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TIPS

Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

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

August, 2021



Celebrate with SIR Branch 35 Wednesday August 18th 11:00 to 3:30 (BBQ 11:30-1:00) Blackberry Farms, Cupertino

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- **BBQ'd Ribs, Chicken, Sausages, Hamburger, Hot Dog, Salads, Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks**
- **DJ, Music, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Bingo, and Tomato Tasting contest**
- **A great location – Only 10 miles from the Palo Alto Elks Lodge**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY AUG. 1
SEE PAGES 3&4 TO REGISTER**

The Big Sir Says . . .

50 Years of Friendships

Our picnic this month will celebrate 50 years of Branch 35 activities. Over 200 of us will be enjoying our first in-person gathering since early last year when our entire world changed. We are fortunate that very few of us have directly experienced the Covid 19 Virus and to my knowledge, none of our members have died from it. Your response to our requests for your vaccination information has been very positive and we have been able to resume all of our normal activities by following the protocols required by state and local authorities.

If you have not registered to attend the picnic, you must act quickly. The maximum capacity at Blackberry Farm is 250 and we are very near that number as this newsletter goes to publication. We will not be able to accommodate anyone who has not registered in advance, so please register now.



Return to the Elks Lodge

On September 15th, we will hold our first in person luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge in Palo Alto. Your Branch Executive Committee is working on the details of how we will adapt to the increased need for spacing in the dining area. At this point, we anticipate that advanced reservations will be required so that we can verify that vaccination and signed waiver forms have been completed by everyone in attendance. It is possible that we will have to reduce the number of members and guests who will be allowed to attend. Watch for more information early in September both in Trail Tips and in direct emails from me.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

Stan



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- Level terrain – A short walk from the parking lot
- Cart rides from the parking lot to the site for those requesting it in advance



Free!! Please register by August 1st





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- SIR Branch 35's 50th Anniversary
- Re-Opening of In-Person Lunches

Wednesday August 18th - 11:00-3:30



Free to All!! Please register by August 1st

Member Name: _____

Spouse/Partner/Guest Name(s): _____

Indicate number of people for each entrée desired (VegiBurger on request only)

Ribs ___ Chicken ___ Sausages ___ Hamburger ___ Hot Dog ___ VegiBurger ___

Indicate here if your health requires a cart ride from parking lot ____

Email to Andy Danver: adanver@ix.netcom.com

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**SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF
LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19****Branch Name: Mission Trails****Branch Number: 35**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above ("Branch") is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated ("State Sir") to agree to the following:

1. In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.
2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.
3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.
4. The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY. FURTHER, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION BELOW IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

Type of Vaccine _____ **Vaccination Dates:** _____

Activities – This waiver applies to all Branch 35 meetings and activities.

Attendee's Name (print): _____

Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once you sign this document, it is valid for all future Branch and or State activities.

Fax completed form to: 408-725-2995 Email scanned form to: stanbarkey1@gmail.com

Or mail to Stan Barkey, 21905 Meadowview Lane, Cupertino, CA 95014

AUGUST 2021 ROSTER

Active Members: 323 **Net Monthly Change: 0**

NEW MEMBER



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Palo Alto, CA 94301 PreCyte, Affymetrix,
Wagner Associates
No Activities

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

Ed Pausa	21	Tom Moulton	14
John Brittain	17	Dave Squellati	14
Miles Johnson	15	Milt Wehrman	14
Richard Moll	15	Terry Hayes	11
Terry Barnhart	14		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Philip Bencivenga	Peter Meigs	Vern Schmidt
Larry Dike	Dave Ogle	Dave Squellati
Herb Fischgrund	Jerry Ososkie	Doug Tanner
Wayne Grove	Dick Peacock	Mark Temme
Sam Im	Glen Pedigo	Tim Topole
Ken Jones	Carl Plescia	Dick Treakele
Mike Kirst	Cliff Reinhardt	Pete Van Kuran
Rich Lange	John Rinehart	Ed White
John Lehner	Stan Scardino	

