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

- NEXT MEETING -

3rd Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Breakout Rooms 11:45am Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm VIA ZOOM MEETING

Zoom instructions will be sent via email before the meeting.

Speaker: Kenneth P. Vickery, PhD.
Topic: Many Africas – Continent of Contrasts



To many in the West, Africa has often seemed to be the Lost Continent—"lost" in two senses. The first would be lost from view: Many in the west simply don't hear much or know much about the place and its past. The second would be "lost" in the sense of hopelessly lost: What people in the west do hear seems overwhelmingly negative,

dominated by poverty, disease, disasters, violence, and tyranny.

Dr. Kenneth P. Vickery is Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Advising in the History Department at North Carolina State. University, where he has taught for almost 30 years. He received his B.A. degree with Phi Beta Kappa honors at Duke University and went on to study sub-Saharan African history at Yale University, where he earned his Ph.D. In 1993, he was awarded a Fulbright fellowship and served as a Fulbright Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Economic History of the University of Zimbabwe in Harare.

Vickery has a useful set of stories to tell – historical stories from the continent from the past millenium. He starts with his own story – a young graduate student, hitchhiking from Nairobi to Arusha, and collecting stories from a man kind enough to pick him up and from the people he encountered on the trip. He found "people with stories, intertwined with the stories of their ancestors," and was convinced that there was a life's work in collecting these stories.

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The Big Sir Says . . .

March 2022

Boy it's cold outside tonight and tomorrow 38 Branch 35 golfers tee off at The Golf Club at Moffett Field starting at 9:30 when it's supposed to be 42 degrees. And I thought I came to the Bay Area for its year-round gorgeous weather and the friendly disposition of its bright and talented people. Oh well, as the song



says, "the times they are a changing" at least for the weather.

Speaking of changing times, if all goes according to plan Branch 35 will hold its first in-person luncheon meeting in 26 months at the Elks in Palo Alto. We are now on the Elk's calendar for 11:30 on April 20th. Perhaps we should start earlier or go later to give us all a chance to get caught up to date. Let me know your thoughts about a longer gathering. The catering staff at the Elks tell me that they recommend circular tables seating 6 each for social distancing and 20 tables judiciously spaced around the room. That means that we may be limited to the first 120 members who register when we open on-line registration in March. Watch your inbox for emails from me and stay tuned for the details.

Branch 35's leadership team is continuing to be singled out by State SIR. In 2020 we won the "Zoom" award for using Zoom to bring our members together. Other branches can't believe we average around 100 members monthly at our branch zoom meetings. The credit goes to our Tech Team led by **Richard Blackborow**, Director of Technology. More recently we have been recognized as one of the first branches to submit "on time" our financial audit, done by **Gerry Feeney**, and all other State of California required reports submitted by our Secretary **Jim Quillinan** and our Treasurer **Jim Narva**.

Great organizations require creative and effective leadership. We are fortunate that so many of our members have successfully led their organizations in the past. Branch 35 continues to need you to volunteer a few hours of your valuable time monthly to make SIR a better experience for us all. To the over 90 volunteers who do that today I say, "Thank You, Thank You". To the rest, I say "Join Us" this year.

In these stressful times we should remember to reach out to old friends both in SIR and in our larger communities. Remember the simple mission of SIR is "to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life." Have you called a friend today who you haven't seen in a while? Take the time to reach out and say, "Hi." Invite someone to our next zoom meeting to hear another excellent speaker on February 16.

Always,

MARCH 2022 ROSTER

Active Members: 329 Net Monthly Change: +4

NEW MEMBERS



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Bocce Ball

March Anniversaries: 10+ Years

Skip Ross Ben Director	25 22	Carl Plescia Don Cameron	15 14
Gary Larson	22	Howard Bull	13
Don Lintz	22	David Falconer	12
Bob Willwerth	21	Bob Jones	12
Arden Anderson	17	Tom Smith	12
Jim Holman	17	Leland Chan	11
Les Fisher	15	Syd Jacobsen	11
Jim Harvey	15	Tom Slappendel	11

March Birthdays

Russ Ayres Terry Barnhart Kishen Bhagavan Leonard Chan John Daines	Bob Hedges Dick Heiman Dirk Hoekstra Jim Holman Larry Maibaum	Gene Opine Lon Sanford Paul Schutz Bob Steinberg Ray Taylor
Don Gladstone	Rick McColloch	lan Thomson
Ron Grace	Roy Mize	Phil Vanderwerf
Norman Hackford	Dick Morris	Milt Wehrman
French Harris		

February Birthday Winner was Peter Barba

You Can Make Branch 35 Better

We are thankful for the way our branch has continued to grow during the pandemic despite not being able to meet in person. Your experience and skills are needed to help us continue to grow.

