



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

Branch 35 web site: www.sirinc2.org/branch35/**The Big Sir Says . . .**

January 2022

– NEXT MEETING –**3rd Wednesday, January 19, 2022****Social Time 11:45am****Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm****VIA ZOOM MEETING****Zoom instructions will be sent via email before the meeting.****Speaker: Elisabeth Ward, Executive Director****Topic: The Future of the Past:****Los Altos History Museum**

Elisabeth Ward became the Executive Director of the Los Altos History Museum in 2017 and is focused on implementing a vision of what a local history museum should be as a community resource. She will tell us how she manages a staff of five to create exhibitions and programming in a purpose-built museum and in a historic home. The museum also has an active group of

volunteers who strive to fulfill their mission: to make the past relevant to the present and future.

She earned an undergraduate degree and doctorate in Scandinavian languages and literature from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in anthropology (with a concentration in museum studies) from Georgetown University. She grew up in Mission Viejo, California, and previously worked as the director of the Scandinavian Cultural Center at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington; lecturer in Scandinavian languages at Cal; director of the Vikingaheimar Museum in Iceland; and museum specialist at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. She is the author of many academic publications and is fluent in Icelandic with a functional knowledge of Norwegian and Spanish.



As Yogi Berra once said... "It's Déjà vu all over again"

I'm honored to be asked to be your Big Sir again next year. Unfortunately, it looks like 2022 will begin

much like 2020 and 2021 ended with great uncertainty about the direction this mutating Covid virus will take and how it will impact our lives.



Again, we have canceled our in-person Elks' lunch from reopening in January.

May we all weather the unknown storms we will face in 2022. Let's be thankful for all we have including our health, our families and the many friends we have made here in Branch 35. We should all thank the Branch 35 Executive Committee, particularly Stan Barkey and Bob Booth, for successfully leading us through 2021.

Also, Special recognition goes to John Kolb who turned 100 last November!

At the December 15th branch meeting Stan did an outstanding job moderating the "State of the Branch" program. 90 members attended the Zoom session, and the feedback is that his performance made an otherwise dry and unexciting topic fun and informative. Improvement suggestions included that our membership Director Paul Schutz should have told a few jokes and there should have been more "surprise" holiday drawings!

I recommend you watch it =>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mR_e14TqJ_Q

During the week of the meeting I was on a boat with my family off the Hawaiian Islands, but Stan persuaded me to record my initial thoughts for branch goals for 2022 before I went. This recording was made part of the "State of the Branch" presentation.

In closing, I'd like to summarize my top goals for 2022:

- Re-open safe in-person monthly luncheons as soon as possible.
- Implement ways to pre-register and pre-pay for lunch using credit cards.
- Lead 'State SIR' to implement hybrid meetings when we meet in-person.
- Reopen current and new activities and encourage increased participation.
- Continue effective communication with all members, active or not.
- Improve visibility of SIR locally with increased promotions & services.
- Lower our median age from 79 by attracting new, younger active members.
- Integrate our new members more effectively into branch leadership roles.

So as Roy Rogers sang, "Happy Trails (as in Mission Trails) to you until we meet again",

Andy

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JANUARY 2022 ROSTER

Active Members: 329

Net Monthly Change: +1

NEW MEMBERS



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Golf, Bicycling

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

John Wong	23	Stan Barkey	18
Jim DeLong	22	John Brown	12
Wendell Lehr	22	Ernie Robertson	12
Herb Fischgrund	19	Dick Treakle	11
Dick Knock	19		

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ben Adelman	Don Fidler	Tom Moulton
David Arata	John Files	Joe Mullen
Russ Atkinson	Joe Geist	Ron Murphy
Richard Blackborow	David Gobuty	John Richardson
Vince Clampa	Clive Hallatt	Joe Scheid
Dick Costa	Rob Lipshutz	John Sleeman
Dick DeLoof	Robert Manetta	Wendell Stephens
John Faucett	Les Miles	Ranney Thayer
Gerry Feeney	Cal Morris	Ron Wilensky

December Birthday Winner was Bruce Karney

December Gift Card Winners were:

Harv Dixon – Amazon, Gordon Mullin – See's Candy, and
Marc Levy - Movies

DINING IN

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Dining In is designed to meet new people through pot luck dinners in private homes (for couples). We will be reorganizing some groups in January so now is a good time to join. If you are interested in joining or need more information contact me - 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 to join or for further information.

