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Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

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

June 2020

– NEXT MEETING –

3rd Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Social Time 11:45am

Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm

VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

Zoom instructions will be sent via email before the meeting.

PROGRAM

Speaker: *Edward Karpman, MD, FACS*

Topic: *"Sex and the Senior Male"*



Our speaker for June 17th will discuss a topic that has already created great anticipation among our members. Dr. Ed Karpman is the head of the Male Health Center for El Camino Hospital. He leads a team of doctors who specialize in diagnosis and treatment of erectile dysfunction, urinary issues and prostate problems. He has written and taught extensively on these subjects and developed unique surgical solutions for his patients.

Dr. Karpman joined the practice of El Camino Urology Medical Group, Inc. after completing his fellowship in Male Reproductive and Sexual Medicine and Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX and his residency at the University of California, Davis. He is a national proctor for the minimally invasive penile implant procedure and Greenlight laser procedure and has developed and published his own technique for laser enucleation (*a type of laser surgery used to treat blockage of urine flow*) of the prostate.

This will be a great time to invite a guest to join us for this Virtual Luncheon Meeting.

The Big Sir Says . . .

Social Succezz...

195 people attended our Branch 35 Virtual Luncheon Meeting using Zoom on May 20th. Because this was the first large SIR virtual meeting using Zoom, we had guests from over 10 other branches and the State President in attendance. More importantly we had over 165 Branch 35 members on-line. Were you there? Our next one will be on June 17th.



We wanted this Zoom experience to be a time to see old friends so we created a social half-hour beginning at 12:00 noon. In "Gallery Mode" we saw 25 of our friends on the screen and scrolled left and right to see more pages. We saw friends with longer hair, beards and wearing weird clothes. Many had others with them and were eating lunch.

If you weren't there someone missed you.

Our guest speaker, Carl Guardino, shared slides to give us an update on Silicon Valley Leadership Group accomplishments and how they are organizing to re-open Silicon Valley slowly and carefully from "shelter-in-place". He took questions from members who typed them into Zoom chat boxes or raised their hands to be called on by one of the two Branch 35 meeting moderators.

On June 17th, Dr. Edward Karpman, Head of the Male Health Center at El Camino Hospital will join us using Zoom to talk about **"Sex and the Senior Male"**. The social gathering time will be extended to both 45 minutes before and after the meeting. To make conversations easier, attendees can separate into smaller "breakout" groups. Everyone will return for the formal meeting which will again include birthday celebrations, and a Zoom door prize.

You have to be there to win - so don't miss it!!

Slowly we are restarting our activities. Bicycling and golf begin after June 13th. And we are learning how to socialize in a new way. Bocce Ball, Bridge, the Book Club and others are meeting on-line. Now's your chance to join one of our 14 activities without leaving home. Go to our website at www.sirinc2.org/branch35/ to find an activity chairman and then contact him to join in the fun.

Most importantly...Stay Safe, Healthy and a Physical Distance from Others,

Andy

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JUNE 2020 ROSTER

Active Members: 332 Net Monthly Change: -1

NEW MEMBERS

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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

Bruce Firpo	22	Herb Petersen	13
Chuck Huff	20	Frank Verlot	13
John Gerich	17	David Skurnick	12
John Goldsborough	16	Ken Jones	11
Ken Newton Jr.	16	Keith Howell	10
Jack Wu	14	Bill Monroe	10
Gerry Cooley	13		

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Arden Anderson	Howard Kalt	Ken Nix
Joe Enos	Don Lintz	Bob Simon
John Galli	John Lucero	Paul Suchma
John Gerich	John Manning	Gordon Tong
Art Hammar	Don Mattson	Hal Toppel
Carl Hellman	Richard Moll	Dick Wilson
Chuck Huff	Bill Moniz	Dick Wolden
Mike Humphries	Gordon Mullin	John Wong
Jay Jonekait	Ken Naylor	

BIRTHDAY WINNERS

Birthday Winners for the past three months were:

March – Jim Holman

April – Jim Lunt

May – Bob Sutis

The prize is a \$25 gift card to a local establishment. Gift Cards will come in the US Mail by June 8th.