Opportunities are everywhere in SIR Branch 35 from participation in our many activities to the nearly 100 volunteer positions that make our activities function effectively. Many involve only a few minutes while others may require an hour here or there. One of the beauties of our all-volunteer organization is that when everyone does a little, very few must do a lot.

We are always looking for members to grow the branch and we have an opportunity for you to grow in SIR. To release your imagination, contact our Nominating Committee or any member of the Branch Executive Committee (listed on the last page of Trail Tips).

We will help you find a place to engage, grow and develop our branch.

Stan Barkey- Nomination Committee Chair,

Ken Jones, Larry Low and Peter Wong – Committee members

DINING IN

ALAN GAUDIE 650-964-6510 alangaudie@yahoo.com

Dining In is designed to meet new people through pot luck dinners in private homes (for couples). We are in the process of reorganizing some groups 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

ALAN GAUDIE 650-964-6510 alangaudie@yahoo.com

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.

BOOK CLUB

JERRY BELDEN 650-322-1391 jerry@gbeldenltc.com



The Book Club is an activity where the members read books and then meet to discuss the content.

For our February 9 meeting, we read "The Bakers Secret" by Stephen Kiernan. The Baker's Secret takes place in a small coastal village in Normandy on the eve of D-Day. The Germans occupy the village and have been ruthless in their persecution of Jews and anyone who disobeys them. Emma, who is just 22 years old, has become the town's baker after her mentor, Ezra, was shot by the Nazis. She takes great risks by establishing a clandestine trade network that helps the villagers survive. The book was well received and criticisms were minor.

March's book: "The Last Flight" by Julie Clark

Finally, just a reminder that our entire reading list can be found under the "Extras" tab on the home page of our Membership Website (login is required).

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2nd Tuesday— March 8, 2022, 11:00 AM

Special Note: For the months of March through June, 2022, SIR Branch 35 monthly bicycling rides will be on the **SECOND TUESDAY**.

Wives and guests welcomed; helmets required and face masks optional but read latest CDC guidance below:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

Coyote Hills/Alameda Creek - Niles/Fremont

Ride: We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Park and continue on the Alameda Trail to the quaint town of Niles where we will have lunch at a downtown sandwich shop. The biking trail is paved and generally flat (except at the start there are some gentle rolling hills). The trail is approximately 9 miles each way, with an optional 1-mile loop of a scenic view of the Bay (total ride of 19-21 miles depending on where you park).

<u>Directions:</u> Take Highway 101 North, exit on Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth, take the first exit, Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth/parking ticket machines (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the park office and museum; park there.

If you prefer, take I-880 North and exit on Highway 84 West. Exit on to Paseo Padre Parkway and turn right. Proceed to Patterson Ranch Road and turn left.

Optional FREE Parking: There is a parking lot on the corner of Paseo Padre Parkway and Paterson Ranch Road (on your immediate left). Many of the riders will park here and ride 2 miles on a paved path into the park.

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.

BOCCE BALL

NORM PASS – SCHEDULE/ CANCELLATIONS 408-737-7639; normpass@sbcglobal.net FRED SCHWALBACH – PLAYER
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ED AUSTIN, 650-468-5341;
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JOHN RICHARDSON - SUPPORT
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Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Guests are welcome.

<u>Location:</u> 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).



On Friday morning February 18, 2022, this was the group of Sirs that played Bocce at Cuesta Park, MV. In front is our guest, Hedy Yu, precious daughter of our photographer, Min Yu who was briefly watching us play. Players are (left to right): Ed Austin, Dave Asplund, Bob Taggart, Alan Gaudie, Hank Pastorelli, John Richardson, Dave O'Hara, and Bob Roy. We now have about 25 SIR members on our active player list with anywhere from 6 to 16 playing on Friday mornings, depending on weather, etc.

GOOD NEWS:

- 1. **Casey William**, South Parks Supervisor, Parks Division, Mountain View (650-903-6326, Ext. 6279) is now planning to renovate the Bocce Courts at Cuesta Park: First roughening up the surface, redistributing material and adding new oyster flour, adding a bit of moisture and rolling it with a weighted roller to modestly weight down the material. He may have the drain lines under the surface layers opened up. This work should start by the end of March and be finished by the "beginning or end of April."
- 2. **Wayne Dexter** is in close contact with the key person at the Hillview Community Center, Los Altos, and now reports that progress is on schedule and facility construction is proceeding. While completion dates are not firm yet, as the key issue of correcting the side railing is pending, Wayne is now forecasting that we can be back at the grand and amazing new Community Center in the late Spring playing on Friday mornings!



