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Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

Branch 35 web site: www.sirinc2.org/branch35/

January, 2020

– NEXT MEETING –

3rd Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

Social Hour 11 a.m. – Lunch 11:55 a.m.

Please, **IF BRINGING A GUEST OR NOT ATTENDING!**

CALL 650-823-0702

or E-MAIL sir35notify@gmail.com

by SATURDAY, Jan 11th (Leave name and badge #)

PROGRAM

Speaker: **Jim Spohrer, IBM Director**

Topic: **"The Future of Artificial Intelligence"**



Our speaker for January is Jim Spohrer, director of IBM's Open Source Artificial Intelligence efforts, part of IBM Developer Ecosystems Group. He has a distinguished resume including a B.S. in Physics from MIT and a Ph.D. in Computer Science/Artificial Intelligence from Yale, more than ninety publications

and nine patents. Jim has earned several national awards for his contributions to scientific research. He will talk about the future of Artificial Intelligence including how to get the benefits from it and avoid the risks that come with them.

GIANTS BASEBALL

**San Francisco Giants on Sunday, April 5th
against the Los Angeles Dodgers**

1. Tickets are still available
2. April 5 game has been changed to 5 pm to accommodate ESPN
3. Tickets also available for April 26 vs Washington Nationals-- same price \$50/ticket for Lower Box seats

Ben Gikis, Special Activities

\$25 JANUARY HOT-PLATE MENU \$25

Bistro Salad w/ Ranch Dressing
Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ Beurre Blanc
Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Roasted Vegetables
Cheesecake

To reserve a vegetarian meal, contact Terry Barnhart at 408-960-6674 or terry.b2007@sbcglobal.net

The Big Sir Says . . .

Happy New Year and welcome to a new decade. I am honored to be the Branch 35 Big SIR as the branch helps the state SIR organization transition into the 2020s. We are fortunate to have over 90 active volunteers to help keep this a finely tuned and an effective branch. **Remember it is you, our members, who keep this organization alive and worth joining.**



SIR's new mission statement reflects its transition: **"Enrich the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life"**. To this end, Branch 35 has 345 members who are active mature men participating in over 16 different athletic and social activities including a once a month lunch with notable guest speakers to which two-thirds of you attend regularly.

We owe Peter Thurston, last year's Big SIR, special thanks for his leadership under which we were 1) ranked as the best Area 13 Branch (Peter), 2) increased our membership by 31 (Paul Schutz), 3) communicated to you monthly with a great newsletter (Del Fillmore), 4) gained increased visibility in the local media (Bob Roy), 5) streamlined and maintained our website (John Ray), 6) evolved to a new cloud-based membership and eMail capability (Richard Blackborow) while (7) remaining solvent (Jim Narva).

We're very fortunate to have Stan Barkey return as Little SIR who already has recruited an excellent array of speakers for our 2020 lunches and headed up the Holiday Luncheon (see pictures on page 7). Ben Gikis returns as the summer picnic guru and we already have reserved Blackberry Farms for July.

We are well on our way to an outstanding 2020. Please let me know how I can help make this be the best year for Branch 35 and you!

Andy

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\$25 JANUARY COLD-PLATE MENU \$25

Turkey, Ham, & Roast Beef Sandwiches
Salads, Assorted Chips and Cheesecake

To reserve this meal, you must call 650-823-0702
or e-mail sir35notify@gmail.com by **SUNDAY, January 11th**
You may also make a permanent reservation for cold plates.

JANUARY 2020 ROSTER

Active Members: 345 **Net Monthly Change: 0**

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

John Wong	21	Herb Fischgrund	17
Jim DeLong	20	Dick Knock	17
Wendell Lehr	20	Stan Barkey	16
Don Willoughby	20	Capp Spindt	11

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ben Adelman	Don Fidler	Tom Moulton
David Arata	John Files	Joe Mullen
Russ Atkinson	Joe Geist	Ron Murphy
Richard Blackborow	David Gobuty	John Richardson
Vince Clampa	Mike Hartter	Joe Scheid
Chuck Cory	Bob Herman	Ranney Thayer
Dick Costa	Ralph Hunt	Ron Wilensky
John Faucett	Les Miles	Harold Wong
Gerry Feeney	Cal Morris	

BOOK SWAP

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During the social hour before every luncheon, 11:00 a.m.