Beginning in June the winner will be randomly drawn from those with a birthday that month. The winner must be present at the Virtual Luncheon Meeting to win.

BIKING

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2nd Thursday of each month, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome Rain cancels ride; Helmet mandatory

When SIR asked for plans to reopen the 2nd Thursday of the month bicycle ride, they wanted the plans to be exceedingly conservative. The two overriding issues for approval were to be legal (insurance coverage) and health (social distancing), so the following were given to the Branch Executive Committee:

1. For the safety of all of our riders, ride only if one is feeling 100% healthy.
2. We will designate a lead rider at the front of the group and a designated sweeper behind the last rider. All riders will stay between the designated lead and sweeper.
3. Riders must wear a biking helmet and some type of face mask. Riders are encouraged to bring a hand sanitizer because public restrooms may not always be open.
4. We will stagger riders in groups of 2-3 with the first group departing, followed by the next group of riders 2-3 minutes later and continue with this staggered process until all riders have departed.
5. Riders will ride single file and maintain a minimum 50' distance from the rider immediately in front. Riders can pass each other as long as there is a safe margin to pass.
6. When the lead rider stops for a group water or restroom break, all riders will stop and maintain a minimum 6' distance from each other.
7. Riders are encouraged to bring their lunch or order takeout food. The designated lead rider will find a suitable area to eat lunch and ensure proper social distancing.
8. Ride back to our designated ride starting point in the same manner.

We are happy to announce that these plans to reopen under the SIR banner were approved. We were given permission to have the June 11, 2020 ride as a SIR event. These plans were thought out and are intended to be carried out for the health of the SIR riders and those that are around them.

Guadalupe River Trail – Alviso to Downtown San Jose

We would like to see new people come out for this ride. It is flat except for a few underpasses. Just use the bicycle you have, make sure the tires can hold air, bring a helmet, have fun with us.

The ride: We begin the ride at the trail head on Gold Street in Alviso and follow the paved trail past San Jose Mineta Airport and on to Coleman Avenue where we will have lunch at Panera Bakery. We will return on the same route for a round trip of approximately 17 miles.

New Directions: Take Highway 101 south, to eastbound Highway 237 (toward Alviso and Milpitas). Go 2 1/2 miles and take the exit marked "Lafayette and Great America Parkway." At the intersection, turn Left on Lafayette and then immediately get into the right turn lane. The next traffic light intersection is "Gold St. Connector". Turn right. Go about 1/4 mile to another traffic light. This is Gold Street. Turn left and go about 1/4 mile. When you see a yellow traffic sign that warns of a "Narrow Bridge Ahead" prepare to turn right into the new Alviso Educational Center parking lot. Park there.

To ride or for info, contact me (see above), or Gordon Tong gordy6850@gmail.com

HIKING

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There will be no SIR hike in June.

Keep your calendars open for the fourth Friday in future months. Whenever SIR activities can resume, we will schedule a hike. In the meantime we are continuing the fourth Wednesday Zoom session hosted by Peter Thurston.

SIR Hikers Coffee

Wednesday, June 24-11:00am – 12:00pm
Recurring monthly on the fourth Wednesday

To Join Zoom Meeting - Click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84771246495?pwd=dVg1MGhhR3B4M01KeWg2RXJ4MFhsZz09>

Enter this information into your Zoom client program or app

Meeting ID: 847 7124 6495

Password: 016390

Dial In on Phone: +1 669 900 9128

BOCCE BALL

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Bocce Ball play has been suspended until further notice.

So far, the City of Mountain View will not allow Bocce Ball to be played at Cuesta Park since it involves, among other issues, the use of shared playing equipment. We are monitoring that situation and when it will allow our return to Cuesta Park, we will announce it to those on our email list and in Trail Tips. We are also exploring other options for a re-start of our Bocce playing.