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Hidden Villa Hike



SIR Hikers on Creek Trail

On February 25th eighteen SIR hikers, significant others, and guests joined us for the Hidden Villa Hike, including four first time SIR hikers and three women. The sunny winter weather was perfect for hiking. This photo shows our hikers on a bridge across Adobe Creek as we returned to the farm

The hike began at Hidden Villa farm. We hiked up on the Creek Trail and the Ewing Hill Trail to the top of the Adobe Creek watershed. We continued over to Windmill Pasture along the Black Mountain Trail to the top of the Rhus Ridge Trail for a scenic lunch stop. We returned to the farm on the Hostel, Grapevine and Creek trails.

The hike was about 5.6 miles with 900 feet elevation gain. We were rewarded with many scenic views, sights of a large variety of spring wildflowers, the sounds of running water in Adobe Creek, and visits with the Big Horn sheep on the farm.

Branch 35 Monthly Hikes on 4th Friday

Our monthly hikes are designed to encourage spouse and guest participation. There will be 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 enjoy a moderate hike of up to 5 miles and up to 1,000 feet elevation gain are invited to join us.

Save the date for our next hike on March 25th, the 4th Friday of the month, at 10:00am. We plan to enjoy the extensive vistas along the Ridge Trail, the Ancient Oaks, and find a wide variety of our spring flowers.

To join our hiking group and to get the details, send an email to Peter Thurston, <u>peterethurston@gmail.com</u>.



Bob Taggart 650-321-2654 cbtaggart@earthlink.net Doug Anderson 415-407-4000



marktinti@aol.com Prizes: Alan Gaudie

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino. The final day of the Winter Session is March 15th. The following week is the "Sweeps" when every bowler wins money. We have immediate openings for bowlers of any level. Call either Bob or Doug if you have questions.

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STANDINGS WEEK 13 – WINTER
1ST PLACE - Fred Emmenegger, Brian Lin, Stan Barkey, Joe Enos
2 ND PLACE – Les Fisher, Don Haythronewhite, Bob Taggart, Perry Brown
3RD PLACE - Doug Anderson, Ken Jones, Marc Haberman
4 [™] PLACE – Jim Holman, Jerry Ososkie, Jay Jonekait
5 TH PLACE - Ranney Thayer, Peter Wong, Darryl Walker, John Faucett
6TH PLACE - Nancy Jones, Rick McColloch, Arnie Satterlee
7 TH PLACE –TIE - Alan Gaudie, Tim Eastham, Ron Nakamoto
7TH PLACE -TIE - Gerry Cooley, Harold Kave, Larry Low

SEASON HIGH	SEASON HIGH SCORES (Week 12)					
HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH					
1st – Joe Enos: 617	1st – Stan Barkey: 224					
2nd – Marc Haaberman: 580	2nd –Perry Brown: 221					
3rd – Larry Low: 555	3rd – Ron Nakamoto: 204					
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME					
1st – Jay Jonekait: 695	1st – Jerry Ososkie: 259					
2nd – Arnie Satterlee: 682	2nd – TIE - Doug Anderson: 248					
3rd – Darryl Walker: 680	3rd – TIE - Bob Taggart: 248					

LAST WEEK'S T	OP SCORES (Week 12)
HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
1st – Marc Haberman: 527	1st – Larry Low: 187
2nd – Don Haythronewhite: 497	2nd – Joe Enos: 174
3rd – Jay Jonekait: 468	3rd – Alan Gaudie: 162
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME
1st – Tim Eastham: 627	1st – Ranney Thayer: 222
2nd – Peter Wong: 617	2nd – Fred Emmenegger: 219
3rd – Brian Lin: 611	3rd – Gerry Cooley: 205



