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Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

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

October, 2021

— NEXT MEETING —

3rd Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Social Time 11:45am

Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm

VIA ZOOM MEETING

Zoom instructions will be sent via email before the meeting.

PROGRAM

Speaker: *Captain Zach Perron,*

Palo Alto Police Department

Topic: *How to Stay Safe and*

Avoid Becoming a Crime Victim



Captain Zach Perron has worked for the Palo Alto Police Department in one capacity or another since 1994. He currently oversees detectives, traffic, special operations, and animal control. He has authored or overseen virtually all of the Department's external communications for more than a decade. He will speak to Branch 35 about how to avoid common scams and frauds that tend to target older members of our community, and about the best ways to protect your

home and neighborhood from falling victim to crime. Also, learn how to find *accurate* information about crime statistics, and how you may be surprised to know that crime rates have actually dropped over the past three decades despite a common public perception that it is on the rise.

Captain Perron was born and raised in Palo Alto and is a graduate of Stanford University (B.A., American Studies, 1997) and the Naval Postgraduate School (M.A., Security Studies – Homeland Security and Defense, 2016). His master's thesis, published in 2016, was a detailed case study analysis that shows the quantifiable benefit to police agencies of two-way engagement on social media.

The Big Sir Says . . .

SIR 35 Activities Going Strong

We are successfully adjusting to the Covid situation. Even though we cannot meet in person for lunches, our members are staying active through a wide variety of opportunities for engagement with each other. Here are some of your opportunities for connections with friends:



Our **golf** group holds two tournaments every week at a great group of golf courses in the area. Most of the golfers carpool to the tournaments, so there is plenty of time for social engagement. The competition varies from individual play to scrambles and team play in addition to match play (individual in the spring and two-man teams in the summer). Golf courses are selected to provide a range of experiences from easy to challenging, so players can choose the courses they enjoy the most.

Our **hiking** group provides monthly opportunities for exploring local trails that offer a variety of challenges and beautiful settings. Spouses and guests are welcome as long as they sign the SIR Covid Waiver form. Carpooling adds to the opportunity to build friendships and enjoy social interaction.

We have a strong group of **bicycle** riders who have a monthly outing that provides opportunities for exploring favorite paths as well as new ones. The Bay Area has great bike trails with lots of interesting places to visit.

Our **Bocce Ball** group is growing with weekly gatherings. **Bowling** continues to thrive with weekly play.

Zoom has enabled us to keep the **Book Club** active as well as the movies group and Investments. Learning about the latest **movies** with Jim Quillinan has become very popular on Zoom. Our **Investment** Zoom group has stimulating discussions every month, sharing information about the economy and investing opportunities.

Trail Birds continue to provide entertaining parodies to introduce our speakers. They rehearse and record their music several days prior to each Zoom meeting. If you enjoy singing, you are welcome to join.

A new activity is called **Wine Finders**. If you are interested in learning about wine and sharing wine tasting with friends including spouses and guests, this is the group for you.

So even though we cannot currently meet in person for lunch, there are plenty of ways for you to stay engaged in SIR activities and make new friends for life.

Stan

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OCTOBER 2021 ROSTER

Active Members: 324 Net Monthly Change: -1

NO NEW MEMBERS

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

Harold Wong	27	Norm Pass	12
Dick Peacock	25	Steve Pomeroy	12
Buck Kendrick	23	Dave O'Hara	11
Karl Reseck	23	Darryl Walker	11
Harv Dixon	20	Rich Lange	10
Bob Moss	15		

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Doug Anderson	Steve Gruber	Shum Mukherjee
Clod Barrera	Del Hanson	Dave O'Hara
Howard Bull	Jack Heidmiller	Norm Pass
Frank Cameron	Al Holzman	Ed Pausa
Phil Canabou	Mike Jacobson	Bob Shaw
Vern Dale	David Jeong	David Skurnick
Pete Danforth	Jack Joos	Don Taylor
Neal Didriksen	Norm Kitching	Guy Thompson
Harv Dixon	Gary Larson	Frank Verlot
Bill Dolan	Mark Levi	Larry Wall
Rolf Fromm	Art Liberman	George Warden
Chuck Green	Darrell Monda	Walt Wilson

August Birthday Winner was Tim Topole.

