



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

## *The Big Sir Says Hooray!!*

April 2022

**Next Meeting**  
**3rd Wednesday, April 20, 2022**  
**Doors Open 11:00, Lunch 11:30**

### Let's Celebrate Our Re-Opening



**Branch 35 is returning to the Elks.** Your Board of Executive Committee remains concerned about our members being in close contact with others, so for safety reasons we will limit attendance. To attend, you must have been vaccinated for

Covid-19 and signed and sent Stan Barkey the SIR Branch 35 Covid-19 Waiver Form. This will be a "members only" affair (no guests or visitors).

**There will be a new sign-in process to minimize congestion, and personal contact.** Early in April you will receive an email invitation to attend this lunch like the email you got to renew your membership. If you click the "Register" Button, you will be asked to register for the lunch and pay with a credit card. The 2022 charge for lunch is \$30. If you successfully complete this registration, you will be sent a confirming email and a separate receipt.

**Members of the BEC will meet you at in the lobby directly inside the front door.** You will see the name tags for all those who have pre-registered and pre-paid, alphabetically organized, on tables. For those who have attended, this is exactly how we have handled "sign-in" for past holiday parties and picnics. If you cannot find your name tag there will a second table set up, manned by Bill Young and others, to resolve any issues.

**Parking at the Elks will again be a challenge.** We will reserve spaces for registered carpools. Stan Barkey already has assigned parking tags to established carpools who have responded to his emails. **If you would like to form a new carpool,** contact Stan ([stanbarkey1@gmail.com](mailto:stanbarkey1@gmail.com)) to get your number and tag.

After a 25-month break, Branch 35 will meet for companionship and lunch on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the Elks in Palo Alto. These monthly lunches are a major way for many of us to maintain our relationship with new and old friends. Zooming sessions may be the "new normal" for some, but it's just not the same. So Hooray, let's celebrate being together again at one time in one room.



We will make this lunch as much a "return to normal" as possible. The doors will open at 11am and the Bistro Lounge and ballroom will be available. Tim Topole will have his book swap on tables and Bob Garten, Gerry Feeney and Dave Squellati will staff the golf table with its usual activity. For those who enjoy a little liquid refreshment, the Elks will open the bar for your selection and purchase.

New to us, the ballroom will be setup with 20 circular tables seating 6 members each compared to our former 25 rectangular tables seating 8. This is more in keeping with your desired "social distancing" and give you room to move around and visit friends at other tables. For those accustomed to reserving seats for friends, you should double check with them to make sure they were able to pre-register and pre-pay.

The agenda will make this a celebration. With no guest speaker you will have time to renew meaningful conversations with your friends. The buffet lunch will feature Chicken Cordon Bleu as the entrée. We plan to honor members of the branch who have achieved major milestones while we've been away. We will have one or more new drawings in addition to our birthday celebration and door prize. And, if we're lucky, we'll have additional entertainment to augment our Trail Birds who will sing their newest parody written and lead by David Skurnick.

As you can see, we have chosen to give you more time to just "neighbor" with each other and renew relationships with people who you may not have seen for two years.

Hooray for our re-opening.

Andy

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**APRIL 2022 ROSTER****Active Members: 331****Net Monthly Change: +2****NEW MEMBERS**

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**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS**

Frank Kiss	20	Stan Scardino	13
Gordon Mullin	19	Jim Sandstrom	12
Jim Dunaway	18	Harold Kaye	12
Frank Cameron	18	Rolf Fromm	12
Mickey Ellingson	16	John Daines	12
Stu Kennedy	15	Glen Pedigo	11
Jay Jonekait	14		

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Mack Asrat	Carl Lambert	Dan Schettler
Bill Blockie	Max Lun	Dell Smith
Jerry Borden	Jim Lunt	Mark Taylor
John Brittain	Joe MacIntosh	Steve Vonderach
Mike Hammond	Neil Miotto	Gary Waldeck
Dick Henning	Larry Partain	Bob Willwerth
Hutch Hutchinson	Mark Rosenthal	Jack Wu
Andy Jurian	Sam Sammis	Phil Yurtis
Frank Kiss		

**March Birthday Winner was Lon Sanford****BOOK SWAP**

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The book swap will resume with the April in-person meeting. After two years, we hope that everybody has books to share!