In the meantime, we have enjoyed virtual contact with fellow players through **"Sir Bocce Ball Coffee."** As reported last month in Trail Tips, we hold this virtual chat through Zoom starting at 10:45 am each Friday and continuing until noon. Our host is Peter Thurston. If you would like to join us for this, you should contact Peter for the meeting link. We have experienced a variety of comments and inputs including visuals from hikes in the hills to a fascinating exposition by one of our players who has had an in-depth experience in virology and gave us helpful insights in lay terms for how we can deal with this virus and stay better protected."

BOWLING

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Bowling is postponed until we receive an OK from SIR - and when Homestead Bowl reopens.

When a probable "start date" is announced, bowlers will receive an email to get the number of bowlers that are ready to continue at that time.

Items of concern:

- A. We're the targeted age group.
- B. Will we maintain the 6 feet of separation?
- C. Will masks be required?

We'll get input on these three items, as needed, from Homestead Bowl.

TRAVEL

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SEE THE JUNE TRAVEL BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

Also see this article from the HuffPost:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/experts-predict-how-coronavirus-will-change-travel_1_5ea208bfc5b669fd8921b59c

GOLF

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EXPECT BRANCH 35 GOLF TO BE DIFFERENT IN JUNE

Because golf courses are not permitting gatherings before or after a round and many are insisting that players depart immediately after completing a round, we will not be playing for any prizes, for either net scores or CTP.

Here are the changes we will be incorporating for our tournaments for the duration of golf course restrictions:

- **If you have a fever, cough or other COVID-19 symptoms you should not go to the golf course!**
- **If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 you should inform everyone you have played golf with or interacted closely with in the past 14 days.**
- All members who enter a tournament should review the "NCGA Tournament Golf Procedures during COVID-19 Pandemic" for guidance.
- With all the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19, administering a SIR tournament in the traditional fashion will be difficult, at best. In addition, with no gathering before or after a round in place, the T/C (Tournament Coordinator) might not be permitted to stay around to collect scorecards or the CTP (Closest to Pin) kit. And if he is permitted or wishes to remain, then the scorecards should be sanitized before he collects them.
- So, we will play whatever tournaments that are permitted by the courses scheduled. There will be no prizes for either scores or CTP's. The T/C will pay the course with a check (if permitted) or credit card, if necessary, and be immediately reimbursed.
- Rounds played under these conditions will not be considered for Golfer of the Year points. Also, because of car-pooling restrictions and hesitancy to play due to the virus, not all players would be willing to participate.
- Note that driving ranges and putting greens may not be open, bunkers may or may not be treated as Ground Under Repair, a ball holed out is treated differently at different courses, etc.
- The T/C may either prepare scorecards ahead of time with handicap strokes provided or prepare a list for each group scorekeeper with the handicap strokes.
- Each group will have a designated scorekeeper. The scorekeeper should be a person familiar with the maximum score per hole under the new handicapping system. He will verify the scores at the end of the round with each player. If the T/C doesn't stay around to collect scorecards, the scorekeeper will e-mail the scores to the T/C immediately upon arriving home.
- To keep things simple, we will have single tee tournaments so only one course handicap will be in effect.
- When the T/C has received all scores, he can prepare a listing to be entered into the Golf Handicap & Information Network system.
- Players will only be charged for green and cart fees.

Beginning to use Zoom

Zoom is one of a number of web-based applications which make it easy to communicate over the internet both visually (video camera) and/or verbally (microphone). It runs on a desktop, laptop, tablet and smartphone. The bigger your display, the newer your computer and the faster your internet connection the better your experience.

There is great Zoom documentation on the internet. Zoom has lots on www.zoom.us and so does YouTube www.youtube.com (search for “How to use Zoom”). For a quick overview of Zoom functions find/click **Zoom – SUPER-EASY-GUIDE.pdf** which is available on the Branch 35 website.