BIKING

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2nd Thursday— January 13, 2022, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome, Rain cancels, Helmet mandatory and Face masks optional.

Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)

Ride: We will ride a flat, scenic 14 mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, next to the Palo Alto Airport (total ride 19 miles). Lunch is usually at Michael's in the Shoreline Park but it's been closed for renovations. An alternative lunch spot may be the Baylands Cafe at the Baylands Golf Link near the PA Duck Pond. We will finalize the lunch spot on the day of the ride.

Directions: Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. From Palo Alto, go south on El Camino Real to Grant Rd; turn right. Drive past the 3rd traffic signal to Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Drive to the end of Sleeper Ave., which is the intersection of Franklin Ave. Park your car near the intersection. If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or gordy6850@gmail.com. Hank Bottino at (650) 207-4320 or bottinoh@comcast.net will be my biking group co-leader.

The SIR Branch 35 monthly bicycling is a combined activity with all SIR Branches in Area 16. The objectives of the monthly rides are to continue to promote fellowship, share experiences, get some exercise and above all, have FUN! Planned SIR rides are announced in each SIR Monthly Newsletter and by email to all interested members. The rides are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Wives and guest are welcome. All that a bicyclist needs are a bike (including an e-bike), helmet, and a jacket or vest. Rain will cancel the planned ride. We ask that all participants exhibit a positive attitude, exercise good judgment when riding such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obeying all traffic signs, stop lights, etc. There will always be a **lead** rider and a **sweeper** as the last rider to ensure that all riders stay on course. It's important that all riders keep the lead rider in their sights.

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).

Play has been hampered in the latter part of December by both weather and respect for the holidays. We anticipate a pickup in January with rains diminishing.

We are awaiting a schedule for completion of the Bocce Courts by Los Altos, now three months since the Senior Center had its opening."

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 article as we bring this activity to its conclusion. It has been an enjoyable journey documenting the many memorable life stories of my fellow members. You are welcome to visit our branch website to view all past Member Profiles posted.

BOB BOOTH



Bob and Pat in a 1950s car in Cuba

"My life's goals have always been focused on my family. Since, my kids were born, I've strived to make sure they grew up in a good environment and that I could be there for them to support whatever they decided to do. We purchased our home in Los Altos so I could be close to work and able to get away for those all-important

elementary school shows. My work as a litigation attorney has been intense but my work was never so far that I could not attend most of their activities and events. I've even volunteered to coach their soccer and basketball teams. My daughter, Jenny, excelled at water polo and her team won the CCS championship. She then played at UC Davis. My son, Brent, was a very good all-around athlete but golf became his passion and he dropped basketball his senior year to concentrate on golf. At UC Davis he was twice captain of the golf team. His thrill came when they won the conference championship and played in the NCAA tournament. Both still live in the Bay Area making it easy for my wife Pat and I to enjoy our three grandchildren, a 4-year-old boy and two 2-year-old girls. Pat and I feel fortunate and lucky to have achieved our life's goals. Here is my story."

Bob was born in Newport News, Virginia. He was the youngest of three children. His father, a West Point graduate and Army Colonel was assigned to Fort Monroe, VA at the time. When Bob was two the Korean War broke out on June 25, 1950, when North Korea crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South Korea. Bob's father was part of the first US troops sent to aid the Republic of Korea to stop the North Korean invasion. He was part of the force that landed at Inchon and pursued the North Korean army into North Korea until the Chinese army forced a stalemate around the 38th parallel.