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SIGN-UP with John Geri	ch by Ma	arch 11 for the follow	ving:	
San Jose Muni (SJM)		Mon Apr 4	10:00	\$47
	Barnha	art 408-960-6674 terry.b20	07(at)sbcglobal.	net / Ososkie
Silver Creek (SCR) (Cart,Rang	je)	Thu Apr 7	9:30	\$115
		Garten 408-253-5860 xon	on1(at)comcast.	net / Weberg
Eagle Ridge (ERG) (Cart)		Mon Apr 11	10:00	\$74
		** Need	TC**/ Garten	
Hiddenbrooke (HID) (Cart,Range)		Thu Apr 14	10:00	\$57
		Rittweger 650-740-3156	olygolfjr(at)aol.c	om / Weberg
Boulder Ridge (BRG) (Cart,Ra	nge)	Mon Apr 18	10:00	\$75
	Nakam	oto 408-440-2330 Ronand	lelaine(at)comca	st.net / Asrat
Eagle Vines - Napa (SIR State	Event)	Tue Apr 19	TBD	TBD
Chardonary - Napa (SIR State	Event)	Wed Apr 20	TBD	TBD
Seascape (SCP) (Cart)		Thu Apr 21	10:05	\$63
		Lau 408-730-9115 ron	wjlau(at)gmail.c	om / Holman
Shoreline (SHL) (Cart)		Mon Apr 25	9:00	\$55
	Sc	hutz 408-313-6852 pschu	tz(at)comcast.ne	t / Squellati
The Villages (VLG) (Cart,Rang	je)	Thu Apr 28	11:30	\$73
	Barnha	art 408-960-6674 terry.b20	07(at)sbcglobal.	net / Ososkie

GOLF INFO

Alan Pye Cards the Round of the Month

New member **Alan Pye** is the "Round of the Month" winner for February. On the 17th he was 8.7 strokes under at San Jose Municipal. Well done, Alan. This might even turn out to be the round of the year!

Rittweger's Unusual Winning Strategy at Deep Cliff

Eclectic tournaments (where you play the same course three times and only count your best score on each hole) are often seen as favoring higher handicap players who are capable of getting net pars or birdies on most holes but can't do so consistently. The conventional wisdom is that you'll never win an eclectic if you don't play all three rounds. **John Rittweger** turned that notion on its head, winning the Palmer Flight #1 even after skipping the second round. Amazingly, he didn't finish first in either round he did play in, but through the magic of the eclectic format his final net score was 8 under par and he edged **Chris Weberg** via the tie-breaker process to win the flight.

One Swing Was Enough for Joe Cioni

With all the emphasis on pace of play you'd think more SIR golfers would embrace the option to speed up their round by holing their tee shots on Par 3s. **Joe Cioni**, our Golf Chairman, knows we all learn best by example, so he graciously demonstrated his time-saving hole-in-one technique on the 2nd at Los Lagos on Jan. 27. He used a 13 hybrid (similar to an 8 iron, he says) to ace the 125-yard hole, earning him a \$200 prize. That's an increase of \$100 from last year's prize level, which is another example of the rampant inflation we're all living with.



Why are Some Names Printed in Red?

Not surprisingly, achievements in red ink are outstanding efforts that should be known to all SIR golfers. There are three ways to join the red brigade: (1) if your "over/under" is -2.0 or better (2) if your tee shot on a Par 3 is within a putter length of the hole, or (3) if you shoot your age or better. The first two achievements are shown in the Excel results sheet for the round, but if you shoot your age let **Bruce Karney** (bkarney@comcast.net) know so he can give you the credit you deserve.

GOLF RESULTS

Los Lagos Eclectic (Round 3)			Par 68	, 2022			
Palmer Flight Net Prize		Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Richard Pattisson	66	\$25	Peter Wong	70	\$25		
Joe Cioni	66	\$21	Jim Narva	70	\$19		
Ron Nakamoto	68	\$16	Balbir Kalsi	71	\$14		
Dick Wilson	70	\$11	George O'Brien	73	\$9		
Bill Hall	73	\$9	Dave Squellati	73	\$5		
Inside Putter Length: Joe Cioni Hole-in-one on #2 & Ron Grace \$25 on #7							
Low Gross: Joe Cion	i 75						

Los Lagos Eclectic (Final Results)			Par 6	8	Dec. /	Jan.		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
R. Nakamoto	62	\$21	Stan Barkey	64	\$21	Milt Wehrman	65	\$25
Joe Cioni	62	\$16	Rich Pattisson	64	\$16	G. O'Brien	67	\$21
Larry Low	62	\$10	Terry Barnhart	65	\$10	Dave Squellati	67	\$16
Chris Weberg	65	\$5	Dick Wilson	66	\$5	Joe Enos	67	\$11
						Balbir Kalsi	68	\$9

