

# TRAIL



# TIPS

Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

Branch 35 web site: [www.sirinc2.org/branch35/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch35/)

December, 2021

## – NEXT MEETING –

**3rd Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

**Social Time 11:45am**

**Business 12:30pm**

**The State of the Branch 12:45pm**

**VIA ZOOM MEETING**

**Zoom instructions will be sent via email before the meeting.**

## *The Big Sir Says . . .*

Our December 15<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting is being called "The State of the Branch" because your Branch Executive Committee wants to take this opportunity to celebrate the completion of this most unusual year. We will highlight our various activities and share the way each of them has adapted to the Covid challenges. Some will report winners of competitions and others will share experiences they have had while hiking, biking or gathering for wine tasting or dining.



Included in the meeting will be information about SIR State programs and resources that we are using to enhance our branch activities.

We will also share our plans for 2022 as we resume in person luncheons. We will be changing to a pre-registration process with pre-payment for your lunch online. This will allow us to verify that everyone attending the luncheon has been vaccinated and has signed the SIR Covid Event Waiver form. Remember, if you submitted the waiver form earlier this year, you do not have to do it again. Anyone who wishes to attend, but has not been vaccinated, can still attend if they bring proof of a negative Covid test that is less than 72 hours old and sign the waiver form.

We are taking every precaution to provide a safe environment for each person who attends. To respect the social distancing guidelines from the county, we will limit attendance to the first 160 members who register.

If you are not ready to attend an in-person luncheon, we are working on a way to Zoom the meeting to your computer. More information will be available by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

This is my final article for the year, so I want to thank my partners on the Branch Executive Committee who have patiently and enthusiastically worked through all of the challenges of this year. Special thanks to Little Sir Bob Booth and Big Sir Emeritus Andy Danver who have gone above and beyond all realistic expectations to share key plans and decisions with me.

We have all missed the great conversations across the lunch tables for nearly two years. I look forward to renewing our friendships in January.

**Stan**

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## THE STATE OF THE BRANCH

- **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021**
- **COMMENTS FROM SIR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT, RICK KINDLE**
- **CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES FOR BRANCH 35 IN 2022 – ANDY DANVER, BIG SIR-ELECT**
- **DRAWINGS FOR GIFT CARDS**
- **HOW BRANCH 35 OPERATES... BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS**
- **DRAWING FOR A FREE LUNCH AT OUR JANUARY MEETING**

## DECEMBER 2021 ROSTER

**Active Members: 328**

**Net Monthly Change: +2**

### NEW MEMBERS



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### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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David Falconer	Brian Lin	Jay Siedenburgh
Ben Gikis	Bob Lindblom	Pete Squire
Don Girman	Bob Moss	Bob Taggart
Marc Haberman	Peter Mueller	Darryl Walker
Mike Kallbrier	Bill Nugteren	Eli Wismer
Peter Lau	Steve Pomeroy	Larry Wray
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**November Birthday Winner was Bruce Karney**

### 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](mailto:alangaudie@yahoo.com)

### WINE FINDERS

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This activity includes tasting and grading wines at member's homes. Everyone brings a wine to taste. We have had three events so far which have been fun and successful. Contact me at [alangaudie@yahoo.com](mailto:alangaudie@yahoo.com) to join or for further information.

### BIKING

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There is no SIR Bicycle Group Ride scheduled for December. In the past the SIR bicycle group rides on the second Thursday of the month. One ride a month from from January to November. Look to the January "Trail Tips" for the rides to start after the new year.

There are 11 standard SIR bike trails - all very scenic from South San Jose to South San Francisco and from Half Moon Bay to Fremont all between 15 to 20 miles round trip on paved, level bicycle trails. Some trails will have optional 4-5 mile extensions. The riding pace is moderate between 9-14 mph depending on oncoming headwinds. Riding on streets is kept to a minimum. Planned rides will have short restroom/water breaks and lunch is at a known restaurant at the halfway point of the ride.



**SIR Bicycle Group at Maverick Shore, Half Moon Bay**

From left to right:

Peter Mueller, Mark Sarjeant, John Daines, Mike McHenry, Kinzen Wong, Gordon Tong, Jim Lunt, Joseph Mullen. Ron Schoengold.