Bring a few and take a few – **FREE!** After the meeting, residuals go to Friends of the Library of Los Altos.

TRAIL BIRDS

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Rehearsal: 2nd Wednesday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room, Los Altos Methodist Church.

Pre-Meeting Rehearsal: January 15, 11:00 a.m., Elks Lodge.

Parody Writers: Bob Simon, David Skurnick

Accompanist: Don Cameron

David Skurnick will write the parody for the January meeting. All are welcome to join our singing.

TENNIS

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Every Monday and Thursday, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Rinconada Park Courts – Located on Hopkins Avenue, off Newell near Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. We play a relaxed doubles spin in open format. Sirs and non-Sirs alike are welcome.

DINING IN

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We are pleased to announce that the third Dining In group has been formed and is meeting regularly, making new friends and having fun. Contact Alan Gaudie for more information and/or to join.

BRIDGE

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Bridge Players?? Looking for a game??

SIR has one! We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We're looking for a few more players. We play at participant's homes mostly in the Los Altos area. It is a friendly game, not too serious, but we're all improving our game as we go. If you're interested, give me a call or drop me an email. Mark Levi, Chair.

BIKING

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2nd Thursday— January 9, 2020, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome **Rain cancels ride; Helmet mandatory**
Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)

Ride: We will ride a flat 14-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, near the Palo Alto Airport (a total ride of 19 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

(If the weather is nice we may even go farther up to Facebook and eat at a strip mall. This will add another 4 to 5 mile to the round trip)

Directions: Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. From Palo Alto, go south on El Camino, to Grant Rd.; turn right. The first street past the 3rd traffic signal is Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Go 8 blocks to the end of Sleeper Ave. to a small park. Park your car along the curb.

To ride or for info, contact me (see above), or Gordon Tong at (408) 242-0557 gordy6850@gmail.com

HIKING

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Friday, January 24, 2020 - Location to be Determined

Wives and guests are welcome

A location will be determined based upon suggestions from members and considering expected temperatures on hike day. Hikes are typically on moderate trails for about 5-7 miles. We hike in nearby hillside parks and open space preserves usually within a driving distance of 25 miles. (Our last hike was at Phleger Estate via Huddart Park). Hikes start at the trailhead at 10:00AM. Bring water, a trail lunch, hiking shoes and clothing for weather conditions.

Contact me by phone or email if you would like to attend this hike, and if you have a suggestion as to a location. I will send out an email about January 18, detailing the selected location. If you have not been receiving the hiking emails and would like to be included, let me know and I will add you to my list.

BOCCE BALL

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Every Friday, 10:00 am to noon. Wives and guests are welcome.
Location: The two Bocce Courts in Cuesta Park, Mountain View accessed from Cuesta Drive, using the turnoff and park entrance at Menalto Dr. Parking is near the tennis courts and restrooms. The Bocce Courts are next to the lawn area by the parking lot.

With the intermittent rains during periods of the last half of December, our playing at Cuesta Park in Mountain View has been diminished. Rain is disruptive to the crushed oyster shell surface of the courts. We expect to resume regular play on Friday mornings starting January 3, weather permitting.

We are monitoring the development of the Los Altos Bocce court situation at Grant Park and hope to report some positive results being taken with respect that new site for use by our members and guests."

Member Profile

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This monthly article highlights one of our branch members. We hope that you enjoy knowing a little more about your fellow members and the interesting life they have had. If you have someone you would like to nominate or if you would like to help author an article, please email ron.nakamoto@yahoo.com.

Editor's note: Immigration has been a continuing strength for our nation as many of us have traced our first family member(s) that travelled to America seeking a better life and working hard to make it happen. From all walks of life, their contributions perpetuate the success that is America. With a growing nation that needed people and a reputation as "a land of opportunity" immigrants were welcomed and the nation thrived. Fast forward to today, immigration has become a crisis. (In the 1960's immigration averaged 330,000 per year while today it has grown to 1.6 million.) Why a crisis? There are those that argue our nation has more than enough people and available jobs should go to our citizens first. Our resources, social and health welfare should be for our poor and disabled citizens. Others argue that our nation was built from immigrants and they contribute immensely to our creativity and national strength. While the plight of immigrants from the war-torn Middle East and the destitute areas of South America is heart wrenching, our national response remains unclear as to champion "open borders" or "build the wall". What to do?

