



Trampas Topics

May, 2012

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, June 18, 2012
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside Dr,
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2012 Big Sir Neil Schmidt

Are you going to the **Spring Fling Luncheon**? In May we don't have a regular Luncheon at the Elks Club but instead have our premier spring time event, the Spring Fling. This year's event is being held on May 11th at the Contra Costa Country Club. Although it is past the deadline for signing up, give Jerry Hicks a call to see if you can squeeze in.



Another great May event is the **Boulder Creek Vacation & Golf Outing**. This year's outing is going to be held on May 16-18. The Boulder Creek is a beautiful area and a super place to get away (and play golf). Contact Andy Benz or Robbie Robinson if you want details on this event.

I am glad to report that we have had an outstanding response to the **Voluntary Contribution**, with more than 95% of our active members responding. Thank you, thank you for helping.

The **Memorial Day Holiday** is on May 28th this year. Did you know that it was formerly known as Decoration Day and it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. (Southern ladies organizations and southern schoolchildren had decorated Confederate graves in Richmond and other cities during the Civil War, but each region had its own date. Most dates were in May.) By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. [Info from US Dept. of Veterans Affairs]. As a kid, I always looked forward to Memorial Day so I could follow "Indy 500" auto racing. In those days, the Indy 500 was a real big deal and it was not televised (It was delayed broadcast) and I would listen to the race on the radio with my father for hours. Those were great times.

Now are great times as well. Being retired with lots of time to do the things you want to do, whether SIR events or not. Enjoy life.



Neil Schmidt- Big SIR

Memorial Day



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to bring a guest.

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2012 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen



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Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
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SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

May 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	2 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	3	4	5
6	7 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	8 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	10	11 Spring Fling Luncheon (11:30@ Contra Costa CC)	12
13	14 18-Hole Golf (7:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	15 Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	16 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) BOULDER CR GOLF	17 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club) BOULDER CR GOLF	18 BOULDER CR GOLF	19
20	21 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Lone Tree GC)	22 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	23 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	24 Fishing (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	25 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Reservoir)	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 18-Hole Golf (9:36@ Paradise Valley GC)	30 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	31		



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	242
Last Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	2
On Inactive Status:	53
Left the Branch:	2
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>April 2012</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 5,336.00	\$ 28,846.60
Disbursements	\$ (4,013.67)	\$ (21,929.43)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 1,322.33	\$ 6,917.17

April Cash Balance \$ 11,606.10

May Birthdays

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Doug Aalders | 12. George B. Kohut |
| 2. Frank H. Bird | 13. John C. Maclay |
| 3. Lawrence S. Cannon | 14. Bob J. Matthews |
| 4. Thomas P. Conroy | 15. Darrell McClaughry |
| 5. Joseph L. Diehl | 16. Robbie Robinson |
| 6. Charles E. Gilliam | 17. Anthony C. Rohrs |
| 7. Walt Grant | 18. Don Seaton |
| 8. Plato Grivas | 19. Al L. Serafino |
| 9. Doug F. Hatton | 20. Bob R. Singleton |
| 10. Jerry F. Hicks | 21. Albert N. Zavattero |
| 11. Bob W. Kinser | |

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



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the April 16, 2012 meeting:

Total:	198
Members:	190
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	2
Guests:	6
Excused:	44
Un-Excused:	9

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

New Br. 116 Members



**Sponsor Oscar Krikorian with
new member Rudy Gebert**



**New member Jake Jacob with
sponsor John Antezak**



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Dusty Rhodes** had a memorial service on April 21st which was attended by many of our members. His dear wife Elaine and children were appreciative of all those who came to pay their respects to our friend Dusty. He will be missed.

Sir **Ken Harold** attended lunch last month after being out for quite a while. He looks good and it was so good to see him.

Sir **Tim Dorr** is recuperating from his heart valve surgery and improving every day. His wife Kathie assures me that he will be fine and that he is following his physicians instructions.