July Virtual Birthday Winner

Jim Narva

DINING IN

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Dining In is designed to meet new people through pot luck dinners in private homes (for couples). If you are interested in joining or need more information contact me - alangaudie@yahoo.com

WINE FINDERS

ALAN GAUDIE 650-964-6510
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This activity's objective is to find good wine at a reasonable price and have fun through "blind" tasting and grading of various wines. Our first meeting on July 24th was a great success when we found that more people liked the lowest cost wines and had a lot of fun. For more complete details on how this works see the July trail tips. Contact me to sign up or if you have questions at alangaudie@yahoo.com.



TOMATO TASTING AT THE PICNIC

Don't forget to bring your prized tomatoes to the August Picnic at Blackberry Farms. We will have the spirited tasting event this year at the picnic. Dave Ogle, Bob Garten, Ben Gikis, Jeff Jenks among others will be challenging each other for 2021 bragging rights. Let's see who can produce the best tasting beefsteak, classic salad and/or cherry tomatoes. The contest will start at 11:15 am and end at 12:15 am. If you are interested in entering the contest or you or your significant other would like to be a judge, please contact Jerry Ososkie at jcososkie@SBCglobal.net.

BIKING

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2nd Thursday— August 13, 2021, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome, Rain cancels, Helmet mandatory

San Lorenzo Bay Trail Ride: The ride is from San Lorenzo to Oakland Airport to Bay Farm Island. It is a very scenic, bay front trail that's paved and level (including 1-2 miles of riding through quiet residential streets)-about 22 miles round trip. We stop about half-way for lunch and a little social time. The trail can get a bay breeze so please bring light windbreaker or vest. This ride is much like the Oracle Redwood Shores ride, but on the East Bay.

Please open the link below to see Maps #8 and #9 which show the trail we'll be riding. At the top of Map #8 it shows where the paved trail starts at Grant Avenue in San Lorenzo <http://baytrail.org/get-on-the-trail/map-by-number/san-leandro-to-bay-farm-island/>.

Driving Directions: From Silicon Valley take I-880 heading North, exit on Hesperian Blvd (about 20 miles from Mt View/Palo Alto) turning left on to Hesperian Blvd, then right on Grant Avenue and turn right into the trail parking lot (near the end of Grant). The address of the parking lot is 2639 Grant Ave, San Lorenzo, GPS coordinates: 37.669465,-122.157571.

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

Let us know if you are coming so we can wait for you (the traffic may take little time).

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.

Gary Larson

Editor's note: This has been one of my most challenging interviews to date. It's one, that I wanted to do for several years but was delayed by world events, the subject's and his family's health and other personal challenges. With the help of fellow members and his family I was finally able to record Gary's story. To be able to capture a fellow member's life story, in print, for his family's keepsake, is a key reason for these articles. I am proud to say, here is this month's Member Profile for Gary Larson.



Gary was born in 1933 at Humboldt Hospital, the only hospital in Humboldt County at the time, built by Pacific Lumber Company (PALCO). (*Editor's note: PALCO was the major logging and sawmill company in California, headquartered in Scotia, the town that they built.*) His mother said that Gary's was a normal birth, and all was fine until thirty minutes later when she felt a sharp pain. The doctor was called back, discovered, and delivered another baby, his twin brother. Gary mused, "Those town doctors were really practiced with men and their physical injuries and not so much with women."

"My father worked in the post office and moved around to where there was a need. The family moved from Scotia to Fortuna and later to Daly City, near San Francisco where his office was the mail bus and train that delivered and picked up mail all along the small towns in Northern California. My grandfather was Italian, and my mother would often tell me stories about how he was a professional gambler in the North Beach area of San Francisco. He did that for many years and did well but knew that the longer he played the odds of his continuing to win would be stacked against him. Fortunately, just before the earthquake and fire a friend suggested he come up to the Scotia area to where he bought land that the lumber company had harvested and wanted to get off their books. He even bought the one hotel in Scotia."