Upon his return from Korea, Bob's father was promoted to Brigadier General, and Bob enjoyed a privileged military life in Stuttgart, Germany (in quarters recaptured from the Nazis), Ft Benning, GA, then New York City on Governor's Island "... right smack in the middle of New York harbor". Bob lived just across the street from the 5th green of the 9-hole course on the Island. After school he would putt and fool around on the green, eventually graduating to playing the course. He was hooked on golf and would remain so throughout his life. *(Editor's note: The house Bob lived in, on Governor's Island is now part of the National Park Service where one can visit his house with his old room, but now not likely to have his posters. The Governor's Island Golf Course was the only golf course in Manhattan and offered one of the most unique golf vistas with its views of the Brooklyn and Manhattan skylines with the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop.)*

At the time, the epicenter of baseball was New York with three teams, the Yankees, Dodgers and Giants. Bob enjoyed going to Ebbetts Field, the Polo Grounds, and Yankee Stadium. He especially remembers attending Game 5 of the 1956 World Series, probably the single most memorable World Series game ever when Don Larsen pitched a perfect game for the Yankees, the only one in Series history. But the team that captured his

affections was the Giants and Willie Mays. Lucky for Bob he ended up in the Bay Area.

While in New York Bob was also fortunate to meet an old friend of his father's, Tony McAuliffe. WWII buffs will know General McAuliffe as the man who famously said "Nuts" to a German surrender demand at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. General McAuliffe took a shine to young Bob and took him to baseball games and other events in New York while he was there.

A few moves later Bob lived in Fort Meade, Maryland where he would live the next six years until his father, now a Major General (two stars) retired after 35 years of service. Bob attended Severn High School in Severna Park, Maryland. There Bob played football, basketball, and lacrosse. The school was particularly good at lacrosse, winning the MSA championship his senior year.

Bob went to Duke University where he played Lacrosse for two years. He recalls being amazed at how good top college players at schools like Navy and Maryland really were. Guarding them as a defenseman was a daunting experience but lots of fun. Surprisingly, the goalie at Duke still talks to Bob. He graduated with a degree in Political Science in 1969.

Bob spent the summer after graduation working as a US Senate intern in the offices of Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky. It was a fantastic experience as Bob got to see first-hand how the Senate works and doesn't work. One day the women in the office were all atwitter because the young, handsome senator, Ted Kennedy from Massachusetts was coming to pay a courtesy call to a Republican Senator. One wonders if that happens today.

At the end of the summer Bob joined the Army and after stints at Fort Dix, NJ and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Bob graduated from OCS with a commission in the Signal Corps (communications) with orders for some additional training courses and then on to Vietnam. It was 1970 and the war was still very much alive. However, fate intervened, and Bob was offered the option to go to Germany which he accepted. He spent the next three plus years in Germany, mostly in Darmstadt, as a battalion staff officer of a STRATCOM (Strategic Communications) unit.

Following OCS, Bob and his college sweetheart, Pat were married. Pat was in the Duke School of Nursing, and they met at a fraternity party where Pat had a date with one of Bob's fraternity brothers. The story Pat tells is she saw Bob and asked for an introduction and the rest is history. Her story probably has some truth since Bob says he was shy around girls at the time. They've been married 51 years.

He and Pat took full advantage of being in Europe, traveling to almost every country west of the Iron Curtain, only missing out on Portugal and Finland. The Army encouraged its members to gain an appreciation for why they were there, so it granted each one several days of "admin leave" to visit West Berlin. Bob and his wife did so, taking a train from Frankfurt through East Germany to Berlin. He vividly remembers the stark contrast between the two Germanys with East Germany being completely dark at night and the view from Checkpoint Charley showing a lifeless city beyond the wall. By contrast, West Berlin was full of life with people in the cafes until all hours. Bob felt they were "living like there was no tomorrow."

After the Army, Bob entered law school, graduating from the University of Virginia in 1977. Having been moved around his whole life Bob was not daunted by the idea of moving to a new city. So, upon graduation Bob took a job in Los Angeles for a mid-size downtown law firm.

Bob worked exclusively in litigation of all sorts, but all on cases for the defense. Bob worked on various cases to include representing Ford and Jeep, defending against personal injury cases involving exploding gas tanks and other product liability allegations. These cases were replete with grisly details to be handled and he just decided that that kind of work was not for him. With his wife expecting their first child, Bob and Pat decided this was a good time to leave Los Angeles. They moved north and Bob took a job at Hewlett Packard in Palo Alto while Pat took a job at Stanford Hospital caring for heart transplant patients.