Sir **Tim Hubbard** had his 15th surgery (but who's counting). He looked great at Dusty's memorial service. His speech is good following the surgery on his tongue. And the scar from his ear to his chin looks like it is nearly healed another warrior from Branch #116.

Sir **Joe Verdoia** is home following a stay at Trampas Terrace. When speaking with his wife Norma I learned that she is recovering from pneumonia and she had wished that they had not sent Joe home so soon .She reminded me that Joe is 90 years old after all.

Sir **Paul Kim** is doing very well after his stroke and is looking forward to joining us for lunch and especially getting back on the golf course.

Sir **Joe Lennon** is doing better and is getting more time outside his home. He still suffers from dizzy spells and would really like to know the cause of these episodes. Perhaps his physicians will come up with the answer.

Sir **Harry Honestein** tells me he has taken every test known to man but they have nothing to report. His severe heart attacks toward the end of last year have really slowed him down. He is also dealing with a shoulder which keeps him awake due to the pain but surgery is not advised for now. Here is

hoping he gets some relief.

Stay healthy, eat right and get plenty of rest. If that doesn't work take 2 aspirin and call me in the morning. There is no charge for my professional advice.



Les Misérables

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

Bus from Crown Plaza Concord, lunch hosted at Louies in San Francisco, watch play at **Orpheum Theater**. Tour Price: \$163/person.

Contact Harry Reiter at 925-709-2820.

Area 2 Governor's Cup Tournament



Participants from SIR Branch116 that competed in the Eleventh Annual Area 2 Governor's Cup Tournament held at Shadow Lakes Golf Course, Thursday, April 26th.

From left to right: Al Serafino, Wayne Cook, Andy Benz, Bernie Wroblewski, Jerry Hicks, Carlos Xavier, Bill Hemmelsbach and Pat Tinguely

Many thanks to Bill Hemmelsbach for his coordination in making this a successful tournament between the other SIR Branches of Area 2.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday May 23, 2012 at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker Gary Gardner, President of Life Wealth Advisors of Walnut Creek. His presentation "Life Changing Events as Opportunities" and the Economic and Financial considerations you need to consider. Gary will be delivering a lively interactive talk on how significant life changes may provoke questions and concerns about whether the course you are on needs to change as well. Gary's discussion backed by 30 years of Financial Planning and Investment Advisory experience provides hope, inspiration, humor, motivation and techniques to determine your personal best course and how to enjoy the journey.

The timeliness of this presentation is one all will enjoy. The restaurant at the course opens at 7:00AM for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.



Poker Group #2

Al Reynolds

(reynolds4596@sbcglobal.net)



Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. It's a small stakes game, and socializing with fellow SIR members is the primary purpose.

If you would like to join, call Al Reynolds at 254-1576 or send an email to:

reynolds4596@sbcglobal.net.

State 'SIR Happenings'

SIR Happenings (our State Web Newsletter) is now in it's fifth year of publishing!

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:

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



Dine-O-Sir will not have an event in May due to the "Ladies Day Spring Fling" Luncheon to be held May 11 at the Contra Costa Country Club. Our next Dine-out event will be scheduled in June.....Details soon to follow. [Badge No. 149]

THE VET

Every Sunday a little old lady placed \$1,000 in the collection plate. It went on for weeks until the priest, overcome with curiosity, approached her.

"My dear, I couldn't help but notice that you put \$1,000 a week in the collection plate," he said.

"Why yes," she replied, "every week my son sends me money, and what I don't need I give to the church."

"That's wonderful. How much does he send you?" the priest asked. "He sends me \$2,000 a week," she replied proudly.

"Your son is very successful," said the priest. "What does he do for a living?"

"He is a veterinarian," she answered. "That is a very honorable profession," the priest assured her.

"Where does he practice?"

"Well, she replied, "he has one cat house in Kansas City and another in New Orleans."