"By the time I was born, he had a large ranch and as young kids we would often travel and stay for the summers. We worked feeding the sheep, pigs, and chickens. We milked the cows, bailed hay, cut and stacked the wood pile as pretty much everything then, was fueled with firewood. My brother and I would often try to finish our chores as quickly as we could so we could get out and explore and fish in the Eel and Mattole rivers, and generally goof off until dinner. One of the only times I can recall getting in trouble was when we would

take the short cut to school and hop the logs to the schoolhouse. The holding area was full of very large redwood tree trunks waiting for the sawmill so 'hopping the logs' was mostly safe. So why were those guys yelling at us?

"I attended Jefferson High School in Daily City and was active in sports, playing baseball, basketball and was on the school swim team. In my senior year the family moved to Redwood City. My brother and I didn't want to transfer to a new school, so I bought a car and commuted for the last six months until I graduated. My brother and I were in different classes, so I never saw him until it was time to drive back home. One day, the principal, called me into his office and asked where my brother was as he had not attended classes for two weeks. When I saw him, I found out he and his buddy were hopping the bus to San Francisco's Market Street area, taking in movies, and visiting the sights there and hooking up with an Air Force recruiter. I was never much interested in school. On the weekends, we would usually go out to Lake Merced Country Club to caddie. We would usually make \$2 to caddie while the occasional big tipper would pay us \$3-plus 25 cents tip for a "double bag" (carry two players golf bags). When Cokes were 5 cents, a 25 cents tip was good money and a dollar made for a great day."

"After I graduated from high school, my brother joined the Air Force and in 1952, I was drafted into the Army. This was at the time of the Korean War so soon after I completed my basic training at Fort Ord I was shipped out to Kyushu, Japan with the 24th Infantry Division."

The division was part of the U.S. occupation forces in Japan. They were the first U.S. force deployed to South Korea immediately after North Korea launched a 10-division invasion of South Korea in 1950. The division, understaffed and inadequately equipped, suffered significant losses and was subsequently moved back to Japan. Gary was assigned to the 24th Division when it was back in Japan. As a young, disciplined, well-groomed soldier, he was soon assigned to the Honor Guard for the commanding general. As part of the Honor Guard, he would drill to precision formation to serve as the division's drill team in parades and formal ceremonies and to also serve as part of the general's bodyguard.

He recalls how one dark night he almost shot an officer who did not respond to the password challenge. It was a pitch-black night and he heard someone approaching so he called out, "Halt, who goes there?" No response. he called out a second time and did not get the password, only a yell out that he needed to see the general. He recognized the voice of the Lieutenant Colonel so let him pass. The general told him to shoot the next time anyone did not respond. "It was war, and he was not kidding."

"After I got out of the Army, I enrolled at San Mateo Junior College and worked for a while driving trucks as part of the Teamsters union. I worked with heavy equipment as well mostly in construction helping build bridges and roads. I operated backhoes, dug trenches for gas,



Gary in Army Honor Guard

sewer, and water lines. Infrastructure work was in demand at that time, so I became very experienced with all the heavy equipment in use from cranes to forklifts, bulldozers, excavators, etc. After some time two friends and I decided to start a heavy equipment construction company called Power Anderson. As a working partner, I became the Operations Manager for all the heavy equipment we used on our jobs. The work was intense, planning and scheduling all the crews and equipment, verifying that all the equipment was operational, keeping the crews fully manned, and keeping all the daily activities on schedule. The company did well and by age 45, I had made enough to move on, ... so I did. I sold my shares to the other partners and moved on to the next phase of my life.