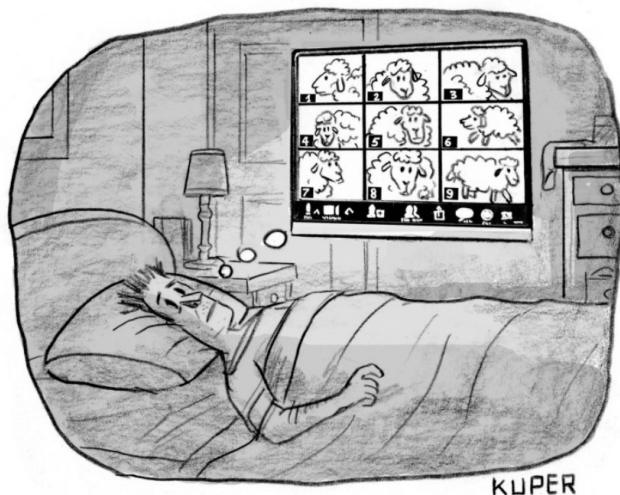
It easiest to use Zoom if you create a FREE “Basic” account at Zoom.us which downloads the Zoom application to your device. Once you have a FREE “Basic” account you should go to your “PROFILE” and **edit your full desired name** (Joe Jones) so that others know who you are and Branch 35 can check you in as attending one of our sessions. It’s nice if you can **add a picture** that best represents you to others when your camera is turned off.

To make the Zoom screen take up your whole display click on “Full Screen” in the upper right hand corner. To return from “Full Screen” hit the ESC key.

To change how your participants appear on your display you can select “Speaker” mode (the speaker becomes dominate and everyone else is smaller and to the right side) or “Gallery Mode” (multiple participants appear in the same size with usually up to 25 per screen). To select the desired view click on the desired label in the upper right hand corner of the display. The label shows the mode you want to move to.

To best watch a presentation with Zoom make the presentation and the speaker appear side by side (you can change the size of each by sliding the divider left and right). To setup side by side click on the yellow “View Options” button on the top of your screen and towards the bottom of the now visible selections click on “Side x Side”.

There is so much more you can do with Zoom but this will get you started. For answers to frequently asked question go to the Branch 35 website or click here [Zoom FAQs & Guidance](#).



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.

CHRIS LEACH

Editor's Note: As we just enjoyed Memorial Day, I thought it appropriate to highlight one of our members who lived through WW II. The bombing of Britain started in June 1940 with the German "Blitz", and evolved to intermittent raids from 1941-43, then to the "Baby Blitz" from Nov. 1943 – Jan. 1944 and finally, to the campaign of flying bombs (V1) and rockets (V2) from June 1944 – March 1945. The total deaths from these attacks was estimated at 43,000. This month's Member Profile starts with this member's memory of his early childhood in Wales during World War II.



I was born in 1938 in the town of Dorking, Surrey, England. In early 1943, I was sent with my sister to a Butlins Holiday Camp in North Wales to avoid the German V bombs and stayed there until the end of the war in 1945. My Dad worked for the Ministry of Food as a principal, recounting attending cabinet meetings with Winston Churchill

presiding. *(Editor's note: During World War II, England elevated their Food Department to a cabinet level Ministry to oversee the management and production of all foods, diet and health for its citizens. The Ministry of Foods under Lord Woolton, immediately enforced rationing and promoted various diet plans. One such plan was termed a "basal diet" which consisted of potatoes, bread, vegetables, oatmeal, fat, some milk, and no meat. The plan was reviewed and vetoed by Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, who enjoyed his food. Appalled at the idea of such a spartan approach, he wrote to Lord Woolton, "The way to lose the war is to try to force the British public into a diet of milk, oatmeal, potatoes etc. washed down on gala occasions with a little lime juice.")*

I was educated at St Aubyn's Rottingdean Sussex and then Marlborough College, both private schools. I graduated with a Business degree and most remember the wonderful friendships I made and the awful food we endured. (Our dining hall chefs may have continued to practice their war diet skills.)