September Birthday Winner was Bill Patterson

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 - alanguaudie@yahoo.com

WINE FINDERS

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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 alanguaudie@yahoo.com.

BIKING

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2nd Thursday—October 14, 2021, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome Rain cancels ride; Helmet mandatory

This is a SIR ride and waivers are required

Ride Location: Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point:

Parking: POPLAR BEACH PARKING HAS A FEE.

THE PAY MACHINE OPERATION IS VERY AMBIGUOUS.

SOMETIMES EASY, SOMETIMES NOT. IF IT IS NOT DONE

CORRECTLY, THERE IS A \$40.00 TICKET PLACED ON YOUR CAR.

The Ride: We will ride the paved flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6.5 miles from Poplar beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point. We will return to Princeton where we will have lunch, (if something's open or eat what you have brought) then ride the same trail back for a total ride of about 13 miles.

We may extend the ride and eat at Moss Bach Distillery. This will add about 4 more miles to the ride. (There is a bridge out: We will have to make a detour around that part of the ride)

Driving Directions: Take I-280 to highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot. Some riders park in the streets before they get to the Beach parking lot and ride bicycles to the lot. Driving time is about 45 minutes. It may be windy and cold, so be sure to bring a wind breaker and gloves to wear. Or, it may be a lovely sunny day.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Jim Lunt as per above or Gordon Tong gordy6850@gmail.com, or (408) 242-0557

Election of Officers and Directorsa

Your Branch Executive Committee has unanimously voted to put forward the following slate of Officers and Directors for your approval. We will vote on this during the Zoom Meeting on October 20th.

Big Sir - Andy Danver

Little Sir - Bob Booth

Secretary - Jim Quillinan

Assistant Secretary - David Squellatti

Treasurer - Jim Narva

Assistant Treasurer - Gerry Feeney

Immediate Past Big Sir - Stan Barkey

Activities Director - Jerry Belden

Membership Director - Paul Schutz

Publicity Director - Bruce Karney

Special Events Director - Ben Gikis

Technology Director - Richard Blackborow

An opportunity for nominations from "the floor" will be available. Any nomination from the floor requires permission of the nominee in advance.

---Stan Barkey, Big Sir



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.

ROGER POTASH



For many years, Roger had read about Himalayan climbers, and one day decided to book a trek in the Nepalese Himalaya to see for himself. He joined a group of sixteen Americans and hiked for a month in the Khumbu region, supported by a dozen Sherpas and yaks. A non-technical

climb to the top of Kala Patthar mountain (18,500ft) provided a breathtaking view of Everest basecamp, across the Khumbu glacier to the icefall and up to the top of Everest with the deep blue sky above. A sherpa gifted Roger with a handful of snow leopard fur taken off rocks above a trail. Another highlight was a very slow trek up the snowbound Chola Pass (17,800ft), with a view from the top down the other side of an untouched snowfield that seemed to extend forever. The trip ended with a visit to Tiger Tops in southern Nepal, to spot a rare one-horned rhino with its baby. This trip, a dream come true, taught Roger that the natural world can indeed offer deeply rewarding, life affirming moments of startling beauty and scale.



Roger trekking in the Himalayas, Mt. Everest in center background

Roger was born and raised in Queens, New York, the middle son of three boys. His father retired as Chief of Safety for the New York Post Office in Manhattan, and his mother was a retail office manager. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School, which was an all-boys school. He enjoyed the technical classes and shops (pattern making, drafting, and foundry) which helped direct him later to his career path.