"I first met my wife Carol in college. I had almost completed Junior College and was going for a visit to San Jose State College, and I found out she was going to do the same so I invited her to carpool with me to the campus. She agreed and along the way we stopped for some lunch. We hit it off and since she was dating a 'jerk head' at that time, things worked out for us. We have been married for some 61 years now. We have three children, two married daughters, Laurie, a Retail Manager with J. McLaughlin, and Kari, a retired Health Insurance Broker, and one son Brad, a Corporate Finance Head at Credit Suisse in New York. When Brad became interested in soccer, I learned the game and became a volunteer coach. The entire family became avid fans, even going to the World Cup Games in Europe in 1982. After graduation from high school, Brad enrolled at U.C. Berkeley and played on their soccer team. I have a total of six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. On our 50th anniversary we took the entire family, wife, kids, and grandkids to Lake Como in Italy. My grandfather was born and raised there and immigrated from Dongo, a city near the end of the lake. Its natural beauty and proximity to Bellagio, Menaggio and Varenna captivated me, and it is one of those experiences all of us will remember.

"One of the things I did in high school and later college, was to



Gary in Death of a Salesman, 2nd from left

of a Salesman". Can you imagine a rugged, construction worker loving acting?

"Among other things I remembered was my grandmother's cooking and so it was another thing I took up when I had more time. I especially loved to cook Italian dishes with its pasta and marinara sauces. I've coached several youth groups and enjoyed some vegetable gardening. I regularly enjoyed playing golf with 'the boys'. I caught the golf bug from my mother who loved to play and took it up again when all the kids were out of the home. I learned to play from her and what I picked up as a caddie.

"I remember looking forward to our luncheon meetings. Since I live in Sunnyvale, very close to the Elks Lodge, I would be the one that reserved a table for the golf gang of Ian Thomson, Don Mattson, Fred Shigemoto, Dave Squellati, Ken Nix, and myself to sit and have lunch together. I always put two roosters on our table which I got from Jim Luther who sponsored me in 2000. My life has been enriched with the friendship of my fellow members. I hope to get back onto the golf course, maybe nine holes or so, sometime soon."



Gary with fellow Sirs Ian and Don at Las Positas

Use your camera to scan this QR code for a video snip of Gary and friends on the golf course. Courtesy of Andy Danver and John Ray (QR code master).



Editor's note: I wish to thank Don Mattson for taking the time to arrange and sit with me throughout our interview with Gary and Carol. It was rewarding to see and be able to talk to Gary after he disappeared from our regular golf outings. I first noticed Gary having trouble remembering his score at Ridgemark Golf Course in Hollister in 2018. It became progressively worse as time went on when I would hear that he drove to the wrong golf course. While visiting with Gary, I found him open, alert, and talkative. He immediately recites a few of his life stories without much prompting but as time went on, he would start to repeat himself. Carol, recovering from a stroke, sat with us, and was engaged but had difficulty answering our questions. Don, who recently lost his wife helped answer some of the questions from what he remembered Gary telling him over the years. This article would not have happened were it not for Don's help. I would encourage those that know Gary to say Hi to him when you see him next. One fellow SIR member helping another during his time of need, isn't that what it is all about?

BOCCE BALL

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Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Wives and guests are welcome.

Location: Bocce Ball Courts (2) near the Tennis Center at CUESTA PARK, Mountain View. Parking for the Bocce Ball Courts is located just off Cuesta Dr. (turn at the signal light at the corner of Cuesta and Montalto, approximately midway between Miramonte and Grant Road).

There is light at the end of the tunnel! The Los Altos Community Center off Hillview Ave. will open to the public **October 2, 2021**. At that time there will be public tours of the new 24,500 square foot facility. There are two completed Bocce Ball Courts. Wayne Dexter, representing the Bocce Players of Branch 35 and a resident of Los Altos, is meeting with the key city personnel to finalize what we would like to see incorporated into the Bocce facility and its upkeep. These items include: shade coverings, benches, score keeping for each court, storage for bocce equipment, and most importantly, regular maintenance for the court surfaces. The construction fencing around the site will be removed before the end of July and the parking lot will be open and available for use by then. Wayne is trying to see if we can start using the Bocce courts before the Grand Opening of October 2.