Immediately after graduation, I entered and served my two years of National Service with Her Majesty's British Army as a Second Lieutenant. I served with the Royal Hampshire Infantry Regiment near Lemgo near Bielefeld (Old Gestapo Barracks) in Northern Germany. Our principal mission in 1957 was to constantly train to repel an attack from the Russians, previously, our ally in 1945. I recall the endless lectures on Russian behavior and tactics and how their troops would train to dig holes in the snow and wait for days to later emerge to defend their position. We, with our cotton uniforms and inadequate shoes had a difficult time doing the same, even with the famous English "stiff upper lip" demeanor. These NATO winter exercises were joint operations so our (now) German allies would

participate, positioned on our flank. While we endured the bitter cold, ate cold rations from our tins, and drank from our cold canteens, our German brethren, outfitted in their wool, winter uniforms, thick socks and winter boots, would dine on hot meals and drink from their steaming cups, provided by their meal trucks that pulled up next to their position. I wondered, who rescued who?

After my service was completed, I resigned and decided to work for British Steel. I chose the job because it required nine months of International travel per year. I specialized in export sales of hot and cold rolled sheet to Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, India and Pakistan. In the post WW II period, steel was an important, in-demand commodity for the extensive construction and manufacturing occurring throughout Europe. East Germany was a huge, highly profitable market for hot and cold rolled sheet. I also secured big sales in Scandinavia from Volvo and Saab. I qualified for a company expense account, so I stayed at the best hotels, enjoyed the most wonderful meals, and entertained clients at the many attractions around the city. My only rub during this period was having to return to my small, dingy apartment in London between trips and eat those bland English meals.

My father would periodically host formal functions which is where in 1964 I met Joe Wilson, Founder and CEO of Xerox. He offered me a job in sales in New Haven, CT. I was their first British sales rep to be hired which worked out well as they had plans to expand to England. In 1969, I was promoted and sent to Rank Xerox in London, UK as a Marketing Specialist. *(Editor's note: Rank Xerox was a joint venture between Xerox Corp and Rank Organization to manufacture and market Xerox equipment to Europe, Africa, and Asia.)* Xerox Learning Systems, at that time was known for providing excellent training such as "Professional Selling Skills" which I received. This training was excellent and helped me throughout my life.

I spent a year at Rank Xerox and was able to tailor a highly successful education plan for Scandinavia. I returned to America and worked for seven years in various sales and marketing positions with Xerox until Joe decided to leave Xerox to allow him more time to pursue his philanthropic interests. Coincidentally, after eight fantastic years I decided to move on. I joined Pitney Bowes which at that time held 90 % market share of the mail market, postage meter business and had recently expanded to computerized cash registers. I played a key role in convincing the company to enter and compete in the plain paper copier business. The copier business at that time was dominated by Xerox, IBM, and the Japanese companies. My strategy was to sell a low cost, easy to use, plain paper copier to our customer base of small businesses that used our postage meters. (Most copiers at that time used expensive, special photography paper.) I spent the next 24 years executing the company's entry and growth in this market. We achieved over \$200M of sales and I exited as Vice President for the Mid-Atlantic Region for the company.

I did well, took early retirement, and after a month's stay at home, my wife came up to me one day and said, "It's time for you to get another job." I guess they can tell when you are restless. I knew I was good at working with people and after some searching ended up as a consultant specializing in outplacement counselling, working out of Horsham, PA. I specialized in helping senior Executives find a new job and career. This turned out to be the most satisfying job that I have ever had. I worked as a consultant for the next twelve years and eventually retired at the age of 72. I don't remember how many

people I placed but it was a lot. I do remember my most challenging group of thirty, laid off Managing Directors from Bear Sterns when their company narrowly avoided bankruptcy with a convenient buyout by JP Morgan. Not all ... but many were bitter, prima donnas and forgot what it was like to look for and interview for a job. Harumph!

I met my wife through my roommate who tried to get us together. After some six months we managed to finally get together on a blind date to Guy Fawkes Restaurant and Bar on 14th and 1st Ave in New York City. We immediately hit it off, had a great time, and after a period of courtship, we decided to get married. I can say that I have been happily married to my wife Dee for some 52 years. We have two children, my son David who works in Finance and Susan, my daughter who is a "Charge" Neo-natal ICU nurse at CPMC.