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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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, May 24th 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 and have some breakfast with the members and swap fishing stories. We usually are there by about 8:00am or earlier.

The hot topic is salmon, and the season began with a bang. Carl Moyer was the only one out for the opener, but he and two friends limited out with salmon to 13 lbs. by noon. They have been fishing the opener from Moss Landing for years, and this was their best showing. It does indeed look like a very good year for salmon. Carl and friend went back a week later and limited out with fish to 17lbs by 8:30. We have several SIRS party boat trips in the next few weeks, and you can call Carl for an update. Meanwhile the rain has muddied our trout fishing. Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, and Carl caught some nice trout at Shadow Cliffs, but Mike Corker, Terry Miller, Gene Schulting and Carl were skunked at San Pablo reservoir. Joe Karg and Carl caught and released a 50 inch sturgeon near Pittsburg on a very pleasant spring day. Rain and wind have kept us indoors for much of the month.

We will be very busy this spring with: fly fishing for Shad, delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, party boat trips for SALMON, kokanee, sturgeon, crab and rock fish. In the month of May we have our annual Fish Fry which is a great affair. This reporter is looking forward to this event and will report on it next month

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 24th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Pete Gates, Big Fish (925-937-2035) Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925-846-7067) .



Terry Miller's Salmon



First Salmon Trip in 2012



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The walk on **Friday, May 11** will be cancelled due to a conflict with the ladies day luncheon, which would not allow sufficiently leisurely preparation by the ladies.

The **Friday, May 25, 2012** walk will be led by **Joel White** (zpz2mrz@yahoo.com, 964-0994). Please RSVP to Joel for this walk. The walk will begin at 8:15 am at the east end of the Lafayette Reservoir parking lot. We will plan to walk the circle, which usually takes about 50 minutes, but for individuals who wish to walk more slowly, it is possible to walk part way for 30 minutes and then back track, or to take longer to walk the full circle. The reservoir should be beautiful this time of year.

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.



SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

<http://www.sir-web.org/116-web/>

Branch 116 Golf

<http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf/>

Trampas Topics

<http://www.sir-web.org/trampas/>

Computer and Technology

<http://www.sir-web.org/computer/>

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site

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

NOTICE: NEW RULES FOR SENIOR GOLFERS

For all of you who are now eligible for Senior play, you may be interested in some important proposed rule changes for the AARP crowd!

Rule 1.a.5: A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalized for tall grass which groundskeepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (b): A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.b.3 (g): There shall be no such thing as a lost ball; the missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7 (h): If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5.p: Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Rule 6.a.9 (k): There is no penalty for so-called 'out of bounds.' If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.g.15 (z): There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float .. Senior golfers should not be penalized for manufacturers' shortcomings.

Rule 8.k.9(s): Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impracticable for many senior golfers, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Note: This is a joke!



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Civilization, A difference of opinion

On Monday, April 23, the SIR Book Group discussed *"Civilization: The West and the Rest."* It was author Niall Ferguson's thesis that western civilization had enjoyed an advantage for the last 500 years because it sponsored the following: Competition, Science, Respect for Property, Medicine, Consumption and a Work Ethic. The range of rankings for this book was as wide as we have seen lately, from a lowly 2 to a perfect 5.0. Those who liked the book thought it had a credible thesis and a plethora of data to back it up. The less enthusiastic found it too much like a college text book. The group awarded the book 3.59 stars on a 5 point scale. Lytton DeSilva recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Al Reynolds, Bob Mathews, Jack Butler, Bob Daily, Joel White, Jim Scott, Dick Kauffman and Garrett Girvin participating.

The group will not meet in May because of a conflict with Memorial Day. It will meet twice in June, first on June 4 to discuss *"The Boys of Summer"* by Roger Kahn and next on June 25 to discuss *"The Killing of Lincoln"* by O'Reilly and Dugard. Both meetings will be at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM.