Early in life, Roger fell in love with sailing on Long Island Sound, where he found the joy of moving quietly over the water in a sailboat, in a breeze of fresh sea air, and decided to become a naval architect. Roger attended the University of Michigan, enrolling in the College of Engineering, Department of Naval Architecture. He worked summers with the leading yacht design firm of Sparkman & Stephens, and with New York Shipbuilding Corporation, famous for building the NS Savannah, a nuclear-powered commercial ship, which sailed to ports

around the world promoting peaceful uses of atomic energy. His workdays were filled with folding blueprints and talking with veteran engineers to understand what it was like to design and build ships. Supported with a scholarship and having made the Dean's List, he graduated with a BS in Engineering in 1965. With a classmate, he drove his red 1962 MGA Mk II 1600cc cross country to pursue his PhD at UC Berkeley, California. (Michigan and Berkeley were the top American universities with large naval architecture departments.) It was on this trip, crossing the Rockies and Sierra Nevada Mountain ranges that Roger's interest in, and love for mountains began.

In the summer 1967, he sailed on the SS United States to Le Havre, France to begin research for his thesis at the University of Grenoble, Department of Fluid Mechanics. Several French applied mathematicians in the 19th century had taught there, including Lagrange, whose theory Roger applied to an analysis of stagnation point fluid flow on a lifting surface. Roger's research in France was abruptly ended when he was injured in an auto accident outside of Geneva. As Roger recounts, he was invited by an Argentinian researcher who he met at a French language lab for visiting scholars, to drive up to Geneva for the weekend. The driver was going way too fast for the narrow, winding road, causing the car to skid, ejecting Roger from the car. Roger was rushed to a small hospital in St. Julien where a French surgeon, with too much garlic on his breath performed surgery to rejoin his broken femur. He remembers the cute, non-English speaking nurses that cared for him. After recuperating at home, Roger returned to Cal in the summer of 1968. His leg injury disqualified him from military service, and he completed his PhD at Cal, in 1970, with his thesis on the second-order theory of ship motions. Following publication, Roger learned that Knud Prytz, a Danish naval architect working in France applied his thesis to develop a ship's motion computer program.

Following graduation, Roger worked with his friend, yacht designer Gary Mull for several months conducting yacht R&D on the Bay. Roger recalls going with Gary to meet a potential client who wanted a yacht designed for his girlfriend. An exciting afternoon was spent at the St. Francis Yacht Club bar. Later, Gary designed a 6-meter class sloop for the club, and we spent a day sailing the new boat on San Francisco Bay in typical strong winds. Roger was in charge of measuring and recording the tensile loads in the fixed stays. Care was needed to keep one's head down, as the boom was just clear of the deck and open cockpit. With a deep, heavy keel, and fine lines, this boat was thrilling to sail.

Roger's first date with Deborah Dunnavan in late summer of 1970 didn't happen. Roger was supposed to meet her at the Berkeley Yacht Club. Unfortunately, Roger was racing on a 5.5-meter yacht when the wind died on their way back to the Berkeley marina. He had no way to let Deborah know he was becalmed and would not make it. During her wait, she visited with the wife of the yacht's owner, who told her not to worry, that this often happens. Deborah eventually gave into Roger's many pleas to give him another chance. At their "second" date they had dinner at the Hotel de France, a small French restaurant near the Broadway tunnel in San Francisco. The service was not the best, but when Roger paid the check, he included a nice tip, explaining to Deborah that the waiter had to feed his family, and that it may not have been his fault that the meal was so tardy. Roger learned many years later that the compassion he showed, so impressed Deborah that not only did she forgive him for standing her up on their first date, but that she was willing to see him again. They

fell in love and were engaged to be married. Roger accepted a research naval architect position at the Hydro & Aerodynamics Laboratory in Lyngby, Denmark and flew to Copenhagen on New Year's Day 1971. His fiancée left her English teaching position at Lowell High School and flew to Denmark that Spring, where they were married in the English Kirke, across from the little mermaid statue in Copenhagen harbor. Roger still has the ashtray from this restaurant, on the bookshelf in his office as a treasured memento.



Deborah & Roger, Bilila Lodge, Serengeti National Park, Tanzania

Roger became intrigued with and accepted a position with Lockheed Ocean Systems in Sunnyvale. As one of at least a dozen naval architects in the division, he was fortunate to have the opportunity to work on many state-of-the-art development programs in his field. He spent four years on Jacques D'Arsonval's Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) concept, culminating in a successful demonstration plant moored off Keahole Point, Hawaii. *(Editor's note: This proof-of-concept project was the first floating OTEC plant to produce a net power of 17 kilowatts!)* Although this research came to an end in the United States, OTEC development continues in Japan to this day. This was the beginning of Roger's interest in alternative, then renewable, and now sustainable energy concepts to replace fossil fuels.