Here is a fellow member's immigrant story, the path he took, and the contribution he and his family made to America as told by his son, Gabriel, also a SIR member.

Michael Ibarra

"Michael Ibarra was born in Guadalajara, Mexico. He was the youngest of four siblings and raised by his grandparents as his parents were working to support the family. His Grandfather Santiago and Grandmother Monica owned and ran a general store and sold merchandise in bulk. When Michael was seven, he started to work helping out in the family store during the day and going to school in the evenings. He showed a determination to contribute and make his own way in life at an early age and kept this schedule until he graduated from high school. He walked over four miles every day on dirt roads, to school and back. He showed his enterprising spirit, selling vegetables his Mom grew in her garden. In high school, he had a gig where he would buy or rent 16mm movies and show it to the various neighborhoods, using a bed sheet as a screen. He charged about 50 centavos and usually had about 100 people attending. The patrons were thankful and happy for the evening of entertainment that Michael would provide. He gave his earnings to the family as he was happy to help out where he could. After he graduated from high school, he tried his hand at sales for a shoe shop. He did well and after two years, was to become a supervisor for the shop. Unfortunately, a co-worker was stealing money and equipment from the shop and it eventually closed. When Michael was about 18 years of age, his Mom passed away. He was saddened and decided to leave Guadalajara for a small town called Tlacuitlpa. Small towns still had schools for their children and Michael became a schoolteacher teaching the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. He taught at the high school in the mornings and adult school in the evenings. Unfortunately, the pay was not enough to sustain him so after a year he decided to try his luck in America.

"At the age of 19, Michael was able to secure a visa and travelled to Idaho and later, Washington State doing whatever jobs he could find at the time. He moved to Sunnyvale because the other states were too cold for him. In



Sunnyvale he found the more Mediterranean-like climate to his liking. He worked for Mr. Losse, driving the workers to and from the job site. (*Editor's note: The Losse Bros. owned the largest apricot orchard in the state and in addition grew peaches, pears, prunes and cherries.*) He also drove Mrs. Losse to her charitable functions using her mauve, twelve cylinders, Lincoln 1949 Coupe, which was in mint condition. When she bought another car, she noted how well Michael took care of her car and offered to sell it to him. He immediately bought it and drove it everywhere. Michael loved America and enjoyed the fruits of his hard work.

"He moved onto Schuckel's Cannery in Sunnyvale as a mechanic's helper, greasing all the machines. Being single, he saved enough money to go back to visit Guadalajara in the spring of 1952 where his two sisters still resided. With almost \$5,000 in his pocket he ran into some bad luck when two men robbed him while he was waiting for his train in San Francisco. While he was devastated he made up his mind to make the trip so he put the experience behind him and continued on his journey with some borrowed money.

"Once in Guadalajara, he went back to his parish and looked up his friends. He found out that everyone was looking forward to a fundraiser for the Red Cross, a first annual for the parish to be held at the local Parque de Revolution. There were food booths that featured food from around the world, games of chance, and music. My Dad always liked to dress up so he put on his suit and tie for the occasion. As he strolled around the circular park, he saw a beautiful girl with her friends. She could have been a model, with blue eyes, a fair complexion and an aura of mystery. He introduced himself to Teresa Ramos. Michael was smitten. Within one month of courting, he returned to Sunnyvale to work hard to make more money, as he knew

that she was the perfect woman for him. One year later, he was married in Guadalajara and they honeymooned in Hermosillo, Mexico, a fairly large city with many attractions.

"The newlyweds moved to Santa Clara to his new job at Pemline, the largest employer in Santa Clara in 1953 making kitchen cabinets. Business and life was fine for awhile until a relative of the owner took over the company and ran it into the ground. The company filed for bankruptcy and with a growing family (5 kids through the course of twelve years) Michael needed to find a new career again. He joined the Carpenters Union and took an accelerated course in carpentry through the Union becoming a certified carpenter. He also, concurrently took English classes at Fremont High School at night. He became a U.S. Citizen in 1966. Michael worked tirelessly with many local companies framing homes, building kitchen cabinets and other carpentry work helping build up the Sunnyvale and Santa Clara areas. My Dad retired as a union carpenter and started his own business customizing picture frames and selling his products throughout the San Francisco and San Jose markets. As a small business he was living the American dream until 2001, when the internet boom and the lack of trade protection made it easy for China to flood the market with picture frames at a fraction of the cost.

