th** to discuss "In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette". The book is a riveting tale of an epic 1879 voyage to find the North Pole.

The next meeting of the Group will be on **Monday, March 26** to discuss "Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World". Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, California.



"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 are resuming Mexican Train after a two month interruption. Announcements will be forthcoming for the guys and the couples events.

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.

I will be sending out notices. Let me know if you would like to be put on our list.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Every one is invited to stop by the book exchange table and borrow or lend a book. We encourage you to look at your book shelf and contribute books you have read and enjoyed. New members and book lovers are encouraged to join our book club, we have monthly meetings and exchange views on a wide variety of books



SIR Travel

By Don Murray, Travel Chairman
(dmurray721@comcast.net)

Some SIR Travel Opportunities Include:

Apr 22-30,2018: Explore the magnificent Northwest. Cruise about the American Empress from Clarkston WA, Richland, WA, The Dalles, Or. Stevenson, WA, Astoria, OR. and Portland, OR. Highlights include R/T airfare, all port tax, porter gratuities, wine and beer with dinner, complimentary shore excursions in each port. Free stay at famous Davenport Hotel. Lee Suess, Br.96, 408-309-1480

May 12-18, 2018: Southern Charm Discovery. Trip features Jekyll Island, Savannah & Charleston, Jacksonville, St Simons Island, Andrew Low House, and choice of Boone Hall Plantation or Patriots Pt. Naval Museum. Cost is \$2836.00 covers air taxes & fees, hotel & transfers, gratuities and R/T air, Bill Rodman, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

May 25-Jun 9, 2018: Historic Cities of Eastern Canada & New England. 16- day trip begins in Toronto then Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal. Then travelers will board Holland America cruise ship and cruise down the St Lawrence river to Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax and onto Bar Harbor ending in Boston. Cost is \$3695 to \$5185 (with out Airfare). Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

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

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 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, Storowton 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 motorcoach, 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, Plimoth 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 Website Addresses

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

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

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SIR Branch 116 Golf

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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.

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
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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:

- 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, 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.

April 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

April 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:32	Boundary Oak	Neil Schmidt
Mon. 09	9:32	Boundary Oak	Neil Schmidt
Tue. 17	9:30	Franklin Canyon	C. Robertson
Mon. 23	10:00	Las Positas	Neil Schmidt
Mon. 30	9:30	Tilden	C. Robertson

18-Hole Results

Lone Tree, Mon., Feb. 26, 2018
Marty Katz, Official Scorer

Cancelled Due to rain.

San Ramon, Tue, Feb 20, 2018
David Harris, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	David Harris	67 3	1st	Marty Katz	73 3	1st	Dave Carlson	72 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	75
2nd	Mel Williams	72 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	75 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	77 2	2nd	Fred Schafer	77
3rd	Jim Barstow	74 1	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	76 1	3rd	Alex Lutkus	82 1	3rd	Kevin Donahue	77
<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>		
	David Harris	86		Don Schroeder	94		Dave Carlson	98		Kevin Donahue	111
<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>		
				Bernie Wroblewski			Dave Carlson				

Boundary Oak, Mon, Feb 12, 2018
Gary Boswell, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Phil Goff	65 3	1st	Carlos Xavier	70 3	Tie 1st	Al Hutchko	71 3	1st	Phil Jenkins	69 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	68 2	Tie 2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	71 2	Tie 1st	Terry Sherman	71 3	2nd	Matt Arena	72 2
Tie 3rd	David Harris	70 1	Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	71 2	3rd	Bob Donohue	75 1	Tie 3rd	Jerry Christopherson	74 1
Tie 3rd	Bill McCord	70 1									
<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>		
	Phil Goff	83		Al Zavattero	92		Al Hutchko	100		Phil Jenkins	105
<u>Closest-to #12</u>			<u>Closest-to #12</u>			<u>Closest-to #12</u>			<u>Closest-to #12</u>		
	David Harris			Gary Boswell			Randy Welker			Jerry Christopherson	

Boundary Oak, Mon, Feb 5, 2018
Wayne Cook, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Jim Barstow	66 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	69 3	1st	Al Hutchko	70 3	1st	Matt Arena	67 3
2nd	Phil Goff	68 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	70 2	2nd	Dave Carlson	71 2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	68 3
3rd	Warren Garrison	70 1	3rd	Marty Katz	71 1	3rd	Alex Lutkus	72 1	3rd	Fred Schafer	69 1
<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>			<u>Los Gross</u>		
	Phil Goff	85		Don Schroeder	90		Dave Carlson	98		Phil Jenkins	103
							Al Hutchko	98			
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
	Warren Garrison			Jim Clizbe			Alex Lutkus			Wayne Cook	

New Golf Handicap Chairman

Steve Cherepy has stepped down as our Branch 116 Golf Handicap Chairman. Steve has done an outstanding job over the last several years in coordinating with NCGA to revise the indexes each month and include new members as their indexes became established.

David Harris is taking over for Steve. David has already begun the important task of producing the monthly index reports and has established a master list of all the Branch 116 golfers who are currently registered through NCGA. David also has a list of those Branch 116 golfers who are registered with NCGA through clubs other than Branch 116. The Branch 116 Golf Committee very much appreciates David's undertaking of this effort and extend to him our best wishes.

If you are an NCGA member through SIR Branch 116, and you need to modify or delete a posted score, contact David. If you are an NCGA member through another club, you need to contact that club's Handicap Chairman.

First Half Leaders as of Lone Tree, Monday, Feb. 26, 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>
David Harris	9	Bernie Wroblewski	8	Al Hutchko	13	Matt Arena	8
Alan Fitzgerald	6	Don Schroeder	6	Alex Lutkus	6	Fred Schafer	6
Phil Goff	5	Marty Katz	6	Dave Carlson	6	Phil Jenkins	5
Jim Johnson	4	Al Zavattero	5	Terry Grummitt	3	Kevin Donahue	4
Jim Barstow	4	Dirk Meyer	4	Terry Sherman	3	Wayne Cook	3
Mel Williams	2	Carlos Xavier	3	Bob Donohue	1	Robbie Robinson	3
Warren Garrison	1					Conrad Robertson	2
Bill McCord	1					Greg Hughes	1
						Jerry Christopherson	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, Mar. 20	Poppy Ridge	Mar. 08	\$45
Monday, Mar. 26	Rancho Solano	Mar. 11	\$45
Tuesday, April 17	Franklin Canyon	Apr. 8	\$35
Monday, April 23	Las Positas	Apr. 11	\$43
Monday, April 30	Tilden	Apr. 18	\$35

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.