Deborah and Roger purchased a townhouse in Sharon Heights in 1977, leaving their beloved San Francisco for the Peninsula. After ten years, Roger left Lockheed to work in a friend's small naval architecture firm where he designed a hull for the State of Alaska, Department of Marine Highway's ferry replacement project. He conducted hydrodynamic tests of the hull in a towing tank and seakeeping facility in Wageningen, Holland. The project manager invited Roger home for dinner; out to try "rijsttafel" (Indonesian), and toured the government plaza in the capital, The Hague. They've maintained their friendship of forty years.

Roger taught classes in ship hydrodynamics in his old department at Cal, and following a few years of consulting, returned to Lockheed Ocean Systems, renamed Marine Systems. Some of his projects included writing the final report for the deep-sea mining program, hydrodynamic R&D for the Sea Shadow prototype stealth vessel, and subcontract management for an undersea vehicle. Following closure of Marine Systems, Roger trained as a Systems Engineer and worked on the commercial launch vehicle LLV for deployment of the Ikonos satellite. He was systems engineer for the NASA Lunar Prospector satellite and did instrument integration for the Spitzer Space Telescope. Roger's final assignment was systems engineer responsible for the instrument specification and requirements verification, for eight years on NIRCams (Near Infrared Camera) in Palo Alto research lab (now Advanced Technology Center) before

his retirement in 2009. *(Editor's note: NIRCams is a science instrument and primary mirror commissioning instrument on the James Webb Space Telescope, currently planned for launch at the end of this year, 2021.)*

At age 65, Roger decided to retire during the Great Recession of 2009, thinking that his rapidly shrinking 401K plan was going to be depleted by Wall Street, so "... better to use it before it completely disappeared". His colleagues advised him to continue to work to rebuild his portfolio and he is glad he didn't take their advice as his portfolio continues to grow in the biggest bull stock market in history, in spite of his best efforts to spend it.

Roger and Deborah enjoyed attending performances at the San Francisco Opera, Ballet and Symphony. They often visited family in La Jolla, Seattle, and the Bay Area, and spent many happy moments with friends hosting dinner parties at their home. Roger continued racing sailboats on weekends. They have taken car trips all over the western states, followed by trips to Alaska and Hawaii and they have travelled to over two dozen countries. Sadly, six years ago, Deborah passed away ending their 44 years of marriage. Roger benefitted greatly from grief counseling, and the support of family and friends during this difficult period.

At about the time of his retirement, Roger began a long-term interest in the study of global warming (later climate change) inspired by his love of the natural world, and his interest in science and engineering. He met Professor Stephen Schneider at Stanford, who recommended he see for himself the dramatic impact of climate change in the Arctic, which he did in 2010. An evening discussion with German biologist Fredericka Bronny revealed that she had first come to Greenland in 1979 and has since returned annually. Her observations were that the temperature was about the same in 1985, a bit warmer in the 1990's, culminating in a heat shock in 2000 with 30 deg-C temperatures. We enjoyed coffee on an outdoor café deck in Illulisat, where the helicopter flight to the glacier face which used to measure 35km, now measured 65km. Fredericka's hope is for children who grow up understanding the impacts of pollution to our environment will become leaders that will make changes for the better. Roger is encouraged that many leaders in many walks of life have spoken up and begun long term plans and actions to mitigate and adapt to a warming planet.