"My Mom and Dad devoted their lives to their children and church. They were founding members (1959) of St. Lawrence Church, Santa Clara. As a founding member he donated three percent of his income every month, served as an usher and did other special tasks as required. He created



Michael and wife on their honeymoon, 1952

frames for all the special occasions and was a key contributor to the construction of a new, larger church. My Mom served in the Ladies Guild and the Altar Society. We were all able to attend school there because of the hard work my Mom did in Libby's Cannery during the summer. We attended the local high school and colleges. My Dad was instrumental in encouraging all the kids to pursue an education and contribute back to their community.

"I think he succeeded with this encouragement: -- my sister Elvira is a bilingual education teacher, going on thirteen years. She gives everything to inspire and move these kids forward. My other sister Monica is a teacher, for special needs children. She tries to reach each child at their own level, devoting time and energy so that they can reach their full potential. My brothers Michael Jr. and Rafael both work for the Valley Transportation Authority as a supervisor/mechanic and parts supervisor. Working in the service sector, they both try to do their best to keep the buses running on time to service the many subscribers and handicapped. As for me, Gabriel, I've worked as a Buyer Planner in the high tech industry for twenty years. I now teach at a local high school as a tennis coach and have taught thousands of students, with 'Love, Pride, and Knowledge'.

"Michael still maintains his frame shop at home which he uses to make frames for friends and family. His most creative frame was a double frame and triple mat, which he did for a friend's daughter. It took my Dad three weeks to complete it.

"My dad prides himself in keeping his home in primo shape. With his spare time he went back to school at West Valley College to learn about nutrition and fitness and takes tennis classes at Mission College. He is busy with five grandkids, taking the time to enjoy the next generation of Ibarra's.

"Michael, at 97 is a member of three bowling leagues. His philosophy for a long life is to live cleanly, watch what you eat ... lots of veggies and fruit, take time to relax and laugh, don't sweat the small stuff, make friends with everybody and get some exercise. Age is mind over matter. If you don't mind it doesn't matter. He also says, as long as I have my health, age is irrelevant."



Editor's note: Michael's story is an example of how an immigrant with nothing more than his determination and hard work was able to create a successful life for himself, his family and the generations that followed. The young city of Sunnyvale benefitted from the affordable homes he helped build to transform it from orchard farms to a high technology center. The local community benefitted from the money he spent and the custom products he sold. His faith and dedication to his church contributed to strengthening the social fabric of his city and its citizens. His children, the next generation of US citizens are all productive and compassionate contributors to their local communities. Their children will probably do the same. Michael's story is not a glamorized story of a billionaires ascent from rags to riches, but more so a mainstream, local and personal story of what hard work and determination can achieve in America. His is the real American story.

TRAVEL

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Prizes: Alan Gaudie

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino. We had a two-week break and our Week #11 will be on January 7th. We always have room for new bowlers -- "significant others" are also always welcome. Cost is \$15 per week. Call either Doug or Bob if you have any questions.