JOKE

I marked the spot

Two friends rented a boat and fished in a lake every day. One day they caught 30 fish. One guy said to his friend,

"Mark this spot so that we can come back here again tomorrow."

The next day, when they were driving to rent the boat, the same guy asked his friend, "Did you mark that spot?"

His friend replied, "Yeah, I put a big 'X' on the bottom of the boat."

The first one said, "You stupid fool! What if we don't get that same boat today!?!?"



SIR Ball Game August 2 at AT&T Park

Join your fellow SIR's at AT&T Park

for a Giants game.

Thurs., August 2, 2012 @12:45 PM vs. the NY Mets

Price is \$32 per person

Tickets are limited

Full payment is required to hold your space

Call Harry Reiter at 925-709-2820 or e-mail at
hr5000@comcast.net

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

SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman
(tomeller2000@yahoo.com)



Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. If we run out of these and you are still interested in the trip, please ask your travel chairman and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated:



SIR State Travel Opportunities 2012

May 19-Jun 3, 2012 Romance of the Rhine & Mosel. Cruise aboard a private Grand Circle river ship starting in Basel, Switzerland ending in Antwerp, Belgium. The ship will make stops at Strasbourg, France, Speyer, Baden-Baden, Boppard, Koblenz, Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Bonn, Germany, Nijmegen, Kinderdijk and Antwerp. The price starts at \$3895 to \$5295 plus air. The trip includes, 12 exclusive guided sightseeing tours plus personal headsets, Captains welcome dinner, 42 meals with complimentary wine with dinner. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217. Pre and post trips are also available to Lucerne, Switzerland and Bruges, Belgium. Rooms will be available on a first come first serve basis.

May 25-28, 2012 Sac Jazz Festival & Jubilee. This is a top Music Festival in the country with over 100 groups to entertain you. Beyond the traditional jazz there's blues, western, ragtime, salsa, rydeco and big band music. Something for everyone. Cost is \$35 for Friday, \$45 for Saturday or Sunday and \$94 for all 4 days. Contact **Jim Jackson**, Br 146, 925-687-7052 to order tickets

Aug 8, 2012 Les Miserables. Matinee performance of Les Miserables at the San Francisco Orpheum Theatre. At 10:00am leave Concord by Motorcoach to SF for lunch at Louies then on to the show returning to Concord around 6:30pm. Contact **Harry Reiter**, br 19, 709-2820 for more information.

Oct 5-7, 2012 The Great Italian Festival. Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest and most famous events. Celebrate the food,

culture, music and tradition of Italy. Free activities and entertainment highlight the festivals main focus. The cost is \$308.00 pp and includes motor coach transportation, 2 night stay at the Eldorado with hosted seafood dinner and a show by the Jersey Boys. Contact **Bob Hager**, Br 8, 934-7620 for more information.

Oct 6-21 2012 Cruise to Hawaii from San Francisco. 16 day cruise aboard the Star Princess visiting Hilo, Honolulu, Nawillwili, and Lahaina plus a stop in Ensenada. Price from \$2100 to \$3590 and include fees & taxes, transfer drivers, skycaps, and stevedores. Contact **Harry Reiter** Br 19, 709-2820 for more information.

Oct 6, 2012 Blue Angels & the San Francisco Belle. Enjoy the best aviation show in the country featuring the US Navy Blue Angels. Join us on the Hornblowers "San Francisco Bell" a Bay Area landmark and the largest private charter yacht on the West Coast. We will board at 1:30pm and cruise around the Bay, stopping in a great spot to view the aviation show between 3:00-4:00pm. Cost is \$128.00pp which includes: Bay Cruise, Motorcoach transportation, Hosted All-You-Can It Buffet Lunch, Complimentary FREE champagne, coffee, tea, juice, tips and taxes. Contact **Bob Spellman** Br 146, 934-8428, for more information.