All in all, we have moved some twelve times and now reside in San Mateo. In retirement, my routine includes periodically attending the Peninsula Speaker series, working out in the gym (I have a personal trainer twice a week and walk two plus miles, daily), and reading the business and stock market news daily (I love to buy "beaten down stocks"). My wife and I travel extensively. My best trip was travelling from Cairo to the Aswan Dam. Our best site visit was to Tutankhamen's Tomb. I most remember how friendly the people were to us. Our second-best trip was on a cruise from Dubai through Oman up to Jordan to visit Petra, the ancient capital of the Nabatean Kingdom in southern Jordan.

As I reflect on my life, I have to say that my proudest moments were getting married to my wife and obtaining US citizenship in 1991. I have to say that the citizenship gauntlet process was long, and taxing on your patience at times. But, when I was finally sworn in by the judge, I felt so proud and happy to become an American, a Yank!

I will wrap this up by saying that I think SIR is a great club with very nice members. I hope to meet some of you in the coming months. Until then, a friendly "Cheerio" will do.

Coffee with the Boys

During our "shelter in place" time, Zoom has become a sort of social lifeline for many of us. I have set up a recurring weekly time for Coffee with the Boys on Zoom to stay in touch with several of my SIR friends. We just check in like we would if we were car-pooling to a golf outing or having a cup of coffee at Starbucks. We share projects we are working on around the house, books we are reading, movies we are watching or opinions we want to share. All it takes is one of us to sign on to Zoom and schedule the meeting. Invitations are sent to anyone you want to invite. Included in the invitation is a link. When it is time to join the meeting, participants just click on the link and they are connected to the meeting. This can be done through a computer or smartphone. If the call is less than 40 minutes, it is free. Try it and stay in touch with your fellow Sirs.

Stan Barkey, Little Sir

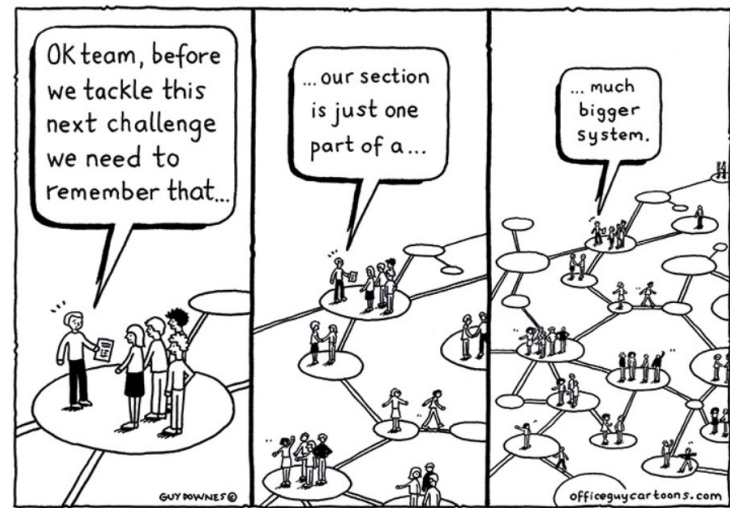
DINING IN

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Dining In Group 3 came up with the idea of a virtual happy hour using our new-to-us service - **Zoom** - to get together and enjoy some wine and conversation at the appointed time.

PICNIC

Picnic is postponed until late September.
Stay tuned for updates as things are changing rapidly.



Planning for the Picnic



Adam
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I hate when everyone turns their camera off during Zoom lectures it's so awkward. My prof just asked a question and it felt like this.