**Help Wanted****Carpool Coordinator**

Help organize carpools to save parking spaces

Put out cones before the luncheons

Pick up cones when luncheon begins

**Program Planning Committee**

Assist Little Sir in arranging great speakers

For our luncheons

Contact Stan Barkey

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**DINING IN**

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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](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.

**BOOK CLUB**

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

**For our March meeting, we read "The Last Flight" by Julie Clark.** Reactions to the book were mostly positive, as it was found to be an interesting and entertaining read. This was in spite of the fact that there were some rather implausible elements to the story.

The two main characters were both women seeking to escape overwhelming dangers and difficulties in their lives. They found a way to trade the airplane flights for which they were scheduled, and essentially fly off into different identities. One of the women was largely successful in leaving her "before" life until she made mistakes which brought her to the attention of those from whom she had hoped to escape. The other was less fortunate, in ways a reader will discover. Tension and suspense were elements of the that our readers commented on, and which made the story a compelling page turner for most.

**April's book:** "The Spy and the Traitor" by Ben Macintyre

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



**BIKING**

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**2nd Tuesday— April 12th, 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>

**Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant to Los Altos Hills to Downtown Los Altos**

**Ride:** This ride is a new local ride for most of us. We will begin the ride from the parking lot of Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant in Mountain View over the newly opened Palo Alto Pedestrian/Biking Bridge above Highway I-101. It's about 10 miles one-way threading through parts of MV, PA, LA Hills (small inclines) and ending in downtown Los Altos at the American Italian Deli at 139 Main Street. After lunch, we'll bypass the LA Hills inclines and ride back on Los Altos Avenue back to the PA Bridge to Michaels. The ride is about a total of 16-18 miles on a combination of semi-quiet residential and city streets and paved paths.

Directions: Enter into your GPS:  
 Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant  
 2960 North Shoreline Blvd.  
 Mountain View, CA 94043.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com). Hank Bottino at (650) 207-4320 or [bottinoh@comcast.net](mailto:bottinoh@comcast.net) will be my biking group co-leader.

**BOCCE BALL**

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 JOHN RICHARDSON - SUPPORT  
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**Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon. 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).

It was four years ago that several of us who played regularly at the Los Altos Community Center were briefed by Helga Brown of Palo Alto, a key member of a Bocce group long associated with play at the courts there, briefed us on the plans for the new Center and solicited our suggestions for the Bocce facility. Now we have been informed by the Los Altos Community Center Recreation Coordinator, Cheryl (Cheri—pronounced “Cherry”) Anderson [650-947-2894; [canderson@losaltosca.gov](mailto:canderson@losaltosca.gov)] that the two new Bocce courts are finished and equipped for play. We will be confirming that shortly, and if possible, we will schedule play back in Los Altos where we started this Activity of Branch 35. At the start there were just 3 of us. Now we have about ten times that on our master distribution list and depending on weather, etc., anywhere from about 8 to 16 playing each week at Cuesta Park in Mountain View, our back-up facility during the long process of getting from planning to operational reality. **So stayed tuned!!!** Our representative managing arrangements with the Los Altos Community Center, Sir Wayne Dexter, suggests that now maybe the only missing issue is whether

there will be the essential coffee/hot water capability at the new site for us to use. **We will be sure there is!**

**HIKING**

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**Russian Ridge Preserve**

SIR hikers on Ridge Trail

On March 25th fifteen SIR hikers joined us for the Russian Ridge Hike. The sunny winter weather was perfect for hiking on trails with loss of sun exposure. This photo shows two hikers on the Ridge Trail, surrounded by fields of wildflowers, with expansive views to ocean on the western slopes and of Silicon Valley on the eastern slopes. The hike was about 5.7 miles with 900 feet elevation gain. We were rewarded with many scenic views, sights of a large variety of spring wildflowers, gigantic granite boulders along the trails.



Layers of ridges, boulders, and wildflowers

**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 to 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 April 22nd, the 4th Friday of the month, at 10:00 am. We will explore the Long Ridge Preserve - Peter's Creek, Long Ridge, and possibly Hickory Trails.**

To join our hiking group and to get the details, send an email to Peter Thurston, [peterthurston@gmail.com](mailto:peterthurston@gmail.com).

Peter Thurston, Hiking Chairman, SIR Branch 35

## Looking Back *Submitted by Don Mattson, a former Big Sir, from a newsletter from his high school (Lincoln High) in SF.*

As the year 2022 has arrived, let's not forget where we have been and how we have survived.

Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we exist as a very special age group. We are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900s. We are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

We are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves. We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans. We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available. We can remember milk being delivered to our house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch. We are last to see the gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors whose sons died in the War. We saw the 'boys' home from the war, build their little houses.

We are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, we imagined what we heard on the radio. As we all like brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood "playing outside." There was not Little League. There was no city playground for the kids. The lack of television in our early years meant for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like.

On Saturday afternoons, the movies gave us newsreels sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons. Telephones were one to a house, often on shared party lines and hung on the wall in the kitchen (who cared about privacy?). Computers were called calculators that were hand cranked; typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon. The 'Internet' and 'Google' were words that did not exist. Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on our radio in the evening by Gabriel Heatter and later Paul Harvey.

As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth. The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. VA loans fanned a housing boom. Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans opened many factories for work. New highways would bring jobs and mobility.

The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics. The radio network expanded from three stations to thousands. Our parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined. We weren't neglected, but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus. They were glad we played by ourselves until the streetlights came on. They were busy discovering the post-war world.

We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where we were welcomed, enjoyed ourselves and felt secure in our future although depression poverty was deeply remembered. Polio was still a crippler.

We came of age in the 50s and 60s. The Korean War was a dark passage in the early 50s and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks for Air-Raid training. Russia built the 'Iron Curtain' and China became 'Red China.' Eisenhower sent the first 'Army Advisers' to Vietnam. Castro took over in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.

We are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland. The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, 'global warming', and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease. Only our generation can remember both a time of great war and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. We lived through both. We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better, not worse. We are 'The Last.' More than 99% of us are either retired or are deceased, and we feel privileged to have "lived in the best of time!"

And YES, IT WAS HAPPY DAYS. Just ask the Fonz.

## A Match Play story *Submitted by Ron Nakamoto*

The morning sun was out again illuminating the lush fairway grass and sandy bunkers at Poppy Ridge golf course in Livermore Valley. The first of the two team matches were on this morning.

The first was the Ron Nakamoto and Tim O'Meara team vs. the Bill Hall and Bruce Karney team. The Four- Ball match format pits two-man teams against each other where the lowest net score of one member of the team is compared against the other team score.

The first hole had Hall with a downhill putt of two feet for par and Nakamoto with a two-foot side hill putt for birdie. Both players made their putts and the Nakamoto team was one up after one hole. That was the highlight for their team as the Hall-Karney team proceeded to win the next two holes.

The battle was on with ties and O'Meara taking one hole, then Karney taking another. At the turn the Hall team was up two. On the back nine holes the Hall team went into overdrive with net par and birdies over three of the next four holes. Dormie was called on hole 5 but O'Meara pulled out a win with four holes to go.

On hole 6, a straight but narrow fairway with out of bounds on the left and a fairway bunker and steep drop off on the right became the crucial battleground for the teams. O'Meara hit his ball out of bounds and so did Hall. Nakamoto hit a straight ball that stopped short of the bunkers and then Karney lined up and took a mighty swing and hit his ball straight and long down the fairway. It was the best drive of his day. The fairway shots had Nakamoto slightly right of the green and Karney hitting a "worm burner" to about 40 yds from the green. Karney who was away hit another worm burner that was like a low flying cruise missile that headed straight for the hole and rested to within 4 inches from the hole. With his stroke advantage, the game was all but over.

Both teams played well and the banter between the foursome was enjoyable. It was a good day. Congratulations to the Hall - Karney team.





## BOWLING

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

### FINAL STANDINGS – WINTER 2022

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – Ranney Thayer, Peter Wong, Darryl Walker, John Faucett2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – Fred Emmenegger, Brian Lin, Stan Barkey, Joe Enos3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – Jim Holman, Jerry Ososkie, Jay Jonekait4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – TIE – Doug Anderson, Ken Jones, Marc Haberman4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – TIE – Alan Gaudie, Tim Eastham, Ron Nakamoto6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Nancy Jones, Rick McColloch, Arnie Satterlee7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Les Fisher, Don Haythronwhite, Bob Taggart, Perry Brown8<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Gerry Cooley, Harold Kaye, Larry Low