Oct 26- Nov 11, 2012 Canada & New England Aboard NCL Norwegian Dawn. Beautiful scenery is always on display when cruising down the east coast during the peak weeks of autumn. Along the way visit an exciting array of east coast ports including Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West and Tampa. Package price includes RT airfare, transfers, driver and stevedore tips, gov't fees, and taxes, all meals. Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475. Contact **Jim Lunn** Br 8, 925-551-3329.

Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

The quarterly State SIR Happenings Web Site at: <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/> offers additional SIR travel options.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday, May 17th at 9am.**

The topic will be **Home Automation**, organized by Neil Schmidt.

Steve Lee, National Training Manager for INSTEON, will be discussing home automation techniques. INSTEON (www.insteon.com) is a leader in development of innovative cost-effective and reliable home automation technology. From lighting control to integrated security systems, they provide ways to manage your home the way you want and there are endless control applications such as HVAC control, lighting control, camera monitoring, water leak detection, motion triggers, cell phone control and the list goes on and on.

See www.smarthome.com/learningcenter.html for more examples of what you can do with INSTEON products. Mr. Lee will not only be discussing products and techniques but he will also be discussing how these devices can not only be controlled by central controllers but also how they can be controlled by the outside world via a peer to peer by USB or Serial Powerline Modules (PLM) or network controller gateways.

Time permitting, Dick Curry will lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a

seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. See you there.

The next meeting will be on July 19.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Wine Tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. We meet at members' homes on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four to five different wines are tasted and discussed. The cost is normally between \$5 and \$10 per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend these informal and enjoyable gatherings. Contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256, for more information.



Bocce Ball

Jerry Kaplan

(mgkaplan@astound.net)

Several SIR members have expressed interest in starting a bocce ball group. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Kaplan at 925-938-1037 or mgkaplan@astound.net.



Bowling

Ron Gagliardi

(rongag@att.net)

Hi, well the season's started and we are all having fun. There are two sessions' you can join, either at the Clayton Valley Bowl or Diablo Lanes, they are both in Concord. They meet at 10 am on Wednesday's, please come and join us.

There is a bowling tournament coming up on the 15th & 16th of November at the Clayton Valley Bowl in Concord. You can sign up for either day or both days. It's a lot of fun, but you must have a book average with the USBC. Contact me at rongag@att.net for the application.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

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Duplicate Bridge

On March 27th, the bridge group met at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Twenty seven men attended. Our top scorer today was Jai Yee with 6,640 points, followed by Art Donaldson (5,600), Bob Kahl (4,830), Norm Schoenfeld (4,810), Ali Aghaiepour (4,670) and Hal Redsun (4,490). We had three small slam today made by the teams of Bob Wolf/Darrell Feay, Lee Travis/Bill Sullivan and Walt Kawecki/Bob Kahl, and three by Jai Yee, two with Art Donaldson and one with the roving dummy !

On April 3rd, the duplicate bridge group met with 22 men present. Top honors went to Dick Chaffee/Jim Nachtweih with 68.06 points out of a possible 108 points (63.02%). They were followed by Jack Butler/Barry Rauchle (59.38%), Marv DeHeus/Rudy Gebert (55.73%) and Mike Corker/Joel White (55.21%).

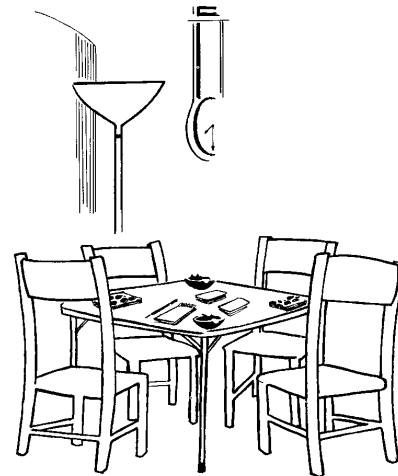
Luncheon Bridge

The lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. on April 10th with 25 men playing. Our top achiever today was Fred Massaro with a very fine score of 7,210 points. In second place was Bill Sullivan with 5,860 points. Third place was taken by Marv DeHeus with 5,570 points, followed by Darrell Feay (5,280), Walt Kawecki (5,190) and Alvin Buchagnani (4,930). Two small slams were made today by the teams of Dick Chaffee/Ali Aghaiepour and Bill Sullivan/Dennis Perry.