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GOLF

SIGN-UP for the following by June 12th with John Gerich,
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SIGN-UP with John Gerich by		Fri Jun 12	
Moffett Field (MFD) (Cart)	Mon Jul 6	9:30	\$41
Wilson 408-996-0689 rd.wilson(at)comcast.net/ Barkey			
Monterey Pines (MPN) (Meal)	Thu Jul 9	9:32	\$40
Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com/ Hall			
Cinnabar Hills (CBH) (Range)	Mon Jul 13	9:30	\$71
Taboada 925-785-4318 ttaboada(at)earthlink.net/ Hall			
Coyote Creek - T (CCT)	Thu Jul 16	9:30	\$85
Barnhart 408-960-6674 terry.b2007(at)sbcglobal.net/ Barkey			
Lake Chabot (LCH) (Cart,Range)	Mon Jul 20	9:30	\$36
Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com/ McGrath			
SkyWest (SKW)	Thu Jul 23	9:30	\$27
Cloni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com/ Rittweger			
Las Positas (LPS) (Cart)	Mon Jul 27	9:30	\$49
Lau 408-730-9115 ronwjlau@gmail.com/ Holman			
Laguna Seca (LGS) (Cart)	Thu Jul 30	9:30	\$55
Barkey 408-996-3133 stanbarkey(at)gmail.com/ Squellati			
The Villages (VLG) (Cart,Range)	Mon Aug 24	10:00	TBD
SIRs invitational Barnhart 408-960-6674 terry.b2007(at)sbcglobal.net/ Bush			

Not having any Branch 35 results to share, this month's golf column features an amazing record and a few golf jokes.

Bruce Karney, Golf Reporter

FROM THE JOKE BOOK

Desperate for Advice

Dear Abby,

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs. Phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with "the girls" a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her. Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls".

It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the club head.

Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the pro shop where I bought it?

Signed,

Perplexed

FROM THE RECORD BOOK

Women Can Shoot 3 Aces in a Day Too!

In August, 2018, 51-year-old **Ali Gibb** pulled off a miracle by making three holes-in-one during the 36-hole club championship at Croham Hurst Golf Club in Surrey, England. In her morning round she aced the 127-yard 5th hole, and she did it again in the afternoon. Then, just for good measure, got her 3rd hole in one of the day on the 160-yard 11th.

"It's just absolutely extraordinary," Gibb told BBC Sport. "I think I will wake up tomorrow asking if I've just been dreaming about it and if it is club championship day today instead!"

"Our pro, Adam, came up to me and said, 'I've had one hole-in-one in 42 years, you've just had three in five hours,'" Gibb said.

Not surprisingly, Gibb, who said she had three previous aces, won the tournament, successfully defending her club title. But despite the three hole-in-ones, the amateur golfer's two rounds weren't without their hiccups. The six-handicapper made a 9 on the 18th hole in her morning round and started the afternoon round with an 8 on the par-4 first hole. Those bad bogeys kept her from breaking 80 in either round. (Source: *Golf Digest*)

COMPETITION		CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 36 AM		DATE		TIME		HOLE		SCORE		TOTAL		HANDICAP		NETT	
A		GIBB		6		8-15		9-15		393		510		163		2779	
B		GILMAN		12		8-15		9-15		393		510		163		2779	
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A Man with a Plan

A husband and wife were golfing when suddenly the wife asked, "Honey, if I died would you get married again?"

The husband said, "No sweetie."

The woman said, "I'm sure you would."

So the man said, "Okay, I would"

Then the woman asked, "Would you let her sleep in our bed?"

And the man replied, "Ya, I guess so."

Then the wife asked, "Would you let her use my golf clubs?"

And the husband replied, "No, she's left handed."

Between 65 and Death

Jerry Belden sent this in and it is too good to pass up. It is too long to print the whole thing so this is Part One.

Many of us are between 65 and death. An old friend sent me this excellent list for aging, and, I have to agree, it's good advice to follow ... particularly item 19 (*which you can read in Part Three in the August Trail Tips*).

01 – It's time to use the money you saved up. Use it and enjoy it. Don't just keep it for those who may have no notion of the sacrifices you made to get it. Remember there is nothing more dangerous than a son or daughter-in-law with big ideas for your hard-earned capital. Warning: This is also a bad time for investments, even if it seems wonderful or fool-proof. They only bring problems and worries. This is a time for you to enjoy some peace and quiet.