### WINNING TEAM:

Peter Wong,  
Darryl Walker,  
Ranney Thayer,  
Missing –  
John Faucett

### LAST WEEK'S TOP SCORES

#### HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

1st – Larry Low: 548

2nd – Bob Taggart: 502

3rd – Jay Jonekait: 489

#### HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

1st – Les Fisher: 630

2nd – Rick McColloch: 627

3rd – Ranney Thayer: 585

#### HIGH GAME - SCRATCH

1st – Darryl Walker: 191

2nd – Joe Enos: 185

3rd – Arnie Satterlee: 170

#### HIGH HANDICAP GAME

1st – Jim Holman: 228

2nd – Doug Anderson: 214

3rd – Gerry Cooley: 208

3rd – Nancy Jones: 208

3rd – Brian Lin: 208

### SEASON HIGH SCORES

#### HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

1st – Joe Enos: 617

2nd – Larry Low: 565

3rd – Darryl Walker: 542

#### HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

1st – Jay Jonekait: 695

2nd – Arnie Satterlee: 682

3rd – Ken Jones: 659

#### HIGH GAME - SCRATCH

1st – Stan Barkey: 224

2nd – Bob Taggart: 210

3rd – Ron Nakamoto: 204

#### HIGH HANDICAP GAME

1st – Jerry Ososkie: 259

2nd – Bran Lin: 252

3rd – Doug Anderson: 248

## GOLF

JOE CIONI, GOLF CHAIRMAN

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### SIGN-UP with John Gerich by April 15 for the following:

San Jose Muni (SJM)	Mon May 2	10:00	\$47
shuffle the deck	Asrat 650-454-0167 Mack Asrat(at)yahoo.com> / Ososkie		
Callippe Preserve (CPR)	Thu May 5	10:10	\$38
double points	Barkey 408-996-3133 stanbarkey(at)gmail.com / Wilson		
Redwood Canyon (RCN) (Cart)	Mon May 9	9:30	\$42
	Jones 650-492-1461 crusingken@gmail.com / O'Brien		
Pacific Grove (PGR)	Thu May 12	10:00	\$63
	O'Meara 408-506 4714 Omearatim(at)gmail.com / Hall		
Crystal Springs (CSP) (Cart)	Mon May 16	9:30	\$60
	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / Wong, Peter		
Monarch Bay (MNB) (Cart)	Thu May 19	10:00	\$44
	Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr(at)aol.com / Enos		
Las Positas (LPS) (Cart)	Mon May 23	9:30	\$55
	Mattson 650-949-3739 donmattson(at)yahoo.com / Wong, Peter		
Bridges (BRI) (Cart)	Thu May 26	10:00	\$64
	McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath(at)yahoo.com / ** Need ATC **		

## GOLF INFO

### Feeney is the New Golf Treasurer

**Gerry Feeney** is the new Golf Exchequer. He will be handling all the golf billing, check handling and questions about members' golf account balances. Continue to make checks payable to **SIR Golf**. Gerry's address is 853 Russet Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Email: jfeeners@comcast.net and phone: 408-515-8604. Our former Exchequer, **Ron Grace**, is going back to TCing and playing.

### Balbir Kalsi Has the Round of the Month

**Balbir Kalsi** celebrated St. Patrick's Day by shooting the Round of the Month at Spring Valley. Balbir shot 5.2 strokes "under" and won his flight by 3 strokes. Well done, Balbir!

### Do You Suffer from Aquaphobia (Fear of Water)?

Par 3's over water can freak out the best of golfers, as those who watched the best pros in the world splash their tee shots on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole at the Player's Championship on March 12<sup>th</sup> can attest. Branch 35 **Nicklaus** players should be aware that if you hit two consecutive balls into a water hazard or penalty area that spans the fairway (a "forced carry"), you may drop a ball on the far side of the hazard. If you rinsed your first and second drives, you would be lying five after your drop. **Palmer** players **cannot** take relief in this way. Here is the complete text of the local rule.