FALL SESSION - WEEK #10

1ST PLACE -- Ruth Ososkie, Ken Jones, Jerry Ososkie, Phil Vanderwerf

2ND PLACE -- Al Delfino, Harold Kaye, Arnie Satterlee, Joe Enos

3RD PLACE-TIE -- Nancy Jones, Michael Ibarra, Alan Gaudie, Jay Jonekait

3RD PLACE-TIE -- Patti Shaffer, Gerry Shebar, Bob Taggart, Larry Low

5TH PLACE-TIE -- Rick McColloch, Doug Anderson, Gerry Bennett, Tim Eastham

5TH PLACE-TIE -- Ranney Thayer, Mark Castro, Rich McGrath, Gabriel Ibarra

7TH PLACE -- Joe Geist, Jim Holman, Gerry Cooley, John Faucett

8TH PLACE -- Les Fisher, Fred Emmenegger, Ron Nakamoto, Bob Garten

HERE ARE THE LEADERS - WEEK #10

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

1st -- Larry Low: 529

2nd -- Phil Vanderwerf: 500

3rd -- John Faucett: 469

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

1st -- Bob Garten: 628

2nd -- Ron Nakamoto: 627 - Tie

2nd -- Ruth Ososkie: 627 - Tie

HIGH GAME - SCRATCH

1st -- Bob Taggart: 191

2nd -- Jay Jonekait: 189

3rd -- Gabriel Ibarra: 175

HIGH HANDICAP GAME

1st -- Ranney Thayer: 239

2nd -- Gerry Shebar: 224

3rd -- Jim Holman: 223

MOVIE REVIEW **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.** On the surface this film may seem to be a Biopic of Fred Rogers, but it is much more than that. It is a celebration of his kindness, his goodness and his insightful humanity. Tom Hanks beautifully plays Mr. Rogers and does so with a studied eye and appreciation for what the man was trying to accomplish in children's TV and on an even bigger stage. The story is really about reporter Lloyd Vogel (Matthew Rhys) who is assigned to write a short piece about Mr. Rogers as a modern-day hero. Vogel is noted for his attack style of writing and initially thinks Rogers is a gimmick. But as time goes on, Mr. Rogers works his magic on Vogel whose soul is tortured. In quiet and reflection Mr. Rogers gives Vogel permission to face his demons and once again thrive. This is a powerful story about the power of forgiveness. The cast that does not miss a beat as all of the characters add to the experience. Rated PG for some strong thematic material, a brief fight, and some mild language. This is a must see and a Peggy's Pick. ---Jim Quillinan

GOLF

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SIGN-UP for the following by January 15th with John Gerich, 650-969-6679, jgerich@juno.com

Callippe Preserve (CPR) (Cart)	Thu Feb 6	9:56	\$54
Scramble	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net/ McGrath		
Monterey Pines (MPN) (Cart,Range)	Mon Feb 10	9:32	\$40
	Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com/ Hall		
Half Moon Bay Ocn (HMN) (Cart)	Thu Feb 13	9:40	\$101
	Enos 650-712-1201 J.enos(at)comcast.net/ Rittweger		
Sunnyvale (SVL) (Cart)	Mon Feb 17	9:30	\$33
4 Club 2 Man1BB Shotgun	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net/ Newton		
Metropolitan (MET) (Cart)	Thu Feb 20	9:30	\$42
	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com/ Rittweger		
Canyon Lakes (CLK) (Cart)	Mon Feb 24	9:30	\$41
	Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com/ Im		
San Jose Muni (SJM)	Thu Feb 27	9:30	\$45
	Taboada 925-785-4318 tjaboada(at)earthlink.net/ Holman		
Castlewood CC Hill (CWH) (Cart,Range)	Mon Mar 2	10:00	\$105
This is special - Try it	Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandela(at)comcast.net/ Im		

GOLF RESULTS

Mattson Shoots His Age and the Round of the Month

Don Mattson is the latest SIR to shoot his age or better. Don carded an 86 playing Blackhorse on Nov. 4. Pretty awesome for an 87-year old! His net 59 was 6.1 strokes under the course rating, so he also earned Round of the Month honors.

Club Champs: McGrath wins Gross, Danver takes Net

Rich McGrath won this year's Low Gross Club Championship by 6 strokes over **Joe Cioni**. Rich and Joe were tied at 84 after the first round, but Rich pulled away with an 81 in the second round for a total of 165. **Chris Goodman** and **Jay Jonekait** trailed Rich and Joe with matching scores of 176.

Andy Danver led wire to wire in capturing the Low Net Club Championship. He shot 63-65 for a total of 128. **Benjamin Gikis** finished second with 130 (65-65) and **Jay Jonekait** was third with 134 (70-64).

The Round of the Year Belongs to Dave Ogle

Dave Ogle had the most outstanding round of the year. On April 11 at Las Positas he shot a net 53, which was **13.4** strokes below the course rating of 66.4. Dave had a heck of a year, shooting a round that was 10.4 strokes under in June and one that was 9.2 under in March.