### Tom Marshburn is Launched

This morning (11/30/21) I got up early to watch "live" our July guest speaker, Tom Marshburn (second from the left in both pictures), make a six-hour spacewalk to replace a defective antenna on the International Space Station. As I headed to the TV, I heard on the 4am news that the walk had been postponed at the last minute because the space station had to be maneuvered around "space junk" headed its direction.

This misadventure was par for the course. The launch was originally scheduled for 2am October 30<sup>th</sup> but was postponed a day for testing and then another day because of bad weather off the coast of North Carolina where the rocket's first stage was to land on its recovery barge. (The family gathered anyway for dinner and watched the video of Tom talking to Branch 35 - all agreed it's great!) The next day we learned the launch was postponed a third time because a crew member (not Tom) became ill (not Covid-19). That was too many delays for me, so I headed back to Texas to drive home with my wife.

Finally, at 6:03pm California time on November 10<sup>th</sup> Tom was launched to the space station as the SpaceX-Crew3 pilot. This was his third trip: once in the shuttle Endeavor, once in the Russian Soyuz and now on SpaceX. Once there, he pinned official "space pins" on the three "rookies" who travelled with him on their 22-hour journey from Cape Canaveral to the ISS where they will spend the next 6 months.

---Big Sir-Elect Andy Danver



11/10/21 Awaiting launch in Dragon Capsule



11/11/21 Joining the existing ISS crew



## 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. This is the final set of articles as we bring this activity to its conclusion. If you wish to get your story published, please let me know soonest and I will commit to working it. Contact me at ronandelaine@comcast.net.



**John Kolb**

**Ron:** I heard from our Big SIR, Stan Barkey that you will be 100 years old this year. Is that correct?

**John:** Well, as a matter of fact, I was born on November 26, 1921, so yes, I will officially be a Centenarian this year.

**Ron:** This milestone is quite special and I'm sure your fellow SIR members would be very interested in reading your story. Would you tell us your story?

**John:** I certainly could. Here is my story.

I was born near New Brunswick, New Jersey, where Rutgers University is, in a small town called Milltown. I was one of three kids in my family. I had a younger brother and sister. My brother was killed in the Korean War in 1951. My father worked as an accountant for the Michelin Tire Company in Milltown and my mother spent all her time raising us and keeping the home front in proper order. I attended a Catholic parochial school. I'm sure those that attended a Catholic school will identify with a typical 5th grade experience I had. We all lined up in our morning assembly and a fellow student talked to me, and like an idiot I answered and before you knew it the sister near tore my ear off. She was also my math teacher so of course I had a heck of the time with that subject, with fractions and such. Well, early on, I caught on that learning required discipline and so, that is what I did and the next year I excelled academically making the honor roll. I moved onto New Brunswick High School where one of the more practical and enjoyable classes for me was typing. I did well in "clacking the keys. As America entered the war, I enlisted into the Navy at 17 or 18 years old and because of my typing skills, they sent me to radio school where I learned morse code and got assigned to man radio stations in Charleston, SC, and Adak. Adak was a remote location with "... no trains or women". The weather was horrible between the Bering Sea and Pacific Ocean. The winds were always blowing, and you could hardly count the number of times you had a clear day. The highlight of our stay was the occasional visit of USO troops, where we would be entertained by singing/dancing girls and

celebrities for which the military police surrounded the stage, saying "...don't you dare come near here." Anyway, that was Adak.

The war ended, and President Truman got us home in a hurry. My first memories of coming home on that liberty ship was climbing up to the deck at dawn and hearing the train whistle and thought oh my, it's so great to be back. When we docked, I looked for a fresh glass of milk, real milk, because the only milk we had was powdered milk, and you know how that tasted.



*John in his U.S. Navy uniform*

I was discharged and went back to work at the Bakelite Company in New Jersey. (Editor's note: Bakelite or polyoxybenzylmethyleneglycolanhydride was the first synthetic plastic and precursor to the consumer plastic we use today. Like plastic it could be molded into any shape and was used extensively in most industries.) I had worked for Bakelite while I was in high school for a few months before I enlisted. They assigned me to the factory area where the air was terribly acrid. Of course, in those days there weren't not too many safety and health standards for the workers. Soon after, plastic emerged as the synthetic of choice and Bakelite took a back seat to it. Today Bakelite is used for wire insulation, brake pads, and even the common dice you use in your Monopoly game.