Roger volunteered at Filoli, the former Woodside estate of the Bourne family. He gardened around the main house, and trained as a Nature Education docent, guiding school children in the oak woodland hills. He also volunteered at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, working in their small school reading to critically ill children. One day a fellow Filoli volunteer told Roger that she would like him to meet another volunteer who had recently lost her spouse. She knew that they both shared a love of classical arts, architecture, reading, history, and travel. Pamela Smith and Roger met, fell deeply in love and are now life partners experiencing family, friends, and the world together. Both are so fortunate to have met



Pamela & Roger sailing on San Francisco Bay

each other, are very happy together, and feel blessed that their giving (volunteering) has gained them each other. "So far, we've vacationed to Ireland, Norway, Costa Rica, Panama and Greece. In Greece we charted a boat with five friends and sailed the Cyclades Islands followed by a tour of the Peloponnese peninsula in Southern Greece with a private car and driver. We arrange our private travels with a travel planner through WendyPerrin.com, whom we highly recommend to friends. Once the pandemic allows, we look forward to resuming our travels around the United States and to countries of interest around the world."

Roger concludes with ..."The Costa Rican saying "Pura Vida" (Simple Life, Pure Life) rings true. This small country has made significant choices in its recent history, including preserving much of its natural beauty for future generations, spending its limited resources on education and health, not on a military. If one is fortunate to tour Costa Rica, seeing the resplendent quetzal bird reminds us of how precious our natural world is to the well-being of all."

(Editor's note: Member John Richardson, who introduced Roger to SIR and who suggested that Roger write this article, met and became friends through their wives, who were volunteers with Palo Alto Auxiliary for Children supporting Packard Children's Hospital)

BOWLING

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Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino. At the mid-point of our Summer/Fall, only 7 wins separate the first and last place teams. Any team with a hot streak can jump to first place. We have immediate openings for bowlers of any level.

STANDINGS WEEK 8 – SUMMER/FALL

1ST PLACE – Ranney Thayer, Arnie Satterlee, Darryl Walker

2ND PLACE – TIE – Jim Holman, Perry Brown, Tim Eastham

2ND PLACE – TIE – Rick McColloch, Stan Barkey, Jay Jonekait

4TH PLACE – TIE – Doug Anderson, Bob Taggart, Bob Garten

4TH PLACE – TIE – Fred Emmenegger, Alan Gaudie, Marc Haberman

6TH PLACE – Peter Wong, Jerry Ososkie, Larry Low

7TH PLACE – Les Fisher, Ron Nakamoto, John Faucett

8TH PLACE – Harold Kaye, Don Haythronewhite, Joe Enos

SEASON HIGH SCORES

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

1st – Mark Haberman: 640

2nd – Jay Jonekait: 562

3rd – Arnie Satterlee: 556

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

1st – Jim Holman: 730

2nd – Doug Anderson: 689

3rd – Rick McColloch: 678

HIGH GAME - SCRATCH

1st – Larry Low: 248

2nd – Bob Garten: 220

3rd – Perry Brown: 205

HIGH HANDICAP GAME

1st – Bob Taggart: 262

2nd – Jerry Ososkie: 254

3rd – Les Fisher: 245

LAST WEEK'S HIGH SCORES

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

1st – Larry Low: 575

2nd – Joe Enos: 533

3rd – Marc Haberman: 522

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

1st – Les Fisher: 655

2nd – Rick McColloch: 652

3rd – Alan Gaudie: 625

HIGH GAME - SCRATCH

1st – Bob Garten: 213

2nd – Perry Brown: 202

3rd – Darryl Walker: 173

HIGH HANDICAP GAME

1st – Ron Nakamoto: TIE 239

2nd – Fred Emmenegger: TIE 239

3rd – Peter Wong: 215

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).

Mistake and Update: Confession is good for the soul! Wayne Dexter (not Driscoll) is leading our effort to insure that the new courts at the Los Altos Community Center will be adequate for our use, that they will be properly maintained, that there will adequate storage space and that we can play on them each Friday morning from 10 am to 12 noon. Wayne is in direct communication with the new Director of Recreation and Community Services, Donna Legge, about these matters. She understands that over 120 SIR members live in the Los Altos zip code areas and are most interested in the Community and its facilities. The Grand Opening is scheduled for **Saturday Oct. 2**. All are welcome to attend, see the Center and the Bocce Courts, and greet Donna and let her know of your interest in Bocce.