Drama on the 18th at the Four-Ball Match Play Championship

Ron Nakamoto and **Tim O'Meara** (N/O team) teed it up against **Joe Cioni** and **Phil Vanderwerf** (C/V team) at San Jose Muni to determine who would hoist the 2019 Four-Ball Match Play trophy. To reach the finals the C/V team had to grind out a victory over 36 holes against **Al Bush** and **Rich McGrath**, while the N/O team needed to vanquish former champions **Jay Jonekait** and **Ron Lau** their semifinal match. C/V jumped out to an early lead on the first hole with Phil the only player to par. The lead was extended to 2 up on the par 3 fourth thanks to Cioni's par. The teams traded a couple of holes through the rest of the front nine and C/V were 2 up at the turn.

Vanderwerf made a nice two-putt par on 10 to get his team 3 up. Was the N/O team waving the white flag? No way! They didn't get to the finals by laying down. They came back with a vengeance on the eleventh as Nakamoto with his Scotty Cameron putter rolled in a curling 5 footer for a net birdie. He followed with a brilliant tee shot on the par 3 12th and made the 6 foot birdie putt. O'Meara then got into the act with a net birdie on the 13th to square the match with five holes to play.

Both teams squandered opportunities on the 14th so the match went to the difficult 15th hole, a long, dog-leg left par 4. Cioni pitched up and sunk a six foot putt for a par and put the pressure on Nakamoto to sink his four foot putt to tie. Ron missed, and the C/V team went one up with three to play. Was this the final turning point in the match? On the 16th, with no player on the green in regulation, Cioni chipped to within 2 feet. N/O graciously conceded the putt, and C/V were dormie.

But the N/O team again battled back. O'Meara hit a nice tee shot on the par 3 17th and made a net birdie to send the match to the final hole with C/V still up by a stroke.

The 18th hole is a long par 5 with an undulating green with severe slopes. Vanderwerf was the only player to reach in regulation. Cioni's chip left him with 7 feet to save par. Nakamoto hit a brilliant wedge shot and lay four within 5 feet of the pin. O'Meara chipped his fifth shot to within 2 feet, leaving him with a short put for net par.

That's when the golf Gods made their presence felt. Vanderwerf three-putted for a bogie. Cioni missed his sidehill par putt. If either Ron or Tim sank their short putt, they would tie the match. But Nakamoto missed his wicked downhill and O'Meara's short curling putt did not find the cup. Cioni and Vanderwerf secured the victory by the narrowest of margins.

Correction

Last month's Golf Column incorrectly reported the winner of the first semifinal match. **Tim O'Meara** and **Ron Nakamoto** were the winners, as shown below.

2019 Team Match Play Tournament Results

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
Semifinal	Shoreline	O'Meara & Nakamoto def. R. Lau & Jonekait	4 & 3	\$10@
Semifinal	Corica Park	Cioni & Vanderwerf def. Bush & McGrath	2 & 1	\$10@
Final	San Jose	Cioni & Vanderwerf def. O'Meara & Nakamoto	1 up	\$10@

San Jose Country Club

Oct. 28, 2019

Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Rittweger J	71	\$18	Pattisson R	65	\$18	Gikis Ben	71	\$18
Davis James	72	\$14	Newton Ken	67	\$14	Ogle Dave	72	\$14
Cioni Joe	73	\$10	Schutz Paul	69	\$10	Wong Peter	74	\$10
Jonekait Jay	78	\$5	Scardino Stan	72	\$5	O'Meara Tim	76	\$5
Closest-to-pin Dist.			Closest-to-pin Dist.			Closest-to-pin Dist.		
Rittweger J	17'0"	\$2	No CTP winners			No CTP winners		
Low Gross: John Rittweger 87								

Corica Park South

Oct. 31, 2019

Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Nakamoto Ron	65	\$18	Gikis Benjamin	65	\$18
Jonekait Jay	67	\$14	Lau Peter	65	\$14
Rittweger John	70	\$10	Mattson Don	69	\$10
Closest-to-pin			Closest-to-pin		
Miles Les	24' 4"	\$2	O'Meara Tim	15' 9"	\$2
Bush Alex	25' 0"	\$1	Ogle Dave	47' 1"	\$1
Low Gross: Jay Jonekait and John Rittweger tied with 88					