Well, it was about that time that a girl I had met in Seattle contacted me and said she was moving to San Francisco and described the many advantages of living there. It wasn't too long after, that I sold my Ford and bought an airplane ticket. She met me at the gate when I arrived, and I stayed at a boarding home. We got together several times when she invited me for supper. She brought out some meat dish and I had to say that I was Catholic and didn't eat meat on Friday. At that time, she said that she was converting to become a Catholic and I thought "Oh Wow, let's take another look here". Well, it was about three months later that I was inviting my mother to come out to our wedding.

Her name was Sue, and we were married for 15 years and had three children together. We divorced, for three years and then got remarried again, but divorced again after three years. No one was cheating on anybody, I have to say it was just vibes, just vibes; we tried to make it, but the marriage just didn't have it, that's all. So, several years later, I met and married Olive, and that lasted for 35 years until she passed away on let's see, on December 24, 2007, so she's been gone some 14 years or so. It was a couple of years after that that I met Patty and we have been together for some 12 years now and still going strong.

**Ron:** Tell us a little about your work career.

**John:** I wanted to be a salesman and never made it. Sue and I wanted to go into the grocery business, so I hired on with Safeway and joined the Union and they put me through training, just learning stuff. I was with them for a year. Sue became pregnant and so I decided to buy a home in San Mateo for \$7,500 which wasn't a lot of money. Along came a second child so we moved to another house in East Palo Alto for \$10,950. I moved onto Consumer Cooperative, moving to Sunnyvale. I worked in the grocery business for some 27 years, in various jobs and decided it was time to retire. By then, I

owned three homes that we rented out, had a union pension, and answered my own question of "how much is enough?", by purchasing a chevy truck with a 125cc engine, adding a camper and deciding to go around the country. We had all kinds of maps and took off on a "go with the flow" road trip to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras, Bellingrath Gardens in Georgia, went to one side of Florida then across visiting Alligator Alley, on the Atlantic side, to Washington DC, visited my folks in New Jersey, spent a couple of weeks there, then onto Boston's Freedom Walk, which was great, up to Quebec, west to Manitoba to visit Olive's folks, off to Saskatchewan, Alberta then to British Columbia, where we visited Olive's cousin at his office. We waited at his office in the morning and when he came in, he asked, "What can I do for you?". Olive said "Phil, don't you recognize me?" He took another look and recognized her and was a bit embarrassed, the poor guy. Well, we spent some time at his home and enjoyed the evening together. We finished off our seven-month, 15,000-mile road trip traversing through Washington and took our time "roading" the coast of Oregon until we finally got back home. Now that was a "road trip".

**Ron:** *Have you ever wanted to go back to work?*

**John:** Heaven's No. Never, I never went back to work. How much is enough? Some people never, ... ever, have enough. They keep getting it and getting it and getting it, and there was no way in the world when I got to that point where this (the money) was going to carry us through and amen. One by one I sold a place, got good money for it, and put the money in bonds and have been using that ever since. That's it. That's the way it's been for me.

I used to tell people the only place we live 24 x 7 is right between our ears. That's, really not true. The only place I'll live 24 x 7 is with my God. So, it's wonderful to feel that I'll always have somebody here. Always, Always, that's a wonderful thing.

Over the years, I have my favorite sayings and life philosophies. I'll share a few with you.

Don't let age be a cage.

Don't retire, retire.

Don't take life too seriously or you'll never get out alive.

What's your attitude? Do you expect the best or the worse? What do you got programmed in?

Standby for this one, it's quick. Goes like this:

Casey drives in a big truck going down the highway and a cop stops him and says, I'm going to have to give you a ticket. your taillight is out. Casey says I don't believe you. He goes behind the truck and looks and see nothing and throws up his arms and is beside himself. The cop says why are you getting so excited it's only a taillight? Casey says, taillight be damned, where's my trailer?