The new Community Center will be managed by Mary Jo Price. The Director of Recreation and Community Services is Donna Legge and the Mayor is Neysa Fligor

BOWLING

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Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino We have completed our first season after the long COVID-19 interruption. All bowlers have returned to their early-2020 form. The final results are below and the new season starts on August 6. We have immediate openings for bowlers of any level. Cost is \$15 per week. Call either Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

SPRING/SUMMER - FINAL STANDINGS

1 ST PLACE – TIE – Darryl Walker, John Faucett, Don Haythronewhit
1 ST PLACE – TIE – Arnie Satterlee, Tim Eastham, Fred Emmenegger
3 RD PLACE – Les Fisher, Jay Jonekait, Mark Haberman
4 TH PLACE – Rick McColloch, Jim Holman, Bob Taggart
5 TH PLACE – Harold Kaye, Eli Wismer, Phil Vanderwerf
6 TH PLACE – Peter Wong, Ron Nakamoto, Joe Enos
7 TH PLACE – Ranney Thayer, Alan Gaudie, Gerry Cooley, Larry Low
8 TH PLACE – Stan Barkey, Doug Anderson, Jerry Ososkie, Perry Brown

SEASON HIGH SCORES

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
1st – John Fawcett: 579	1st – Larry Low: 235
2nd – Joe Enos: 572	2nd – Marc Haberman: 232
3rd – Bob Taggart: 555	3rd – Phil Vanderwerf: 213
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME
1st – Ranney Thayer: 672	1st – Don Haythronewhit: 279
2nd – Arnie Satterlee: 669	2nd – Jay Jonekait: 267
3rd – Tim Eastman: 666	3rd – Stan Barkey: 255
MOST IMPROVED AVERAGE	INDIVIDUAL HIGH AVERAGE
119 to 136 – Harold Kaye	172.13 – Marc Haberman
136 to 151 – Don Haythronewhit	171.81 – Larry Low

HIKING

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Branch 35 Hikers and Spouses at Trailhead

Sam McDonald Park Hike

Our July SIR Branch 35 hike was a smaller group because many of our regular members were traveling. We had six members and three spouses. We took a more leisurely pace, and we got to meet new hikers and get to know each other better. The main group of seven hikers took the Heritage Grove Trail up to the Sierra Club Hiker's Hut where we had lunch. We took a side trip up to the vista point with a great view of Mindego Hill in Russian Ridge Preserve, dramatic views of Butano Ridge, and San Gregorio Beach covered with a light marine layer.

Our moderate hike of 5 miles with 1,000 feet ascent/descent matched our Branch 35 spouse hike objectives. Kathy and Ranney Thayer created a shorter hike by parking a second car at the Heritage Grove Trailhead. They took a one-way 2-mile hike up the Heritage Grove Trail to the Heritage Grove Trailhead.

Branch 35 Monthly Spouse Hikes

Our hikes are designed to encourage spouse participation. Initially, we will visit large nature preserves in the local area that will not require carpooling. Any Branch 35 member, spouse, or friend who has signed the Covid-19 Waiver and is able enjoy a moderate hike of up to 5 miles and up to 1,000 feet elevation gain is invited to join us. There will opportunities to socialize and get to make new friends. Pack a lunch, and we will stop at a scenic spot to eat and enjoy nature.

Hikes will occur on the 4th Friday of the month. Save the date for our next hike on August 27th. We plan to get out of the heat and enjoy an ocean out-and-back hike from Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in Moss Beach to Pilar Point headlands. If you wish to join our August hike, send an email to Peter Thurston, peterthurston@gmail.com and he will add you to our Branch 35 hiking distribution list. Further details about our August hike will be sent to the Branch 35 Hiking distribution list about two weeks before the hike.

Peter Thurston, SIR Branch 35 Hiking Chairman



JOE CIONI, GOLF CHAIRMAN
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GOLF INFO

The Power of One

Every sports movie needs an unlikely hero and a come-from-behind victory by the underdog. **Ken Newton's** clutch performance in the first round of the Best Ball Match Play tournament checked both boxes!