Blackhorse

Nov. 4, 2019

Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Bush Alex	68	\$22	Mattson Don	59	\$17
Nakamoto Ron	68	\$16	Holman Jim	60	\$10
Newton Ken	69	\$12	Gikis Benjamin	67	\$5
Garten Bob	72	\$7			
Closest-to-pin			Closest-to-pin		
Bush Alex	18' 2"	\$2	Narva Jim	27' 7"	\$2
Vanderwerf Phil	19' 2"	\$1	Holman Jim	28' 8"	\$1
Low Gross: Alex Bush 81					

Baylands (Club Champ Rnd 1)

Nov. 7, 2019

Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Davis James	65	\$22	Danver Andy	63	\$22	Gikis Ben	65	\$21
Cioni Joe	66	\$16	Schutz Paul	69	\$16	Ogle Dave	69	\$16
Miles Les	66	\$12	Metheany B	70	\$12	O'Meara Tim	72	\$10
Lau Ron	68	\$7	Wilson Dick	70	\$7	Narva Jim	74	\$5
Closest-to-pin Dist.			Closest-to-pin Dist.			Closest-to-pin Dist.		
Garten Bob	5'7"	\$2	Scardino Stan	38'1"	\$2	Kalsi Balbir	17'6"	\$2
Cioni Joe	20'6"	\$1						
Low Gross: Joe Cioni and Rich McGrath tied with 84								

Poppy Ridge (Club Champ Rnd 2)

Nov. 11, 2019

Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Jonekait Jay	64	\$22	Scardino Stan	64	\$22	Kalsi Balbir	62	\$18
Goodman C	64	\$16	Danver Andy	65	\$16	Gikis Ben	65	\$14
Jones Ken	64	\$11	Im Sam	66	\$11	O'Meara Tim	67	\$10
McGrath Rich	68	\$6	Newton Ken	69	\$6	Ogle Cave	67	\$5
Closest-to-pin Dist.			Closest-to-pin Dist.			Closest-to-pin Dist.		
Lau Ron	9'10"	\$2	Scardino Stan	11'7"	\$2	Mattson Don	17'11"	\$2
Goodman C	19'5"	\$1	Ososkie Jerry	18'11"	\$1	Wong Peter	31'1"	\$1
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 81								

Silver Creek

Nov. 14, 2019

Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Cioni Joe	67	\$18	O'Meara Tim	71	\$18
McGrath Richard	71	\$12	Mattson Don	72	\$14
Newton Ken	71	\$7	Narva Jim	76	\$10
Closest-to-pin			Closest-to-pin		
Vanderwerf Phil	10' 9"	\$2	Tran Man	49' 2"	\$2
McGrath Richard	16' 6"	\$1			
Cioni Joe (extra)	25' 10"	\$1			
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 81					

Half Moon Bay Ocean			Nov. 18, 2019		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Rittweger John	66	\$26	Ogle Dave	67	\$19
Cioni Joe	66	\$21	Enos Joe	68	\$13
Jonekait Jay	69	\$17	Narva Jim	69	\$9
Miles Les	70	\$12			
Butte Eric	71	\$9			
Closest-to-pin	Dist.	Prize	Closest-to-pin	Dist.	Prize
Garten Bob	10' 0"	\$2	Enos Joe	21' 5"	\$2
Davis James	10' 1"	\$1	Rittweger John (extra)	14' 2"	\$1
Low Gross: John Rittweger 84					

San Jose Muni			Nov. 21, 2019		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$
Garten Bob	65	\$18	Wehrman Milt	66	\$18
Rittweger J	66	\$14	Hall Bill	66	\$14
Goodman C	70	\$10	Barkey Stan	68	\$10
Davis James	71	\$5	Newton Ken	69	\$5
Closest-to-pin	Dist.	\$	Closest-to-pin	Dist.	\$
Cioni Joe	38'9"	\$2	Hall Bill	7'7"	\$2
Jones Ken	43'7"	\$1			
Jonekait (xtra)	47'9"	\$1			
Low Gross: Bob Garten and John Rittweger tied at 85					

Sunnyvale Turkey Shoot			Nov. 25, 2019		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$
Cioni Joe	70	*	Wilson Dick	66	*
Garten Bob	71	*	Newton Ken	68	*
Goodman C	71	*	Nakamoto R	69	*
McGrath Rich	73	*	Barkey Stan	73	*
Davis James	75	*	Grace Ron	76	*
Closest-to-pin	Dist.	\$	Closest-to-pin	Dist.	\$
McGrath Rich	26'10"	\$2	Newton Ken	14'11"	\$2
Jonekait J	29'1"	\$1	Nakamoto R	15'2"	\$1
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 83					

* Each foursome decided how it would distribute \$20 of prize money among its players.