At HP Bob handled litigation matters as well as disputes before they boiled over into a lawsuit. He worked on licensing and other contract matters mostly in the computer arena. Bob routinely provided advice on regulatory requirements, marketing issues, sales, and myriad other matters that companies encounter and enjoyed it. Visiting Microsoft to negotiate licensing for their operating system MS-DOS, Bob saw the prototype of their new graphical operating system called Windows. Bob continued his career in litigation with Apple, Iomega, Palm (pre- IPO) and back to HP after it acquired Palm. Bob thoroughly enjoyed the various work challenges he encountered and some of the perks.



Bob and Brent in Ireland at Tralee.

In a fun interlude, Bob was chosen to fill Apple's spot in the Pro-Am for the Tour Championship at the Olympic Club where he teamed with Jay Haas and two other amateurs to finish third. Bob also worked on advertising agreements with the SF Giants and the PGA. An SF Giants perk was Club level seats for employees. As a PGA Tour and Pro-Am sponsor, Bob played again in a few events to include at Disney World where he played alongside Scott Hock and competed in the first two rounds.

When Palm entered the cell phone business, Bob worked on a new challenge. The cell phone world was fraught with patent infringement claims. Eventually, Bob would have to relinquish all other duties and focus on defending the company from the many infringement lawsuits that all the cell phone makers faced. It was an invigorating experience towards the latter part of his career. One area of interest was dealing with the myriad firms who claimed royalties based upon their respective contributions to standards such as 2G, 3G, etc. A very "hot" issue at the time was how to measure the royalty due - on the value of the item contributed to the standard or on the entire device containing the patented item. The latter would effectively keep many companies out of the business as the cumulative effect would be to eat up the entire margin. Bob was right in the middle of this debate and its real-world implications. He stayed at Palm/HP until he retired. Over the years he says he handled well over 100 matters including scores of lawsuits from class actions to intellectual property infringement.

In retirement, Bob enjoys his family, golf, and travelling to new places. He's been to China, where he hooked up with friends to privately tour the country, Great Wall, and other unique sights that you would not find on a tour. In Taiwan and Malaysia, friends added some time for a golf outing which was truly a great experience. England, Ireland, Cuba, Vietnam were other countries they visited. He was amazed that the Vietnamese held no animosity to Americans. "A memorable highlight of our trips was in South Africa where we toured Victoria Falls, Cape Town, viewed native animals and other sights. We've been to the five main Utah National Parks. "Highly recommended" and "Awesome" is how Pat and I would describe it. While COVID put some of our plans on hold we hope to start again soon."



Bob making sushi in Tokyo

"My parting message to my fellow members is to set your priorities and then follow it through, no matter what the conventional wisdom or others tell you. If you stick to your priorities, then you should have peace of mind. I've lived my life prioritizing my family over all else and have never looked back

or wondered what could be. I am happy with my choices. It is like investing, I don't care about trying to beat the S&P index, but I do care about some reasonable portfolio growth and income."

Editor's note: For our members interested in genealogy you should ask Bob about his family history. You read that his father was a West Point graduate. In addition, his mother's father went to West Point and graduated a year before Gen MacArthur. When MacArthur met his mother, he took both her hands and said how he so admired her father. Bob's family history dates to the 1600's with his mother's grandfather, a Colonel in the Civil War, to Charles Carroll, a signee of the Declaration of Independence, and to Robert Brent, the first mayor of Washington DC, appointed by Thomas Jefferson. Now that is a family history.

BOWLING

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Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino. With 25% of the Winter Season under our belts, there are only 3 1/2 points between first and last place. Any team that gets "hot" can win it all. We have immediate openings for bowlers of any level. Call either Bob or Doug if you have questions.