**Ron:** *(Chuckle) All right, how long have you been telling that joke?*

**John:** Oh my god, I don't know, quite a while. I got versions both ways for men or women.

**Ron:** *How do you spend your time nowadays?*

**John:** I belong to a Widows and Widowers group. we meet every Tuesday. We have 160 members now. I was President of the group about 5 or 6 yrs. ago, then we had 300 members, so it's whittled down some. We recently met for the first time in the last 18 months. I enjoy the get together and often sing a few songs for entertainment. I've started with the SIR Palo Alto Branch and moved onto the Sunnyvale Branch when that group got too small. I've since moved onto this Branch when the same happened to the Sunnyvale Branch. I've been

a member of this branch since 2014 and have been an SIR for about 30 years. I enjoy it very much and look forward to being together again and singing with the Trail Birds. I could not go to their practice sessions but as I used to play the organ, I would get the tune the night before and would be able to get with the group on meeting day.

I love to sing and did so at my great grand daughter's wedding in Roseville. All my family knows I like to sing so the MC invited me up to sing. It took a little while for me to get onto the stage but when I did, I belted out an oldie but goodie that went like this ... "Oh, when you're smilin, when you're smilin', The whole world smiles with you ...." Everyone loved it and the MC asked me to sing another song, so I sang one of my favorites "Hey, good lookin ... What you got cookin ... How about cooking something up with me-e-e-e." There was a lot of applause and I felt happy and loved.

**Ron:** *How many grandkids do you have?*

**John:** Oh, I don't know, I have three children and they had children, and now their children have children. I have three great-great grandchildren now. I remember all my grandkids birthdays and for Christmas I give them \$50; up until age 18 and then I told them, I must think about others coming up. After that, they should just appreciate the moment.

**Ron:** *How did you learn to use the internet?*

**John:** Yea, oh gosh, well, good question, hmmm ... my son, Jack got me a PC and cell phone for me, which I love, of course. I learned to Google and ask Alexa, and she always comes back with an answer. I love all this new stuff; I think that keeps me going. I think that people that have dementia, kind of bring it on to themselves. I think the brain is something you have to use just like any other part of your body, or it will atrophy. I take care of my home, I do my own washing and ironing ... well, not ironing, no. I take care of the outside, the vines, and bushes. I'm right across from our clubhouse and swimming pool. I exercised a lot early on, with Jack LaLanne on TV and now just keep moving around doing stuff, which is good exercise. Just keeping active is good and I must take care of myself.

**Ron:** *What do you attribute your long life to?*

**John:** Well, for one, my parents lived to 89 and 92 years old so I have some good genes to start.

You know as you get older you just shrink, I used to be 5' 11" now I'm 5' 9", that's the way it is. Yes, I am 5' 9" and weigh 140lbs. If I get one pound over, I say to myself, WHAT DID YOU EAT YESTERDAY? DON'T EAT IT TODAY! THAT'S IT, EAT LESS TODAY. I believe in a clean mouth; I think that's extremely important. What do I mean by a clean mouth? Well, I brush my teeth with an electric toothbrush twice a day and at night I floss my teeth and use a mouthwash. And yea, I keep a nice clean mouth as a lot of germs gather there. I have some hand sanitizers in the house and yea, I had my three shots, yes, all three ... and my flu shot.



*John receiving World War II Veterans Recognition Certificate*

**Ron:** Do you drink?

**John:** No, no, no, ... well we visit Patty's daughter every Sunday for dinner, and they always have wine. So, I have a measured amount (a very tiny bit) and take it with my food so it's fine. A full glass of wine, ... no, no, no, no, no, no.

I eat meat, but not a lot of it. Patty and I often visit the Mountain View Senior center for lunch which used to be \$3 but now is free. I like to sing there sometimes.

I always have an extremely good breakfast. I eat like a King for breakfast. Why, because you haven't had anything in your stomach for 8-12 hours. Food is energy, so give me some. That's the big meal. For lunch, you eat like a Queen and for supper you eat like a Pauper, and of course, nobody does. What do they do? They don't eat until 8pm and when they eat out, they don't even get to the restaurant until 7pm, dumb, dumb, dumb. Well, I got a little excited here, but that's the way it is. Hello!

**Ron:** What's a good breakfast for you, eggs and bacon?

**John:** No, no, my breakfast consists of grapes, maybe five or six, maybe ten blueberries, half a banana, vitamins, some milk, and I've learned to blend it into a smoothie drink. When I get up, I do enjoy a cup of coffee which I call "water with an attitude". Good for the brain works.

**Ron:** What do you do for entertainment?

**John:** Well, we have our favorite programs, I enjoy watching some TV, like FBI, CNN news, Bluebloods, and Chicago PD, Fire, and MD. I do like to know what's going on in the world. All are good.