02 – Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren, and don't feel bad spending your money on yourself. You've taken care of them for many years, and you've taught them what you could. You gave them an education, food, shelter and support. The responsibility is now theirs to earn their own money.

03 – Keep a healthy life, without great physical effort. Do moderate exercise (like walking every day), eat well and get your sleep. It's easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. That is why you need to keep yourself in good shape and be aware of your medical and physical needs. Keep in touch with your doctor, do tests even when you're feeling well. Stay informed.

04 – Always buy the best, most beautiful items for your significant other. The key goal is to enjoy your money with your partner. One day one of you will miss the other, and the money will not provide any comfort then, enjoy it together.

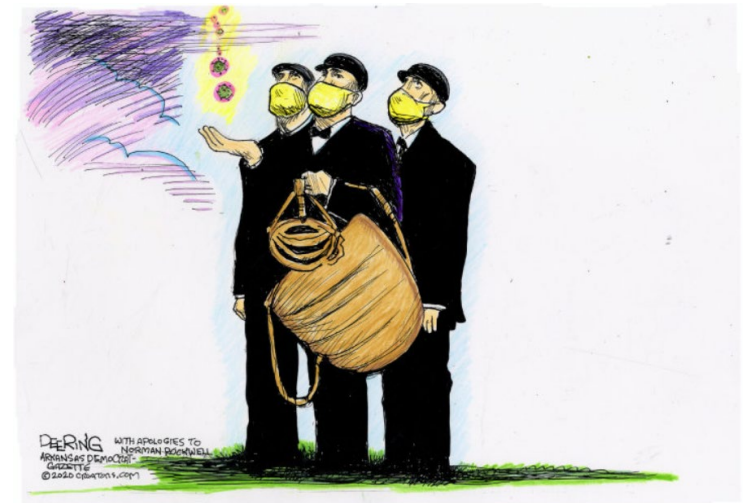
05 – Don't stress over the little things. You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now. Small issues will soon be forgotten.

06 – Regardless of age, always keep love alive. Love your partner, love life, love your family, love your neighbor and remember: *A man is not old as long as he has intelligence and affection.*

07 – Be proud, both inside and out. Don't stop going to your hair salon or barber, do your nails, go to the dermatologist and the dentist, keep your perfumes and creams well stocked. When you are well-maintained on the outside, it seeps in, making you feel proud and strong.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Battered Bastards of Baseball. For those of us missing Baseball, this documentary is the next best thing. True aficionados will love its nuances and back stories. In 1973, Hollywood veteran Bing Russell (Deputy Clem on "Bonanza") created the renowned Portland Mavericks. He fielded a rag tag team of misfits from across the country who all had one thing in common – they loved playing baseball. Cynics predicted doom, but the team was successful in every facet of the game: wins, attendance and fan loyalty. Bing's son, Kurt, even played for the team. They had a woman general manager and invented "Big League Chew". What more could you want? This is their story - enjoy. Not rated but has some rough language. Available on Netflix (*with a subscription*).



General Magic. This documentary chronicles the most important failure in Silicon Valley. In 1990 Apple quietly spun off a group of engineers, programmers and marketers to form General Magic. Their task was to create the first handheld personal communicator, eventually a "smartphone". Amazingly there is a wealth of archival footage that records their personal efforts and commitment to a vision of the future. They work incredibly hard to create a tool that would connect us to the world. Unfortunately, they were ahead of their time and the technology did not yet exist to make it happen. Their efforts met with dreadful failure. The General Magic crew had a number of the celebrated original members of the original Macintosh team. After General Magic went bankrupt, these "Magicians" went on to create the iPod, iPhone, Apple Watch, Android and eBay. Their vision proved prophetic. This is a must see. Rated TV PG for language. It is a Peggy's Pick. Available on Showtime (*with a subscription*).