Ken and teammate **Rich Pattison** were scheduled to play **Alex Bush** and **Richard McGrath** at Corica Park on July 12. But Rich didn't make it to the match, so Ken was on his own. *(Rich is the manager of a small water company and had been awakened at 5AM by a call telling him of a pipe rupture that cut off water to many of his customers. He had to go out himself to repair the damaged pipe.)* To win he needed to find a way to beat the better score of a team consisting of Branch 35's second and third lowest handicap golfers.

Here's how it happened, in Ken's own words:

"It wasn't exactly the round of my life (50/49/99, net 71) but it was eventful and in net match play format it was just barely good enough to win. As a high handicapper, my opponents had to give me one stroke on 11 holes and two strokes on the other 7. But, since I had no partner, my score counted on every hole, while McGrath and Bush got to use their better ball score on every hole. After opening with a 9 on the par 5 first hole, I had no more blowups and made several long putts and a number of must-makes as the match changed from one up to one down a few times."

(Richard adds that the 15th was also a critical hole. Ken hit his 4th shot on the Par 5 to three feet from the pin and sank the putt, giving him a net birdie. Alex and Richard both parred the hole. At this point the match was all square with 3 to play.)

“At the Par 5 17th I was one down and reached the front edge of the long, elongated green in 4, about 50 feet from the pin located on the back edge while Alex was pin high 5 feet from the hole in 3. McGrath two putted for a 5 and I proceeded to chip it in to make a 5, net 4. *(Alex and Richard both estimate that the chip-in came from 40 yards. Alex feels it was the shot sealed Ken's victory.)* Alex then missed his putt, giving him a net 5, and I won the hole. So, we were all square going to the last hole.

"Fortunately, I got 2 strokes on the long par 4 18th. After a good drive, a flubbed second, and a decent third I was 80 yards from the pin tucked just beyond a deep bunker, short-sided and on the downslope of a steep hill. Miraculously for me, I hit the perfect wedge to the raised green, just over the bunker, that almost hit the pin and stopped beyond the hole, now lying 4. McGrath was on in 3 and two-putted for a bogey 5. Alex hit a beautiful second directly at the pin, stopping about 6 feet short and level with the hole. I then sank my ten-footer, a downhill slider to the left, for a 5 (net 3) and Bush missed his birdie putt which would have ended the match in a tie."

Richard McGrath adds this postscript: "Alex and I had the two low rounds of the day, 80 and 78 respectively. So, it was not our bad play, just Ken's clutch shots that propelled him to SIR 35 fame."

And that's your perfect Hollywood ending, Branch 35 style!

Jame Davis wins Individual Match Play Tournament

Twenty-seven SIRs entered the match play tournament, but in the end **James Davis** stood alone in the winner's circle after defeating **Ron Grace** 2&1 in the final match. Earlier he had prevailed over **Balbir Kalsi** (4&3), **Paul Schutz** (6&5), and **Ron Nakamoto** (2 up). Congratulations, James!

Narva Shoots the Round of the Month

Tilden's steep slopes and narrow fairways were no challenge for Round of the Month winner **Jim Narva**. On July 1 he shot an outstanding -8.8 strokes "under" (net 59) to win the Nicklaus flight.

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Aug 14		SIR - Fall Classic Sep 15,16 Blue Rock Springs	
DeLaveaga (DLV) (Prize)		Thu Sep 2	10:00 \$56
			** need TC** /Hall
Crazy Horse Ranch (CHR) (Cart)		Wed Sep 8	10:40 \$90
		Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net/	**need ATC**
San Juan Oaks (SJO) (Cart)		Thu Sep 9	10:40 \$68
			** need TC & ATC **
Dublin Ranch (DRN) (Cart)		Mon Sep 13	9:30 \$40
			** need TC & ATC **
The Villages (VLG) (Cart,Range)		Thu Sep 16	11:00 \$63
		Barnhart 408-960-6674 terry b2007(at)sbcglobal.net / Squellati	
Spring Valley (SPV)		Mon Sep 20	10:00 \$49
		Manetta 408-332-0968 rmanetta8.4(at)gmail.com / Kalsi	
Seascape (SCP) (Cart)		Thu Sep 23	10:00 \$50
		Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com / Squellati	
Coyote Creek - V (CCV) (Cart,Range)		Mon Sep 27	9:35 \$80
Double Points		Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandelaire(at)comcast.net / Galli	
Silver Creek (SCR) (Cart)		Thu Sep 30	11:00 \$105
		McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath(at)yahoo.com / **need ATC **	