Sunnyvale Christmas Ball			Dec. 5, 2019		
Team	Score	Prize	Team	Score	Prize
Garten, Cioni, Rittweger, McGrath	129	\$15@			
Vanderwerf, Ron Lau, Goodman, Rittweger (BD)	133	\$11@			
Danver, Hall, Davis, Peter Lau	139	\$8@			
Closest-to-pin	Dist.	Prize	Closest-to-pin	Dist.	Prize
Garten Bob	26' 6"	\$2	Enos Joe	19' 1"	\$2
Wilson Dick	30' 11"	\$1			
Cioni Joe (extra)	34' 3"	\$1			
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 80					

Boulder Ridge			Dec. 9, 2019		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Goodman Chris	68	\$25	Kalsi Balbir	66	\$17
Miles Les	69	\$19	Tran Man	77	\$10
McGrath Richard	70	\$14	Mattson Don	79	\$5
Rittweger John	71	\$9			
Cioni Joe	74	\$5			
Closest-to-pin	Dist.	Prize	Closest-to-pin	Dist.	Prize
Cioni Joe	16' 0"	\$2	Wong Peter	4' 11"	\$2
Nakamoto Ron	17' 6"	\$1			
Baughner Larry (extra)	21' 4"	\$1			
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 82					

Deep Cliff (Eclectic Round 1)			Dec. 12, 2019		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Garten Bob	55	\$25	Cooley Gerald	54	\$24
Cioni Joe	57	\$20	Tran Man	57	\$18
Pattison Rich	58	\$15	Wong Peter	61	\$12
Davis James	59	\$10	Gikis Benjamin	61	\$8
Nakamoto Ron	59	\$7			
Closest-to-pin	Dist.	Prize	Closest-to-pin	Dist.	Prize
Garten Bob	4' 6"	\$2	Tran Man	19' 0"	\$2
Grace Ron	10' 10"	\$1	Enos Joe	20' 1"	\$1
Low Gross: Bob Garten 68					

Deep Cliff (Eclectic Round 2)			Dec. 16, 2019		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$
Nakamoto R	56	\$18	Scardino Stan	60	\$18
Vanderwerf P	57	\$14	Hall Bill	64	\$14
Cioni Joe	57	\$10	Barkey Stan	67	\$10
Davis James	58	\$5	Pattison Rich	68	\$5
Closest-to-pin	Dist.	\$	Closest-to-pin	Dist.	\$
Davis James	7'5"	\$2	Hall Bill	5'3"	\$2
Jonekait Jay	11'3"	\$1			
Jones K (xtra)	13'4"	\$1			
Low Gross: Joe Cioni 68					

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SIR Branch 35 Activities - January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Deep Cliff Eclectic 3 9:30 a.m.	3 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m.	4
5	6 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Sunnyvale 9:00 a.m.	7 Bowling 12:50 p.m.	8 Trail Birds 10:00 a.m. LA Methodist Church	9 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 1 9:36 a.m. Biking 11:00 a.m. Stevens Creek Trail	10 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m.	11
12	13 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Coyote Creek 9:30 a.m.	14 Bowling 12:50 p.m.	15 Social Hour 11:00 a.m. Trail Bird Rehearsal Book Swap Luncheon 11:55 a.m.	16 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- DeLaveaga 9:30 a.m.	17 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m.	18
19	20 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 2 9:36 a.m.	21 Bowling 12:50 p.m.	22	23 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Spring Valley 10:00 a.m.	24 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m. Hiking 10:00 a.m. TBA	25
26 Trail Tips Cutoff	27 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Poplar Creek 10:00 a.m.	28 Bowling 12:50 p.m.	29	30 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 3 9:36 a.m.	31 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m.	

2019 Branch 35 Holiday Luncheon