### Rule 204 "2 Balls In Penalty Area" – Two Balls into a Forced Carry Penalty Area

*After a Nicklaus golfer has hit two balls into a Forced Carry Penalty Area, from the tee or the General Area, he may drop across the Penalty Area in the drop area, adding four penalty strokes and an additional stroke for the distance across the hazard (five strokes total). Thus, if two shots are hit into the Penalty Area from the teeing area, the player may move to the drop area lying five hitting 6. If there is no designated drop area, use the General Area close to the cart path just past the Penalty Area.*

### Four Ball Match Notes (3/18/2022) by Ben Gikis

We played our match from the red tees at Coyote Creek Valley. I (**Ben Gikis**) was partnered with **Don Mattson** against **Walt Joyce** and **Marc Haberman**. They were 1 up after nine holes, but Don and I rallied to win holes 11, 12 and 13 to go 2 up. Then Marc shot a birdie 4 (net 3) to win 14 and cut our lead in half. Walt and Marc continued making critical putts to halve the next 3 holes. Going into 18 our team was 1 up, but Marc saved his team again with a par 5 (net 4), sending the match into sudden death starting back on the first hole.

On the par-4 first hole I had two handicap strokes and Don and Marc each had one. My drive landed in the fairway trap, but I got out and reached the green in 3 – but was forty feet from the hole. My first putt was well off the mark, and I missed my ten-foot comebacker for a 6 (net 4). Don hit a great drive but topped his second into the hazard. He went in and got it out onto the green and two-putted for a 5 (net 4). Marc hit a long drive, dropped his 2nd shot on the green and got down in two for a 4 (net 3) to win the match.

It was a great day of golf, with lots of clutch shots and putts and suspense until the very end. Congratulations to Walt and Marc on their victory!

**GOLF RESULTS****2022 Team Match Play Tournament Results**

(If a name is in red it means the player's "over/under" score was -2.0 or better.)

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
1	Poppy Ridge	Kamey & Hall def. Nakamoto & O'Meara	5&4	\$10@
1	Poppy Ridge	Enos & Rittweiger def. Cioni & Low	4&3	\$10@
1	Wente Vineyards	Lau & Jonekait def. Pye & Jones	6&5	\$10@
1	Coyote Cr. Valley	Joyce & Haberman def. Gikis & Mattson	1up	\$10@

Castlewood Hill			Par 70		Feb. 28, 2022
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Walt Joyce	68	\$25	George O'Brien	70	\$21
Jay Jonekait	70	\$21	Joe Enos	73	\$16
Andy Danver	71	\$16	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$10
Larry Low	72	\$11	Wendell Stephens	74	\$5
Paul Schutz	73	\$9			
Inside Putter Length: None					
Low Gross: Walt Joyce 80					

Poppy Ridge			Par 72		Mar. 3, 2022
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Chris Weberg	67	\$21	Peter Lau	67	\$18
Richard McGrath	68	\$16	Balbir Kalsi	71	\$14
Ken Newton	72	\$10	Ben Gikis	72	\$10
Ron Grace	73	\$5	Dave Ogle	72	\$5
Inside Putter Length: None					
Low Gross: Chris Weberg 76					

Wente Vineyards				Par 72			Mar. 7, 2022				
Palmer Flt. 1		Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2		Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.		Net	\$
R. Nakamoto		75	\$18	B. Metheany		76	\$18	D. Squellati		77	\$17
Joe Cioni		76	\$14	Dick Heiman		84	\$14	Man Tran		79	\$10
Larry Low		77	\$10	Mark Taylor		85	\$10	G. O'Brien		80	\$5
Inside Putter Length: <b>Chris Weberg</b> (Hole #1) \$25											
Low Gross: Joe Cioni 85											

Shoreline			Par 72		Mar. 10, 2022
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
John Gerich	67	\$24	Don Mattson	70	\$22
Larry Low	69	\$18	Ben Gikis	71	\$16
Ken Newton	75	\$12	Dave Squellati	73	\$12
Andy Danver	76	\$8	Gerry Feeney	74	\$7
Inside Putter Length: Ben Gikis (Hole #4) \$25					
Low Gross: Larry Low 83					

Boulder Ridge				Par 72			Mar. 14, 2022		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Jay Jonekait	67	\$18	John Gerich	71	\$18	Peter Wong	73	\$17	
Joe Cioni	69	\$14	Alan Pye	78	\$14	Gerry Feeney	76	\$10	
R. Nakamoto	70	\$10	Paul Schutz	82	\$10	Tim O'Meara	76	\$5	
Shot his age: Joe Cioni 79									
Inside Putter Length: None									
Low Gross: Joe Cioni 79									