The lunch/bridge group met again on April 24th at Diablo C.C. with 26 men in attendance. After a tasty lunch, we sat down to 3 hours of either exciting bridge or dull bridge depending on your cards. High scorer was Dimitris Argyriou with 7,090 points, then Art Donaldson (5,320) followed by Jim Nachtweih (5,290), Milt Greenstein (4,910), Darrell Feay (4,750) and Jack Butler (4,540). The only small slam made today was by Darrell Feay / Bob Daily. Although the top scores today were quite good, the overall average for the day was only 3,477 points, the lowest average for the year todate.

Ladies Day Bridge Event

The Ladies Day event on April 17th was a rousing success with 27 couples enjoying either a salmon or a chicken lunch, followed by an afternoon of bridge. Our winners today were: Ben and Helen Yeraka (6,900), Ali Aghaiepour and Simi Zabatian (5,550), Dave and Claire Rasmussen (4,560), Milt and Marge Greenstein (4,210), Norm and Bobbie Schoenfeld (3,760) and Bob Costa and Joanna Heinz (3,750). We had 4 small slams made by the teams of : Bob Costa & Joanna Heinz, Dick & Pat Rihn, Marty & Dorothy Seaman and Ben & Helen Yeraka.



JOKE

0 to 200 in 6 seconds

Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really pissed.

She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE !!!"

The next morning he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house.

She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Bob has been missing since Friday.

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.

The 9-hole group also plays once a week and alternates play between local courses. Foursomes in both 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 our annual golf book, the Trampas Topics and on our web site at <http://www.sir-web.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, Pine Meadows, Martinez and Diablo Hills, Walnut Creek.

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 2009 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.

Using the Golf Hotline

For Non-Pay-In Advance SIR 116 Golf Events (9-Hole and Boundary Oak 18-Hole) You may sign-up via the Branch 116 Hotline — 906-5355

Deadline for 18-Hole, the Thursday before and 9-Hole, the Sunday before.

Please indicate if you want a cart.

May 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 02	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 09	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 16	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 23	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 30	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry

May 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jack Barstow
Mon. 14	7:30	Boundary Oak	Jack Barstow
Mon. 21	9:32	Lone Tree	Bob Vetro
Tues. 29	9:36	Paradise Valley	Al Hutchko



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

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Rancho Solano -- April 22, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	67	3	Frank Crua	64	3	Bob Testa	68	3	Robbie Robinson	75	3
Jim Clizbe	68	2	David Carlson	73	2	Conrad Robertson	73	2	Matt Arena	76	2
Lonny Randall	73	1	Tom Eller	75	1	Al Serafino	75	1	Chuck Gilliam	76	2
Mel Williams	73	1	Phil Goff	75	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Clizbe	86		Frank Crua	85		Bob Testa	92		Robbie Robinson	101	
Dirk Meyer	86										

Closest to: Hole #5 - Jim Clizbe, Matt Arena -- Hole #15 - David Carlson, Dick Chaffee

Mare Island -- April 17, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	70	3	Frank Crua	68	3	Conrad Robertson	74	3	Art Vogl	71	3
David Harris	71	2	Pat Tinguely	69	2	John Peterson	78	2	Frank Lockwood	72	2
Jimmy Johnson	73	1	Walt Kawecki	74	1	Al Serafino	79	1	Mark Jordan	73	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jimmy Johnson	87		Pat Tinguely	89		Conrad Robertson	104		Peter Coggiola	104	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Lonny Randall, Art Vogl -- Hole #17 - Phil Goff, Peter Coggiola