GOLF RESULTS

2021 Individual Match Play Tournament Results

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
Semi	Wente Vineyards	James Davis def. Ron Nakamoto	2 up	\$10
Final	Moffett	James Davis def. Ron Grace	2 & 1	\$10

2021 Team Match Play Tournament Results

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
1	Moffett	Feeney/Squellati def. Rittweger/Enos	3 & 2	\$10@
1	Corica Park	Newton def. Bush/McGrath	1 up	\$20
1	Corica Park	O'Meara/Nakamoto def. Miles/Garten	2 & 1	\$10@

Wente Vineyards				Par 72			June 28, 2021		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$	
Asrat Mack	70	\$18	Ososkie Jerry	73	\$18	Wong Peter	70	\$18	
Lau Ron	71	\$14	Bamhart Terry	73	\$14	Tran Man	72	\$14	
Bush Alex	72	\$10	Heiman Dick	73	\$10	Squellati Dave	73	\$10	
Vanderwerf P	73	\$5	Schutz Paul	77	\$5	Mattson Don	75	\$5	

“Within a Putter Length” Winner: None

Low Gross: Alex Bush 80

Tilden			Par 70	July 1, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Davis James	69	\$21	Narva Jim	59	\$18
Nakamoto Ron	69	\$16	Enos Joe	60	\$14
Jonekait Jay	70	\$10	Tran Man	65	\$10
Newton Ken	70	\$5	Lau Peter	65	\$5

“Within a Putter Length” Winner: None

Low Gross: Alex Bush 82

Moffett Field				Par 72			July 5, 2021	
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$
Low Larry	67	\$22	Baughter L	65	\$22	Cooley Gerald	69	\$24
Cioni Joe	75	\$16	Kamey Bruce	71	\$16	Yurtis Phil	70	\$18
Manetta R	76	\$11	Schutz Paul	72	\$11	Narva Jim	71	\$12
Scardino Stan	76	\$6	Newton Ken	73	\$6	Ray John	75	\$8

						"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None
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Low Gross: Larry Low and Robert Manetta tied with 80

Los Lagos			Par 68	July 8, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
McGrath Richard	68	\$25	Tran Man	69	\$18
Garten Bob	70	\$19	Wong Peter	73	\$12
Hall Bill	72	\$14	Mattson Don	73	\$7
Grace Ron	73	\$9			
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: Jay Jonekait \$25 (4 inches from the hole)					
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 74					

Corica Park South			Par 72	July 12, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Kamey Bruce	67	\$25	Squellati David	65	\$22
Schutz Paul	71	\$19	Lau Peter	70	\$16
Vanderwerf Phil	72	\$14	Wong Peter	72	\$12
Jonekait Jay	73	\$9	Narva Jim	72	\$7
Grace Ron	73	\$5			
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None					
Low Gross: Phil Vanderwerf 83 (Richard McGrath shot 78 in match play)					

Coyote Creek			Par 72	July 15, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Pattisson Rich	67	\$25	Kalsi Balbir	67	\$21
McGrath Richard	72	\$19	Mattson Don	71	\$16
Low Larry	73	\$14	O'Meara Tim	72	\$10
Jonekait Jay	74	\$9	Tran Man	75	\$5
Metheany Brad	75	\$5			
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: Jay Jonekait hole #2, \$25 and Alex Bush hole #7, \$25					
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 78					