The Popularity of Bocce is an Issue Now! As is the case in the US with Bocce Ball being a fast growing sport/social activity with over 28 million participants, so we in Branch 35 are now experiencing about 16 players each Friday morning at our temporary facility—the two courts in Cuesta Park, MV. The 16 includes guests, which we have always welcomed in the past—one had been a guest for over 5 years before he finally joined our SIR Branch. But with more participants, should we with more than 16 players limit guests in some way (playing less than SIR members, not playing, taking turns playing with those wanting to take a break, other?)? Please let us (Norm Pass) know what you would prefer so that playing time is preserved for those who wish to participate and are SIR members.

HIKING

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SIR hikers enjoying the view of Old Cove Landing
Wider Ranch State Park: Old Landing Cove Trail Hike

Our September 24th SIR Branch 35 hike along the bluffs near Santa Cruz was well attended, considering the longer drive, with eleven hikers. The weather was overcast with clear views from the Ohlone Bluffs Trail of the beaches and coves with marine wildlife including harbor seals and dolphins. The leisurely pace along wide trails provided the opportunity for frequent stops to view Old Cove Landing where schooners anchored in the 1800s, numerous coves with cormorants and marine mammals, and many chances for hikers to talk and get to know each other better.

The highlight of the hike was our lunch stop at Fern Grotto Beach with an amazing deep grotto covered with verdant ferns. Large driftwood logs provided many places to sit and enjoy the view of the surf while we had lunch. After the hike some hikers explored the Wilder Ranch with 1890's houses, farm buildings and equipment. The rest of us explored local brews at Humble Sea Brewing Company.

Branch 35 Monthly Spouse Hikes

Our hikes are designed to encourage spouse participation. Now that Covid-19 vaccines are available, we are beginning to visit nature preserves that may require carpooling. There are opportunities to socialize and get to make new friends. Pack a lunch, and we will stop at a scenic spot to eat and to enjoy nature.

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. Hikes will occur on the 4th Friday of the month.

Save the date for our next hike on October 22nd.

The Henry Cowell Observation Deck Loop in Henry Cowell Redwoods SP in Felton is a 5-mile hike with 700' elevation gain. This is a shady hike in the redwoods, along spring-fed hillsides, and through a unique ponderosa pine forest.

If you wish to join our October hike, send an email to Peter Thurston, peterthurston@gmail.com.

If you wish to join the Branch 35 Hiking activity, contact Peter Thurston, and he will add you to our Branch 35 hiking distribution list. Further details about our October 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

Ken Newton Shoots the Round of the Month

September's best round belonged to **Ken Newton**. He won the Palmer flight by ten strokes on Sep. 2 at DeLaveaga with a net 59 that put him 7.1 strokes "under," a remarkable accomplishment. Congratulations, Ken!

Branch 35 Golfers Qualify for State Finals

All eight Branch 35 golfers who competed at the Regional Individual Qualifying tournament at Pacific Grove on Aug. 30 did well enough to advance to the State Finals. The finals will be held at Hiddenbrooke in Vallejo on Oct. 12. Congrats to **Mark Asrat, Joe Enos, Bill Hall, Dick Heiman, Jay Jonekait, Bruce Karney, Don Mattson and Man Tran!**

Prize Winners at State Two Best Ball Tourney

The Pacific Grove tournament also featured a four-man, two best ball event. Each four-man team consisted of a pair of golfers from different branches. Team #1, which included **Bill Hall** and **Joe Enos**, tied for first. Bill and Joe each won \$32.50. Team #2, which included **Jay Jonekait** and **Bruce Karney**, ended up in a 3-way tie for third place and each of them won \$5. Bruce had the best hole of the day, birdieing the par 4 sixteenth on which he received two handicap strokes, resulting in a net hole in one!

Rittweger's Eagle

Congratulations to **John Rittweger** for eagling the 431-yard par five 2nd hole at Seascape. He described it like this: "After a solid drive, I slightly mishit a 3 wood that luckily rolled to about 20 feet from the green. The pin was cut in the front portion of the green. I bounced a wedge on, and it tracked to the bottom of the hole. Someone said, 'nice birdie,' but they were corrected with 'that's not a birdie, it's an eagle!'"