Canyon Lakes			Par 71	Jan. 31, 2022		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Ron Nakamoto	75	\$22	Peter Lau	63	\$18	
Andy Danver	76	\$16	Tim O'Meara	76	\$12	
Chris Weberg	76	\$12	Balbir Kalsi	78	\$7	
John Gehrich	77	\$7				
Inside Putter Length: Walt Joyce \$25						
Low Gross: Peter La	ıu 84					

Callippe Preserve			Par 72		Feb. 3	Feb. 3, 2022		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Les Miles	71	\$18	Jerry Ososkie	72	\$18	Gerry Feeney	69	\$21
Jay Jonekait	75	\$14	Dick Wilson	73	\$14	Peter Lau	71	\$16
Larry Low	76	\$10	Bill Hall	76	\$10	Dave Squellati	72	\$10
						Joe Enos	78	\$5
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross: Jay Jonekait 87								

Sunnyvale 4-club 2-man better ball	Feb. 7,	eb. 7, 2022		
Low Average Handicap Teams	Score	Prize		
Ken Jones & Alan Pye	69	\$18@		
Mark Taylor & Dick Heiman	71	\$14@		
Walter Joyce & Les Miles	71	\$10@		
High Average Handicap Teams				
Peter Lau & Tim O'Meara	67	\$18@		
Paul Schutz & Richard Pattisson	69	\$14@		
Gerry Feeney & Andy Danver	71	\$10@		
Inside Putter Length: None				

Metropolitan			Par 72	2022		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Chris Weberg	71	\$22	Donald Mattson	70	\$18	
Les Miles	72	\$16	Gerry Feeney	71	\$14	
Stan Barkey	74	\$12	Benjamin Gikis	72	\$10	
Jay Jonekait	75	\$7	Peter Lau	73	\$5	
Inside Putter Length: Les Miles, hole 7, \$25						
Low Gross: Chris Weberg 82						

San Jose Countr	y Club		Par 70	Feb. 14,	Feb. 14, 2022			
Palmer Flight	mer Flight Net Prize		Nicklaus Flight	Net Priz				
John Rittweger	72	\$25	Man Tran	70	\$25			
Ron Nakamoto	72	\$20	George O'Brien	72	\$19			
Marc Haberman	73	\$15	Peter Wong	74	\$14			
Larry Low	74	\$10	Peter Lau	75	\$9			
Richard McGrath	75	\$7			2			
Inside Putter Length	: None		•	- '				
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 84								

Unusual Golf Terms

Bruce Karney was doing a crossword puzzle and came across the clue "Green goof." The answer turned out to be "FOOZLE" – a golfing term he had never heard, but which apparently means "to botch or bungle a golf shot or putt". This led him to search for more little-known golf terms, presented here for your enjoyment.

- Adolph Hitler two shots in the bunker
- Barkie hitting a tree with your ball but still making par
- James Joyce a putt that's nearly impossible to read
- Lorena Bobbitt a really bad slice
- Mouth wedge excessive talking to distract or annoy opponents
- Swing oil beer
- Victory lap the circle around the rim of the cup made by a putt that eventually goes in

San Jose M	Par 72 Blk, 70 Silv 2/17/22								
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt. Net		\$	
Larry Low	68	\$18	Alan Pye	61	\$18	D. Squellati	64	\$18	
Robert Garten	69	\$14	Rich Pattisson	70	\$14	Man Tran	66	\$14	
R. Nakamoto	70	\$10	Jerry Ososkie	70	\$10	Peter Wong	66	\$10	
Joe Cioni	72	\$21/2	-			Milt Wehrman	67	\$5	
Jay Jonekait	72	\$21/2							
Inside Putter Length: None									
Low Gross: Jo	Low Gross: Joe Cioni 81 and shot his age. (Course rating from the Silver tees is 65.9)								

Deep Cliff Eclectic (Round 3)				Par 6	0	2/21/22		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt. Net		\$
Joe Cioni	61	\$18	Stan Barkey	58	\$18	Gerald Cooley	59	\$22
R. Nakamoto	63	\$14	Dick Heiman	60	\$14	Balbir Kalsi	61	\$16
Rich McGrath	64	\$10	R. Pattisson	62	\$10	Man Tran	62	\$12
						G. O'Brien 63		\$7
Inside Putter Length: John Rittweger \$25								
Low Gross: Joe Cioni 70								