**Ron:** Do you have a parting message for your fellow members?

**John:** Well, I would say this:

- I think life is an exquisite privilege.
- And the word I love is determination
- Another one, goes like this; Do not regret growing old, it's a privilege, denied to many.
- Live your life and forget your age.
- I've seen better days, but I've also seen worse.
- I woke up with some aches and pains, but ... I woke up.
- My life may not be perfect, but I am blessed.

**Ron:** Well, John, it was a pleasure chatting with you and I marvel at how attentive you have been throughout our conversation. Early congratulations on your upcoming birthday and I hope to be able to meet you at our next meeting in January. I understand from Stan Barkey that the branch will be honoring you with an SIR Century award.

**John:** Well, thank you and I hope to be able to sing a song along with the Trail Birds then. Goodbye.

*Editor's note: To give you an appreciation of the incredible journey John has lived through; I'll note a few of the major events and trends that have transpired over the past 100 years.*

*1920's: The Roaring Twenties - Flappers, Jazz, and the League of Nations. Ford sold 15 million Model T's. America's population reaches 100 million.*

*1930's: Star Spangled Banner becomes the official national anthem. First year of the Great Depression. The Social Security Act enacted. The golden age of Hollywood. World War II starts.*

*1940's: World War II major battles. Pearl Harbor. Manhattan Project. Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The war finally ends. Marshall Plan. Berlin blockade. Transistor invented.*

*1950's: Korean War. Rock and Roll music enters the mainstream. Elvis. Disneyland opens in California. The first US atomic power station goes operational in Pennsylvania. Sputnik. Queen Elizabeth coronation.*

*1960's: Soviet achieves first person in space. OPEC is created. Construction of the Berlin Wall. Beatles "Love Me Do". First episode of Star Trek airs. America lands the first men on the moon. Vietnam War escalates. ARPANET.*

*1970's: US population reaches 200 million. Kent State University. Watergate crisis and the resignation of a Vice President and President. U.S. Bicentennial. Star Wars premiers. Three Mile Island. The Iran Hostage Crisis.*

*1980's: "The Computer" is named Time Magazine's Man of the Year. AT&T breaks up into 22 Regional Bells. First female Vice-Presidential candidate. Chernobyl disaster. Challenger Space Shuttle explosion. Black Monday, stock market crash. Berlin Wall falls.*

*1990's: The Gulf War: Operation Desert Storm. Oklahoma City Bombing. World Wide Web debuts. Impeachment of Bill Clinton. Grunge and hip hop. Dot-com bubble.*

*2000's: Dot-com bubble bursts. Enron, WorldCom scandals precipitating the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. World Trade Center terrorist attack 9/11. US reaches 300 million. George W. Bush narrowly wins over Al Gore. Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. First US black president*

*2010's: Boston Marathon terror bombing, al-Qaeda and ISIS leader hunted and eliminated. Real Estate Billionaire elected president. U.S. House impeaches president. Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster. First photo of a black hole.*

*2020's: First patient in the US is diagnosed with coronavirus. First vaccines approved by FDA. New president. John Kolb's 100th birthday!*

**Happy Birthday, John! How about another decade or so?**





## 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).

**Good News:** The City of Mountain View has recently taken a renewed interest in maintaining the Cuesta Park Bocce Courts that we play on now. Our players are reporting that the surface of the courts is now "smooth and fast," a marked improvement over what we had been experiencing over that last couple of years.

The player participation continues at 8 - 10 players per week, with a high of 16.

We are hopeful that the City of Los Altos will implement the changes to the new partially completed courts at the Hillview Community Center that we have requested. Critical to the completion is the addition of a playing surface on both courts, among other issues. We have requested an allocated playing time of 10 am to 12 noon every Friday."