Lake Chabot			Par 71 Wh, 70 Rd	July 19, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Petersen Herb	70	\$22	Tran Man	70	\$22
Jones Ken	72	\$16	O'Meara Tim	70	\$16
Rittweger John	72	\$12	Wong Peter	70	\$12
Vanderwerf Phil	73	\$7	Ogle Dave	71	\$7
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None					
Low Gross: Alex Bush 83					

Baylands						Par 72		July 22, 2021	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Garten Bob	72	\$20	Hall Bill	69	\$20	Mattson Don	75	\$25	
Rittweger J	73	\$15	Metheany B	78	\$15	O'Meara Tim	76	\$19	
Cioni Joe	73	\$10	Davis James	78	\$10	Kalsi Balbir	77	\$14	
Vanderwerf P	76	\$5	Grace Ron	79	\$5	Squellati Dave	79	\$9	
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None									
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 81									

MOVIES

William and Mary. This an 18-episode British dramedy set in London. William (Martin Clunes) is an undertaker and Mary (Julie Graham) is a midwife. He is a widower, and she is divorced. They have kids to raise and family issues galore. They could not be more different, yet they fall hopelessly in love. Mary's ex, Ruben, is a real pest who keeps interfering. Her mother is fighting cancer. William's two teenage daughters are trying his patience. His business provides all sorts of morbid comic relief. When they all move in together, the friction drives all kinds of stories, conflict, and clever resolutions. This series is charming. It is intriguing to see the British take on modern life. You can see it on Amazon Prime Video. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Pig. A sad and melancholy look at a life gone awry. Nicholas Cage is Rob. Rob is a hermit living in a shack in the wilds of the Oregon forests. He is a truffle hunter who ekes out a survival by selling and bartering the delicious tuber with Amir. Rob lives alone with his foraging pig who is legendary for her truffle sniffing nose. The pig is kidnapped. Rob must then revisit his past in Portland to find his beloved pig. Rob's past is quite remarkable as he was celebrated chef who just disappeared one day. As he careens around Portland as a smelly derelict wearing rags, his story is revealed, and we don't care. He is a disagreeable guy who made some bad choices and is now living in self-imposed squalor. There are numerous plot gaffes that ruin what might have been an interesting movie. Rated R for language and brief violence. In Theatres.

Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain. This documentary tells the story of renowned chef and bon vivant Anthony Bourdain. Two hours with Bourdain is a bit too much. We know how it ends so the overly long build-up to the denouement is trying. Using interviews, extra footage and outtakes from his many TV shows, and contemporaneous clips Bourdain comes across as brazen, cynical, and difficult. He had many loves and passions in his life but was always unfulfilled, always searching. He was reaching for perfection but could never achieve it. He had many people around him who loved him, but he could never fully embrace their love. His suicide was hurtful and leaves a black stain on his image. Rated R for language throughout. In Theatres.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Golf- Seascap 10:00 a.m.	3 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	4	5 Golf- Callippe Preserve 9:30 a.m.	6 Bocce Ball Cuesta Park 10:00 a.m.	7
8	9 Golf- Santa Teresa 10:00 a.m.	10 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	11	12 Golf- Eagle Ridge 9:30 a.m. SCRAMBLE Biking San Lorenzo Bay Trail 11:00 a.m.	13 Bocce Ball Cuesta Park 10:00 a.m.	14
15	16 Golf- Chuck Corica South 9:50 a.m.	17 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	18 PICNIC Blackberry Farm Cupertino 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. BBQ 11:30 to 1:00	19 Golf- Moffett Field 9:30 a.m.	20 Bocce Ball Cuesta Park 10:00 a.m.	21
22	23 Golf- Bridges 9:30 a.m.	24 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	25	26 Golf- San Ramon 9:30 a.m.	27 Bocce Ball Cuesta Park 10:00 a.m. Hiking Moss Beach 10:00 a.m.	28
29	30 Golf- Crystal Springs 9:30 a.m.	31 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.				