Lake Chabot -- April 9, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill McCord	70	3	David Carlson	71	3	Bob Testa	68	3	Art Vogl	67	3
Jerry Hicks	71	2	Tom Eller	71	3	Conrad Robertson	75	2	Carl Langhorst	72	2
Lonny Randall	72	1	Phil Goff	72	1	John Peterson	77	1	Terry Grummitt	75	1
									Robbie Robinson	75	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	85		David Carlson	87		Bob Testa	92		Robbie Robinson	101	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Phil Goff, Al Hutchko -- Hole #12 - Lonny Randall

Silverado South -- April 2, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Al Zavattero	74	3	Frank Crua	74	3	Al Hutchko	70	3	Robbie Robinson	70	3
Wayne Smith	75	2	Phil Goff	75	2	Richard Madden	74	2	Doug Aalders	70	3
Jerry Hicks	76	1	David Carlson	77	1	Conrad Robertson	74	2	Matt Arena	73	1
			Jim Altomare	77	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jerry Hicks	90		Phil Goff	94		Al Hutchko	95		Robbie Robinson	100	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Robbie Robinson -- Hole #15 - Phil Goff, Tom King and Ray Ambrosio (guest)



Smiling SIRS Assemble on the Sixteenth at Rancho Solano (l. to r. Fred Schafer, Conrad Robertson, Pat Tinguely)

2012 18 Hole Leader Board

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 16.4		Index 16.5 - 22.9		Index 23.0 - 26.9		Index 27.0 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Zavattero, Al	19	Carlson, David	31	Robertson, Conrad	31	Robinson, Robbie	22
Harris, David	14	Crua, Frank	22	Testa, Bob	15	Vogl, Art	17
Meyer, Dirk	13	Goff, Phil	13	Serafino, Al	14	Grummitt, Terry	11
Hicks, Jerry	12	Eller, Tom	10	Donohue, Bob	9	Coggiola, Peter	9
Johnson, Jim	12	Kim, Paul	7	Daniel, Jed	6	Gilliam, Chuck	8
McCord, Bill	12	Foust, Max	5	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Hemmelsbach, Bill	7
Williams, Mel	10	Tinguely, Pat	4	Lutkus, Alex	5	Langhorst, Carl	6
Smith, Wayne	6	Barstow, Jim	3	Madden, Richard	4	Arena, Matt	5
Clizbe, Jim	5	Campbell, Rob	3	Roberts, Don	4	Sherman, Terry	5
Randall, Lonny	5	Schmidt, Neil	3	Conlon, Bob	3	Aalders, Doug	3
		Videle, Jim	3	Hutchko, Al	3	Lockwood, Frank	3
		Perrilli, Phil	2	Jenkins, Phil	3	Armijo, Ron	2
		Socolich, Dick	2	Peterson, John	3	Cook, Wayne	2
		Xavier, Carlos	2			Jordan, Mark	1
		Altomare, Jim	1			Ostler, Joe	1
		Kawecki, Walt	1				

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

<http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf>

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

2012 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.

- 18-Hole Pairings: Weekly, usually on the Friday or Saturday prior to the event, showing captains, teams, starting times, and handicaps.

- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Weekly, usually within a day or two of the event.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Weekly, showing checks that have been received for the next 3 or 4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Weekly, shortly following 18-hole events, and the monthly luncheon when most signups occur. This listing will show who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions, and whether they have indicated using a cart.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday May 21	Lone Tree *	May-12	\$41 / 36
* Lone Tree is a Special Event -- guests pay \$36 and can not win prizes			
Tuesday May 29	Paradise Valley	May-21	\$43
Tuesday June 19	Sunol Cypress	Jun-9	\$44
Monday June 25	Blue Rock Springs -- East	Jun-16	\$35

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



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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).

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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.