## BOWLING

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**Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino.** Our winning team (pictured below) was decided on the final day of the Summer/Fall session. We have immediate openings for bowlers of any level. Call either Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

Left to right:  
Perry Brown  
Jim Holman  
Jim Eastham



### FINAL STANDINGS– SUMMER/FALL

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – Perry Brown, Jim Holman, Tim Eastham

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – Ranney Thayer, Arnie Satterlee, Darryl Walker

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – Rick McColloch, Stan Barkey, Jay Jonekait

4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Fred Emmenegger, Alan Gaudie, Marc Haberman

5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Doug Anderson, Bob Taggart, Bob Garten

6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Les Fisher, Ron Nakamoto, John Faucett

7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Peter Wong, Jerry Ososkie, Larry Low

8<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Harold Kaye, Don Haythronwhite, Joe Enos

### SEASON HIGH SCORES

#### HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

1st – Mark Haberman: 640

2nd – John Faucett: 569

3rd – Jay Jonekait: 562

#### HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

1st – Jim Holman: 730

2nd – Doug Anderson: 689

3rd – Jerry Ososkie: 681

#### HIGH GAME - SCRATCH

1st – Larry Low: 248

2nd – Ron Nakamoto: 226

3rd – Bob Garten: 220

#### HIGH HANDICAP GAME

1st – Rick McColloch: 281

2nd – Bob Taggart: 262

3rd – Tim Eastham: 259

## HIKING

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### Holiday Season Hike - Mt. Umunhum



SIR Hikers at Mt. Umunhum Summit

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> sixteen adventuresome SIR Branch 35 hikers will take on the challenge of the Mt. Umunhum hike — a 7.5 mile, 1,150' ascent hike which is about twice the length our typical monthly hikes. Since the hike will not occur until after Trail Tips publication time, the picture above shows the SIR hikers in January 2019. The weather outlook is mostly sunny, so we hope to have great views from Monterey Bay up to Half Moon Bay, like we did two years ago.

### Branch 35 Monthly Spouse Hikes

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

Branch 35 members, spouses, or friends who have signed the Covid-19 Waiver and are able to enjoy a moderate hike of up to 5 miles and up to 1,000 feet elevation gain are invited to join us. Hikes normally occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. We have one holiday season hike each year on the first Friday of December.

Next year our first hike will be on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to join either our December or our January hike, send an email to Peter Thurston, [peterthurston@gmail.com](mailto: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.

---Peter Thurston, SIR Branch 35 Hiking Chairman





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## GOLF INFO

## Correction

Last month's column named the wrong golfer as having won a \$25 "inside putter length" payout at Wente. It was actually **Joe Cioni** who had the outstanding tee shot on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole.

## Rich McGrath Wins Club Championship (Low Gross)

Our Club Championship switched to a three-round format this year at Poppy Hills, Baylands and Sunnyvale. After the first round there was an unprecedented three-way tie for first. **Richard McGrath**, **Robert Manetta** and **Alex Bush** all shot 83 while **Jay Jonekait** wasn't far behind at 85. **Larry Low** and **Joe Cioni** lurked five shots back, tied for fifth, after firing opening round 88s.

The field narrowed in the second round. **Manetta** shot another great round and took a one stroke lead over **McGrath**, while **Joe Cioni's** 80 brought him within 3 strokes of the leader. All the others were at least ten strokes back, so it was a three-man race heading to the final round.

In Round 3, **Rich McGrath** fired a 77 to win the championship by 8 strokes. **Joe Cioni** and **Robert Manetta** tied for second with 251.

## Ken Jones Wins Club Championship (Low Net)

While only six golfers were within five shots of the leaders after the first round of the Low Gross championship, ten golfers were in the hunt for the Low Net trophy after Round 1. **Stan Barkey's** net 71 put him in the lead, followed by **Jay Jonekait** and **Larry Baugher** at 73, **Balbir Kalsi** and **Ken Jones** at 74, **Richard McGrath** at 75 and four others at 76.

**Ken Jones** and **Joe Cioni** each shot net 72s in the second round, the best scores of the day. Following Round 2 Jones led with 146 and Cioni was second at 149. **Marc Haberman** (150) and **Don Mattson** (152) appeared to be within striking distance.

Rich McGrath fired a net 68 in the final round but couldn't match **Ken Jones'** 3-hole total of 220. McGrath came in second (221) and **Joe Cioni** (222) took third.

## Feeney Posts the Best Round of the Month

**Gerry Feeney** shot the month's outstanding round on Nov. 8 at Boulder Ridge. His -4.0 "under/over" score eclipsed all other golfers in November. Well done, Gerry!