STANDINGS WEEK 4- WINTER

1 ST PLACE – Jim Holman, Jerry Ososkie, Jay Jonekait
2 ND PLACE – Les Fisher, Dpm Haythronewhite, Bob Taggart, Perry Brown
3 RD PLACE – Gerry Cooley, Harold Kaye, Larry Low
4 TH PLACE –TIE - Alan Gaudie, Tim Eastham, Ron Nakamoto
4 TH PLACE –TIE - Fred Emmenegger, Brian Lin, Stan Barkey, Joe Enos
6 TH PLACE –TIE - Ranney Thayer, Peter Wong, Darryl Walker, John Faucett
6 TH PLACE –TIE - Nancy Jones, Rick McColloch, Arnie Satterlee
8 TH PLACE – Doug Anderson, Ken Jones, Marc Haberman

SEASON HIGH SCORES

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
1st – Jay Jonekait: 559	1st – Perry Brown: 221
2nd – Joe Enos: 550	2nd – Ron Nakamoto: 204
3rd – Larry Low: 542	3rd – Don Haythronewhite: 202
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME
1st – Stan Barkey: 680	1st – Jerry Ososkie: 259
2nd – Jim Holman: 656	2nd – Doug Anderson: 248
3rd – Harold Kaye: 651	3rd – Alan Gaudie: 235

LAST WEEK'S TOP SCORES

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
1st – Joe Enos: 550	1st –TIE – Ron Nakamoto: 204
2nd – Larry Low: 522	1st –TIE – Stan Barkey: 204
3rd – Jerry Ososkie: 467	3rd – TIE – Bob Taggart: 172
	3rd – TIE – John Faucett: 172
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME
1st – Doug Anderson: 631	1st – Darryl Walker: 230
2nd – Jim Holman: 623	2nd – Don Haythronewhite: 227
3rd – Fred Emmenegger: 604	3rd – Alan Gaudie: 207

Holiday Season Hike - Mt. Umunhum



View above the clouds at Mt. Umunhum trailhead

HIKING

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On December 3rd twenty-one adventuresome SIR Branch 35 hikers accepted the challenge of the Mt. Umunhum hike — a 7.5 mile, 1,150' gain hike which is about twice the length our typical monthly hikes. We left our warm homes on a chilly and deeply overcast morning for the 45 to 60-minute carpool to Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve south of San Jose. We were hopeful that the overcast would clear before our hike.

As we began our drive up the winding Hicks Road along the Guadalupe Reservoir, we were still covered in the heavy cloud layer. Just before we reached the Mt. Umunhum trailhead at 2,300' elevation, we broke through into a clear sunny sky. Doug Tanner captured this magic moment in the picture at the Mt. Umunhum trailhead.

Our group included six Sirs who had not hiked with us before this year, five spouses, and three guests. The magic continued as we climbed up the two-track hiking trail which provided many opportunities for everyone to talk and get to know each other.

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 has signed the Covid-19 Waiver and are able 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 4th Friday of the month. Next year our first hike will be on January 28th. If you wish to join our January hike, send an email to Peter Thurston, peterethurston@gmail.com.

The 2021-year summary

We end 2021 with memories of the smells of redwood and fir forests, the sounds of running streams, sights of beautiful wildflowers, ocean views, and ocean hikes with views of abundant wildlife. We ended the year healthier, happier, and with many new friends.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays.

Peter Thurston, Hiking Chairman, SIR Branch 35

BOOK CLUB

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A little about the book club: Our book club reads a new book every month. We then discuss that month's book via a Zoom call that happens the following month on the 2nd Wednesday. Our members have selected our books through a nomination and voting process that occurs roughly every 10-12 months.

Some other Branch 35 members have expressed an interest in finding out what we are reading, even though they don't want to be regular members of the club. For that reason, we are making our current 2022 reading list available online on the Membership Website. To access it, click here: <https://sirbranch35.wildapricot.org>, log in with your email address and password and go to the **"Extras" tab at the top of the home page on the right side**. Note that this is a new tab that will contain various other topics over time. For

example, this is an additional place to access the YouTube recordings of the **branch Zoom meetings** and to find the COVID waiver document.

As for members who are not currently in the book club, but are interested in joining one, you should be aware that our club is already very full. But! and other members would be happy to provide tips to help you start a new group. We know that reading has been very popular during the pandemic and especially during some of the winter months.