Spring Valley			Par 70		Mar. 17, 2022
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Jay Jonekait	66	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	65	\$25
Ken Newton	68	\$21	Dave Squellati	68	\$19
Terry Barnhart	68	\$16	Peter Lau	68	\$14
Bob Garten	69	\$11	Dave Ogle	69	\$9
Chris Weberg	71	\$9	Peter Wong	70	\$5
Inside Putter Length: None					
Low Gross: Jay Jonekait 79					

Boundary Oak			Par 72		Mar. 24, 2022
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
John Gerich	70	\$17	Tim O'Meara	74	\$17
Les Miles	70	\$10	Peter Wong	75	\$10
Alex Bush	73	\$5	Don Mattson	78	\$5
Inside Putter Length: None					
Low Gross: Alex Bush 81					

Cinnabar Hills			Par 72		Mar. 21, 2022
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Walt Joyce	78	\$25	Dave Squellati	71	\$18
Ron Nakamoto	79	\$19	Balbir Kalsi	76	\$12
Jay Jonekait	80	\$14	Don Mattson	79	\$7
Alan Pye	80	\$9			
Paul Schutz	81	\$5			
Inside Putter Length: None					
Low Gross: Walt Joyce 87					

**MOVIES**

**The Outfit.** This film is a master class in outstanding writing, directing, and acting that is not to be missed. Set in 1956 Chicago, the taut drama unfolds in a small tailor's shop in a sketchy neighborhood. Leonard (Mark Rylance) is a master English tailor (more correctly – a cutter). He works as a superb craftsman making gentlemen's clothes. He is ably assisted by his receptionist, Mable (Zoey Deutch). His beautiful suits are sought out by the mob with whom he has a coopted relationship. One night, two local mobsters show up in need of help after a gun fight. Leonard uses his skills to sew up a bullet hole. Suddenly Leonard finds himself in the middle of a mob turf war and a FBI investigation. Deception is everywhere as a complex tale plays out. The twists and turns are marvelous as the meek tailor turns out to be a first-class manipulator. The film quietly grabs your attention in the first scenes and never lets up. There will be many Oscar nominations to come. Rated R for some bloody violence, and language throughout. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

**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](#).



# 2022 Branch 35 Golf Banquet



**Match Play Champion**  
**Jim Davis**



**Club Champion – Net**  
**Ken Jones**

**Club Champion – Gross**  
**Richard McGrath**

Top 1 thru 10	Ave GOY Points (Number of Events)	Top 11 thru 20	Ave GOY Points (Number of Events)
Joe Cioni	7.65(37)	John Rittweger	4.56(55)
Richard McGrath	6.08(53)	Peter Wong	4.55(66)
Larry Low	6.03(42)	Gerry Feeney	4.44(25)
Ken Jones	5.73(24)	Peter Lau	4.31(47)
Balbir Kalsi	5.68(62)	Stan Barkey	4.17(41)
Ron Lau	5.62(30)	Don Mattson	4.07(51)
Ron Nakamoto	5.51(66)	Alex Bush	4.06(34)
Jay Jonekait	5.37(66)	Dave Squellati	4.04(25)
Dick Wilson	4.98(42)	Bill Hall	3.90(43)
Herb Petersen	4.68(33)	Bob Garten	3.88(30)

**Golfer of the Year List**



**2021 GOY Winner**  
**Joe Cioni**



**Iron Man**  
**Ron Nakamoto**



**Don Mattson**



**Richard McGrath**



**Joe Cioni**

**Shooting their Age**

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT  
THIS TOURNAMENT AND  
APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ON  
THE SIR STATE GOLF WEBSITE AT  
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**SIR Branch 35 Activities - April 2022**

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
										1	Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	2	
3	4	Golf- San Jose Muni 10:00 a.m.		5	Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	6		7	Golf- Silver Creek 9:30 a.m.	8	Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	9	
10	11	Golf- Eagle Ridge 10:00 a.m.		12	Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m. Biking Michael's to Los Altos 11:00 a.m.	13		14	Golf- Hiddenbrooke 10:00 a.m.	15	Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	16	
17	18	Golf- Boulder Ridge 10:00 a.m.		19	Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	20	<b>IN-PERSON CELEBRATION</b> At Elks Lodge Doors Open 11:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m.	21	Golf- Seascapes 10:05 a.m.	22	Bocce Ball Per Sign-up Hiking Long Ridge Preserve 10:00 a.m.	23	
24	25	Golf- Shoreline 9:00 a.m.		26	Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	27		28	Golf- The Villages 11:30 a.m.	29	Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	30	