Taking Dead Aim at Who Knows What

Dave Ogle writes: "We were playing at DeLaveaga and **Balbir Kalsi** and I were in the same foursome. On one of the par four holes I was on the fairway and Balbir was behind me down the hill about 150 yards away and ready to hit his shot. I saw him and headed for the side of the fairway, pushing my hand cart as fast as I could. I heard him yell "Fore!" and then his ball hit the putter pocket on my bag while I was still on the move. It then disappeared down to the bottom of my bag. You could have 10 pro golfers lined up and hit 1000 shots to try to duplicate this, and it would never happen. Kudos to Balbir for his unique 'Hole in One.'"

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday October 15				
Half Moon Bay Old (HMD) (Cart)	Mon Nov 1	10:00	\$111	
No cancel after 5 days ** Need TC/ATC **				
Poppy Ridge (PPR) (Cart)	Thu Nov 4	9:30	\$60	
Club Championship Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / **need ATC**				
Boulder Ridge (BRG) (Cart,Range)	Mon Nov 8	10:00	\$75	
Joint w/ Monterey Bay Srs Asrat 650-454-0167 mack_asrat(at)yahoo.com/ Manetta				
Baylands (BAY) (Range)	Thu Nov 11	9:30	\$64	
Club Championship (cart +\$16) Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / **need ATC**				
Sunnyvale (SVL)	Mon Nov 15	9:00	\$35	
Club Championship Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / **need ATC**				
Castlewood CC Valley (CWV) (Cart)	Thu Nov 18	10:00	\$105	
** Need TC/ATC **				
Spring Hills (SPH)	Mon Nov 22	10:00	\$35	
Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com/ **need ATC**				
Spring Valley (SPV)	Mon Nov 29	10:00	\$49	
Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net/**need ATC**				

GOLF RESULTS

2021 Team Match Play Tournament Results					
Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize	
2	Spring Valley	Feeney/Squellati def. Gerich/Jones	2 & 1	\$10@	
San Ramon			Par 72		
Palmer Flight			Aug. 26, 2021		
	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Nakamoto Ron	66	\$22	Tran Man	67	\$17
Jonekait Jay	70	\$16	Lau Peter	71	\$10
Low Larry	72	\$12	Wong Peter	75	\$5
Garten Bob	75	\$7			
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: Man Tran (6" from pin) \$25					
Low Gross: Jay Jonekait 84					

Crystal Springs			Par 72		Aug. 30, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Scardino Stan	68	\$25	Wong Peter	72	\$18	
Low Larry	69	\$19	O'Meara Tim	74	\$14	
Miles Les	71	\$14	Kalsi Balbir	76	\$10	
Cioni Joe	73	\$9	Cooley Gerald	78	\$5	
Garten Bob	73	\$5				
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None						
Low Gross: Larry Low 82						

DeLaveaga			Par 70		Sept. 2, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Newton Ken	59	26 GC	Wong Peter	63	18 GC	
Pattison Rich	69	22 GC	Cooley Gerald	74	12 GC	
Metheany Brad	69	17 GC	Enos Joe	76	10 GC	
Nakamoto Ron	72	15 GC	Ogle Dave	76	\$6	
Garten Bob	73	\$13				
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None						
Low Gross: Alex Bush 87						

Crazy Horse Ranch			Par 72 Wht. 70 Red		Sept. 8, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Petersen Herb	67	\$18	O'Meara Tim	77	\$12	
McGrath Richard	69	\$14				
Manetta Robert	71	\$12				
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None						
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 77						

The Villages				Par 72			Sept. 9, 2021		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Rittweger J	69	\$18	Petersen Herb	64	\$18	Ogle Dave	70	\$18	
Garten Bob	70	\$14	Gerich John	64	\$14	Wong Peter	71	\$14	
Nakamoto R	71	\$10	Barnhart Terry	75	\$10	Mattson Don	73	\$10	
Asrat Mack	72	\$5	Wilson Dick	76	\$5	Tran Man	74	\$5	
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None									
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 80									