## Our Two “Super Seniors” Take on Silverado

The NCGA hosts seventeen tournaments a year for Seniors (age 55+) and Super Seniors (65+). Much like the FedEx Cup for pro golfers, NorCal Super Seniors earned points based on how well they did in the NCGA qualifying tournaments they entered. More than 200 golfers played in two or more NCGA events during 2021, and only twenty players from each age group advanced to the Championship played November 19 at Silverado in Napa. (By the way, some of those players were women.)

**Richard McGrath** qualified by placing eighth in Super Seniors points and **Joe Cioni** placed nineteenth. Under very difficult playing conditions (heavy air, drizzle, and 4-inch rough), Richard tied for 8th position in the final event with a net 80 and Joe came in 12th with a net 83. Joe was the oldest player in the top thirty.

## Who Will Win the Four Ball Match Play Tourney?

The final match of the Four Ball Match tournament will be played

shortly after this issue of **Trail Tips** is finalized. Results of the match between **Jim Davis/Joe Cioni** and **Gerry Feeney/Dave Squellati** will appear in the next edition.

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday Dec 17			
Los Lagos		Mon Jan 3	9:30 \$33
Eclectic 1			** TC needed ** / Newton
Deep Cliff		Thu Jan 6	9:30 \$34
Eclectic 3		Squellati 408-245-3787 dsqueaky(at)pacbel.net / Holman	
Coyote Creek - V (CCV) (Cart,Range)		Mon Jan 10	10:05 \$75
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DeLaveaga (DLV) (Prize)		Thu Jan 13	9:40 \$59
		Miles 408-528-5473 Lmpomii(at)yahoo.com / Wong, Peter	
Los Lagos (LLS2)		Mon Jan 17	9:30 \$34
Eclectic 2			** TC needed ** / Newton
Spring Valley (SPV)		Thu Jan 20	10:00 \$50
		Lau 408-730-9115 ronwjlau(at)gmail.com / Ososkie	
Moffett Field (MFD)		Mon Jan 24	9:30 \$45
		Barkey 408-996-3133 stanbarkey(at)gmail.com / Wilson	
Los Lagos (LLS3)		Thu Jan 27	
Eclectic 3			** TC needed ** / Newton
Canyon Lakes (CLK) (Cart)		Mon Jan 31	
		Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com / Holman	
Castlewood CC Hill (CWH) (Cart,Range)		Mon Feb 28	early signup
this is special - Try it		McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath(at)yahoo.com	

## GOLF RESULTS

Cinnabar Hills				Par 72			Oct. 28, 2021		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
R. McGrath	73	20GC	Ken Jones	71	20GC	Balbir Kalsi	75	17GC	
J. Rittweger	78	17GC	H. Petersen	75	17GC	Peter Lau	79	10GC	
Alex Bush	78	13GC	T. Barnhart	82	13GC	Peter Wong	86	8GC	
Larry Low	78	\$7	R. Pattisson	85	\$15	Man Tran	86	\$4	
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: Man Tran, hole #2, \$15									
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 80									

Poppy Ridge				Par 72			Nov. 4, 2021		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Jay Jonekait	73	\$21	Stan Barkey	71	\$21	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$18	
Rich McGrath	75	\$16	L. Baugher	73	\$16	Don Mattson	76	\$14	
Larry Low	77	\$10	Ken Jones	74	\$10	Man Tran	76	\$10	
Joe Cioni	77	\$5	R. Nakamoto	76	\$5	Tim O'Meara	78	\$5	
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None									
Low Gross: Richard McGrath, Robert Manetta and Alex Bush tied with 83									

Boulder Ridge				Par 72		Nov. 8, 2021		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Joe Cioni	69	\$20	Dick Heiman	70	\$20	Gerry Feeney	64	\$22
J. Rittweger	70	\$15	R. Nakamoto	71	\$15	Joe Enos	72	\$16
Ron Lau	71	\$10	Les Miles	72	\$10	Gerald Cooley	73	\$12
Rich McGrath	72	\$5	Stan Scardino	77	\$5	Jim Narva	73	\$7
<b>"Within a Putter Length" Winner:</b> None <i>Joe Cioni shot his age</i> (82 years, 80 strokes)								
<b>Low Gross:</b> Joe Cioni and Richard McGrath tied at 80								