Deep Cliff Eclectic				Par 6	0	Dec 2	1 – Feb 22	
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
J. Rittweger	52	\$20	Stan Barkey	47	\$20	Gerald Cooley	51	\$25
Chris Weberg	52	\$15	Ken Jones	51	\$15	Joe Enos	53	\$19
Joe Cioni	53	\$10	R. Pattisson	53	\$10	Man Tran	53	\$14
R. Nakamoto	53	\$5	Mark Taylor	55	\$5	Gerry Feeney	54	\$9
						Dave Squellati	55	\$5

Moffett Field		Par 7	2	Feb. 24, 2022				
Palmer Flt. 1	mer Fit. 1 Net \$ Palmer Fit. 2		Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt. Ne		\$	
Larry Low	71	\$20	Dick Wilson	68	\$20	Peter Wong	73	\$25
Jay Jonekait	73	\$16	Ron Grace	69	\$16	Man Tran	73	\$19
Joe Cioni	74	\$10	Bruce Karney	70	\$10	Balbir Kalsi	73	\$14
Chris Weberg	74	\$5	Jerry Ososkie	71	\$5	Milt Wehrman	73	\$9
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross: Larry Low 84								



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.

Branch 35's Private Suite for A's vs Red Sox - June 3rd



A suite at the A's vs Red Sox game on Friday night, June 3rd is reserved in Branch 35's name. It's a fireworks night following the game with one of the most storied teams on the East Coast. Food will be available as soon as the gates open. The bar is literally right behind the suite as are a pizza station and the restrooms. Seating, couple's couches and a drinking rail are inside the glass enclosed suite and there are two rows of seats outside. Carpool parking is included. The price per attendee is \$135, just \$10 more than a good box seat. Call Ben Gikis (408-802-0794) to sign-up. Families Welcome!

2022 SIR GOLF "Spring Fling"

Members, Ladies, Guests Invited PLAY ONE OF BOTH DAYS

Tuesday, April 19th and Wednesday, April 20th



* Eagle Vines Golf Course, Napa *



* Chardonnay Golf Course, Napa *

DAY 1 EAGLE VINES, 9:00 am Shotgun start, \$85
"Men and Women" Four Person Team —
2 Best Ball Net, Select Your Playing Partners
DAY 2 CHARDONNAY, 9:00 am Shotgun start, \$65
"Men and Women" Four Person Scramble —
A, B, C & D, Team is Selected by Computer
PLAY BOTH DAYS for \$150

PRICE per Day Includes Green Fee with cart, range balls, prize fund, closest to the pin contest on both 9's.

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MOVIES

Flee. This is a mostly animated drama that is also part documentary. It is the Oscar Nominated, powerful true story of Amin Nawabi and his efforts to flee Afghanistan with his family. In the mid 1980s the Soviet army leaves Afghanistan and chaos fills the vacuum. The father is arrested and disappears. The siblings and their mother gather their assets to flee westward and are taken advantage of by crooked smugglers and officials. Some make it to Sweden others are stranded in Moscow. Amin makes it alone to Denmark as a teenager after harrowing efforts. The story is told by Amin living in Denmark, now 36 and a successful academic, on the eve of his wedding to his partner, boyfriend. Amin has hidden the truth about his past and now finally feels secure enough to share his tormenting story with his journalist friend. It is liberating for Amin and brings him even closer to his family. The story is told through flashbacks as we get to know and admire Amin and his family and what they were able to accomplish. This is a must see. Available on Hulu, Apple TV+ and Amazon Prime Video. Rated PG-13 for thematic content, disturbing images, and strong language. In many languages with English subtitles. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Death on the Nile. The 1937 Agatha Christie masterful whodunnit is beautifully brought to the Big Screen by Director Kenneth Branagh who also plays the lead role of Detective Hercule Poirot. If you are familiar with the complex plot, the movie is worth seeing just to marvel at the period costumes and Egyptian scenery. Poirot is always impeccably dressed and coiffured. Add in Gal Gadot as the new bride in shimmering gowns, the film provides loads of eye candy. Set in Egypt, Poirot must figure out who did it, times 3. Plenty of corpses and intrigue with the Pyramids and the Abu Simbel temples in the background. The characters are all on board a boat on the Nile, so the list of victims and murders is limited. Poirot unravels the twists and turns with one big denouement. The film's release was delayed due to controversy over cannibalism, rape allegations, racism, and vaccination protests. One wonders what Dame Christie would do with these new issues. Rated PG-13 for violence, some bloody images, and sexual material. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

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20	21 Golf- Cinnabar Hills Scramble 8:40 a.m.	Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	23	24 Golf- Boundary Oak 10:19 a.m.	Bocce Ball Per Sign-up Hiking Ridge Trail 10:00 a.m.	26					
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