Dublin Ranch			Par 63		Sept. 13, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Bush Alex	58	\$25	Kalsi Balbir	58	\$18	
Garten Bob	60	\$19	Tran Man	61	\$14	
McGrath Richard	61	\$14	Lau Peter	61	\$10	
Barnhart Terry	62	\$9	Cooley Gerald	65	\$5	
Wilson Dick	63	\$5				
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: Larry Low \$25						
Low Gross: Alex Bush 65 (Shot 1 under his age and was 2 under par on the front 9)						
Also: Richard McGrath 70 (Shot 2 under his age)						

San Juan Oaks			Par 72		Sept. 16, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Miles Les	76	\$17	Wong Peter	75	\$18	
Nakamoto Ron	79	\$10	Tran Man	76	\$12	
Garten Bob	80	\$5	Kalsi Balbir	76	\$7	
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None						
Low Gross: Les Miles and Balbir Kalsi tied at 94						

Spring Valley						Par 70		Sept. 20, 2021	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Rittweger J	67	\$22	Wilson Dick	68	\$22	Narva Jim	67	\$24	
Lau Ron	68	\$16	Kamey Bruce	68	\$16	Enos Joe	69	\$18	
Nakamoto R	69	\$11	Grace Ron	70	\$11	O'Brien G	70	\$12	
McGrath Rich	71	\$6	Taylor Mark	74	\$22	Wong Peter	70	\$8	
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: Stan Scardino #16 \$25									
Low Gross: Robert Manetta 77									

Seascape			Par 71		Sept. 23, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Rittweger John	66	\$24	Mattson Don	69	\$18	
Jones Ken	70	\$18	Kalsi Balbir	71	\$14	
Grace Ron	71	\$12	Shigemoto Fred	74	\$10	
Petersen Herb	73	\$8				
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None						
Low Gross: John Rittweger and Alex Bush tied with 81						

MOVIES

Come From Away. This is the one to see. It is streaming on Apple TV+, recorded from a live stage production. There are older versions of the play but see this one. The original stage musical was a big success in Canada and the USA. "Come From Away" tells the story of 7,000 people stranded in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland after all flights into the US are grounded on September 11, 2001. As the people of Newfoundland courteously welcome the "come from aways" into their community they discover common traits of kindness and enterprise. Clever staging of folks stuck on the planes and the people of Gander provides angst soothed with humor that blossoms into friendships as the locals and the passengers form quite a bond, that exists to this day. The singing and dancing are inspirational and provide a "feel good" theatre experience. This is one the whole family will enjoy. It is a Peggy's pick.

Coda. This is another one to see. It is a poignant story that is also quite funny. Emilia Jones is brilliant as Ruby Rossi, the hearing child of deaf parents. Her older brother is also deaf. Her family ekes out a living fishing in Gloucester, Massachusetts. They live in a hearing world and have coped as best as they can. Ruby's love is singing. She is dazzling with a powerful voice. Her high school choir director sees her talent and helps her to rise to her potential. As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) Ruby is torn between pursuing music and abandoning her parents and brother who need her. The humor of the film is summed up in this quote from her father: "You know why God made farts smell? So deaf people could enjoy them too". The film is wonderful story of family, community, and achievement in the face of adversity. You will also learn a few things about deafness along the way. Rated PG-13 for strong sexual content and language, and drug use. Currently streaming on Apple TV+. It is a Peggy's Pick.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	2
3	4 Golf- Moffett Field 9:30 a.m.	5 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	6	7 Golf- Chuck Corica South 10:34 a.m.	8 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	9
10	11 Golf- Callippe Preserve 9:30 a.m.	12 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	13	14 Golf- Crystal Springs 9:00 a.m. Biking Half Moon Bay 11:00 a.m.	15 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	16
17	18 Golf- Wente Vineyards 10:00 a.m.	19 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	20 ZOOM MEETING Breakout Rooms 11:45 a.m. Business 12:30 p.m. Speaker 12:45 p.m.	21 Golf- Shoreline SCRAMBLE 9:00 a.m.	22 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up Hiking Henry Cowell Redwoods 10:00 a.m.	23
24	25 Golf- Moffett Field 9:30 a.m.	26 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	27	28 Golf- Cinnabar Hills 10:00 a.m.	29 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	30
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