Baylands				Par 72			Nov. 11, 2021		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Joe Cioni	72	\$18	Ken Jones	72	\$18	Gerry Feeney	74	\$21	
M. Haberman	73	\$14	Herb Petersen	73	\$14	Man Tran	77	\$16	
J. Rittweger	77	\$10	B. Metheany	74	\$10	Peter Wong	79	\$10	
						Dave Squellati	80	\$5	
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None Joe Cioni shot his age again! (80 strokes)									
Low Gross: Joe Cioni 80									

Sunnyvale				Par 70		Nov. 15, 2021		
Palmer Flight	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit 1	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit 2	Net	\$
Rich McGrath	68	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	73	\$18	Peter Wong	68	\$18
R. Nakamoto	69	\$21	Peter Lau	74	\$14	Tim O'Meara	69	\$14
Jay Jonekait	71	\$16	W. Stephens	75	\$10	Jim Narva	70	\$10
Bill Hall	72	\$11						
Chris Weberg	72	\$9						
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None								
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 77								



Castlewood Lower Course			Par 72	Nov. 18, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Herb Petersen	69	\$21	Jim Narva	67	\$18
Richard McGrath	73	\$16	Peter Wong	68	\$14
Alex Bush	75	\$10	Peter Lau	70	\$10
Joe Cioni	75	\$5	Joe ENos	72	\$5
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None					
Low Gross: Alex Bush 82					

Spring Hills			Par 71	Nov. 22, 2021	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Ken Jones	74	\$18	Man Tran		\$18
Chris Weberg	76	\$14	Peter Wong		\$12
Ron Nakamoto	80	\$10	Balbir Kalsi		\$7
Jay Jonekait	82	\$5			
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None					
Low Gross: Chris Weberg 89					

## MOVIES

**The French Dispatch.** Writer/Director Wes Anderson delivers another quirky, visually intriguing, and funny look at humanity. He creates an anthology of four stories plus an epilogue published by The French Dispatch, a fictitious magazine patterned after The New Yorker but published in France for a Liberty, Kansas newspaper. The setting is the town of Ennui sur Blasé (Boredom on Apathy) which will give you sense of the film's satirical point of view. We are treated to a cycling tour of the town; meet an artist who creates concrete masterpieces in prison; feel for a young idealist who has her Manifesto rewritten; dine with the Police Commissioner as his son is kidnapped; and read the obituary for the editor of the Dispatch. The film has many famous actors in major roles and loads of cameos. Stay alert to catch a glimpse of your favorites. Wes Anderson movies are always a treat but are not for everyone. If you are a fan, check this one out for sure. Not a Fan or a novice, give it a try. Rated R for graphic nudity, some sexual references and language. In Theatres.

**Belfast.** Writer/Director Kenneth Branagh brings us an autobiographical look at what it is was like to grow up in Belfast, Northern Ireland, during the Time of Troubles. Set in 1969, the British Army has just been sent in to quell the riots between the Protestants and the Catholics. Neighborhoods had been burnt to the ground and former neighbors had declared war on one another. Buddy (Jude Hill) is a nine-year-old boy living with his mother and older brother. Pa (Jamie Dornan) is away in England at a good job and comes home regularly. Buddy is very attached to his grandparents, friends at school and his parents. His world explodes as religious intolerance destroys the fabric of society. We see this all happen through Buddy's eyes. His Pa is fortunate enough to be offered a promotion in England that would allow the family to relocate and escape the Troubles. The thought of leaving his family and friends distresses Buddy mightily, but the situation in Northern Ireland is careening out of control. The film is a poignant telling of a story of how fragile civility can be. The performances are amazing. Branagh uses black and white photography as part of the story itself. This is a must see and an Oscar contender in many categories. Most importantly it is a Peggy's Pick. In Theatres.

# SIR HAPPENINGS

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**SIR Branch 35 Activities - December 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Golf- Blackhorse 10:00 a.m.	3 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up Hiking Mt. Umunhum 10:00 a.m.	4
5	6 Golf- Deep Cliff Eclectic 1 9:30 a.m.	7 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	8	9 Golf- Los Lagos 9:36 a.m. No Biking	10 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	11
12	13 Golf- Deep Cliff Eclectic 2 9:30 a.m.	14 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	15 ZOOM MEETING Breakout Rooms 11:45 a.m. Business 12:30 p.m. STATE OF THE BRANCH 12:45 P.M.	16 Golf- Sunnyvale Christmas Ball 9:00 a.m.	17 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	18
19	20	21 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	29			