Our plan going forward is to publish the name and author of the book being read in a given month in Trail Tips.

January's book: "A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian" by Marina Lewycka

GOLF

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GOLF INFO

Enos and Gerich Tie for Round of the Year

Branch 35 golfers play nearly two thousand rounds during the year. In only a few dozen rounds does anyone post a net score lower than the course rating. This year **John Gerich** and **Joe Enos** had by far the best rounds of the year. On May 27 at Dublin Ranch each of them was playing to a course handicap of 28. The course was rated at 62.1, so you would have expected them to shoot 90 (gross) on a good day. Instead, John and Joe both shot 80, giving them net 52s. They were both 10.1 strokes "under." These were the best rounds of the year by far.

Chris Weberg has the Round of the Month

It's not easy to shoot a great round during cold weather months, but nobody seems to have told that to **Chris Weberg**. On Dec. 6 he was 3.6 strokes "under" at Deep Cliff to win the low handicap Palmer flight and take the laurels for best round of the month.

Davis and Cioni Win the Four Ball Match Play Tourney

The final match of the Four Ball Match tournament was played at Spring Valley under ideal weather conditions. The team of **Jim Davis** and **Joe Cioni** won the tournament, defeating **Gerry Feeney** and **Dave Squellati** by a score of 5 up with 3 to play. Davis becomes first member to win both match play championships in same year. Cioni wins Four Ball Championship for second year in a row.

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by January 14 for the following:			
Callippe Preserve (CPR)	Thu Feb 3	10:10	\$38
Barkey 408-996-3133 stanbarkey(at)gmail.com / Wilson			
Sunnyvale (SVL)	Mon Feb 7	9:00	\$37
4 Club - 2 Man 1 Best Ball	Taboada 408-867-4640 tjtaboada(at)earthlink.net / Squellati		
Metropolitan (MET) (Cart)	Thu Feb 10	9:30	\$42
Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / Enos			
San Jose CC (SJCC) (Cart)	Mon Feb 14	10:00	\$75
O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo(at)gmail.com / Wong, Peter			
Half Moon Bay Ocn (HMN) (Cart)	Thu Feb 17	10:00	\$120
No cancel after 5 days	Enos 650-712-1201 J.enos(at)comcast.net / Hall		
Deep Cliff (DCL3)	Mon Feb 21	9:28	\$37
Eclectic 3	Squellati 408-245-3787 dsqueaky(at)pacbel.net / Holman		
Moffett Field (MFD)	Thu Feb 24	9:30	\$45
Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com / Metheany			
Castlewood CC Hill (CWH) (Cart,Range)	Mon Feb 28	10:00	\$110
this is special - Try it	McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath(at)yahoo.com		

GOLF RESULTS

Spring Valley			Par 70			Nov. 29, 2021		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
R. Nakamoto	66	\$22	Herb Petersen	67	\$22	Gerald Cooley	62	\$18
R. McGrath	67	\$18	Bill Hall	68	\$18	Balbir Kalsi	70	\$14
Ken Jones	71	\$11	Bruce Karney	71	\$11	Man Tran	72	\$10
Dick Wilson	72	\$6	Dick Heiman	73	\$6	Jim Narva	72	\$5
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None								
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 72								

Blackhorse			Par 72			Dec. 2, 2021		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Ron Nakamoto	70	\$18	Joe Enos	78	\$12			
Ken Jones	75	\$14	Benjamin Gikis	84	\$5			
Larry Baugher	75	\$10						
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None								
Low Gross: Walt Joyce 88								

Deep Cliff			Par 60			Dec. 6, 2021		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Chris Weberg	55	\$18	Mark Taylor	58	\$18	Balbir Kalsi	59	\$18
J. Rittweger	56	\$14	Stan Barkey	62	\$14	Gerald Cooley	59	\$14
Jay Jonekait	59	\$10	Dick Heiman	62	\$10	F. Shigemoto	63	\$10
						Gerry Feeney	64	\$5
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None								
Low Gross: Chris Weberg 66								

Los Lagos			Par 68			Dec. 9, 2021		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Joe Cioni	69	\$21	Paul Schutz	69	\$21	Tim O'Meara	65	\$18
Les Miles	69	\$16	B. Metheany	70	\$16	Balbir Kalsi	67	\$14
Ron Lau	71	\$10	Bill Hall	71	\$10	John Ray	70	\$10
Jay Jonekait	72	\$5	James Davis	73	\$5	Jim Narva	71	\$5
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None								
Low Gross: Joe Cioni 78 (Joe shot 3 under his age)								

SIR HAPPENINGS

Our State Organization publishes a quarterly bulletin highlighting SIR events, branch activities and state-wide activities. It's called **SIR Happenings**, and you can read the latest issue [here](#).

