

# Computer News

## Scheduled Events

### January 2016 - February

**Investor SIG**      **January 11, 2016 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**February 8, 2016 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
 23 Skipping Rock Way, Napa

**Mac SIG**      **January 14, 2016 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**February 11, 2016 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
 Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

**General Meeting** **January 20, 2016 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**February 17, 2016 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
 Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 5, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
 House @ Napa Senior Center 1524 Jefferson St., Napa

**NVPCUG**  
**January 20, 2016 meeting**

Our January meeting will feature **Sharon Wragg** discussing and demonstrating web “podcasting”. She will show you how to find podcasts on the web that might interest you or your friends. Podcasting is like listening to radio or watching TV on your computer except there are millions of stations and the range is unlimited. I guess you could say it is like having satellite radio or TV but no end to the number of stations.

**Wikipedia** defines podcast as:  
 “A podcast is a form of digital media that consists of an episodic series of audio, video, digital radio, PDF, or ePub files subscribed to and downloaded through web syndication or streamed online to a computer or mobile device. The word is a portmanteau of "(i)Pod" and "broadcast.”

A podcast's distributor maintains a list of audio or video files in a series on a server as a web feed, and the listener or viewer uses special client application software, known as a podcatcher, to access this web feed, check it for updates, and download any new files in the series. This process can be automated so that new files are downloaded automatically, which may seem to the user as if the content is being broadcast or "pushed" to them. Files are stored

locally on the user's computer or other device, ready for offline use.[2][3]  
 Podcasting contrasts with webcasting (Internet streaming), which generally isn't designed for offline listening to user-selected content. I am sure that this will be an interesting topic and we will learn something of value. If you are planning to attend why not bring a friend they will thank you for it.”

**What Is A Podcast?**

A podcast, simply put, is no different than a webcast, a show that is broadcast over the web and is broken up into parts or episodes. Most podcasts are similar to news radio programs and deliver information on a regular basis, while some podcasts are comedy shows, special music broadcasts or even gospel. Podcasts are most popular on Apple's iPod and iPhone devices, hence the name podcast, but a podcast can be enjoyed from a number of different sources and can even be listened to directly on a computer.

Read more: <http://www.ipodder.org/whatIsPodcasting#ixzz3xbYBdXhR>