MOVIES

West Side Story. Steven Spielberg uses his prodigious talent to bring us a wonderful, fresh, and important adaption of the classic 1957 musical drama. The Jets and the Sharks fight over the turf in their neighborhood as urban renewal is tearing down their homes and making way for gentrification. The Jets are the white boys, and the Sharks are Puerto Ricans. The two groups are sworn enemies. Tony (Ansel Elgort) is a Jet who falls hopelessly in love with Maria (Rachel Zegler) who is the sister of the leader of the Sharks. The film explores forbidden love in song and dance. The singing and dancing are spectacular as the cameras swivel and fly to capture it all. The rivalry between the two opposite teenage street gangs will lead to tragedy but with a glimmer of a different future. This is the one to see this holiday season. Rated PG-13 for some strong violence, strong language, thematic content, suggestive material, and brief smoking. In Theatres and is a Peggy's Pick.

Don't Look Up. This is a wily satire that will grow on you. At first the black humor is off putting, especially when delivered by Meryl Streep. Stay with it and this film will make you laugh and fume at human folly. Kate Dibiasky (Jennifer Lawrence) is an astronomy doctoral student who discovers a comet. She and her professor Dr. Randall Mindy (Leonardo DiCaprio) determine that the huge comet is on a direct collision course with Earth which will annihilate all life on our planet. Their bigger issue is that no one really seems to care. The military brass has better things to do. US President Orlean (Meryl Streep) is indifferent and more worried about mid-term elections. Muckraking TV personalities Brie (Cate Blanchett) and Jack (Tyler Perry) are not too worried as impact is six months off and instead poke fun at Kate and Randall. Then a cell phone company gets involved wanting to mine the comet for precious metals. Well, this does not end well, but it is quite funny. Reminiscent of Dr. Strangelove. Be sure to stay through the credits for two extra scenes. The performances are all great. This film has not received much attention but should have. In Theatres. Rated R for language throughout, some sexual content, graphic nudity, and drug content. It is a Peggy's pick.

Julia. This documentary reflects on the wonderful life of Julia Child and how she changed American culture and how we eat. Julia had a difficult time writing and publishing her now legendary cookbook – Mastering the Art of French Cooking. She finagled her way on to a PBS TV show in Boston to promote her book and then for the first time on TV demonstrated how to cook an omelet, giving birth to the modern cooking show. Thus started the career of the legendary cookbook author. She became a TV superstar with shows that spanned decades. Her influence changed the way we think about food and how it is prepared. The documentary is also an interesting look into the television industry and how it has influenced all aspects of our lives. Rated PG-13 for brief strong language, sexual references, and some thematic elements. Available on Amazon Prime Video. It is a Peggy's Pick.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 1 9:30 a.m.	4 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	5	6 Golf- Deep Cliff Eclectic 3 9:36 a.m.	7 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	8
9	10 Golf- Coyote Creek-V 10:05 a.m.	11 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	12	13 Golf- DeLaveaga 9:40 a.m. Biking Stevens Creek Trail 11:00 a.m.	14 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	15
16	17 Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 2 9:30 a.m.	18 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	19 ZOOM MEETING Breakout Rooms 11:45 a.m. Business 12:30 p.m. Speaker 12:45 p.m.	20	21 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	22
23	24 Golf- Moffett Field 9:30 a.m.	25 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	26	27 Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 3 9:30 a.m.	28 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up Hiking TBA Open Space 10:00 a.m.	29
30	31 Golf- Canyon Lakes 9:30 a.m.					