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

- NEXT MEETING -

3rd Wednesday, June 15, 2022 Social Time 11:30am Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm Zoom starting at 11:30am Zoom instructions will be sent via email before the meeting.

PROGRAM

<u>Speaker:</u> Tom McCalmont, President, McCalmont Engineering <u>Topic:</u> Solar, Climate, and Policy: Making Sense of Our Energy Future



Tom McCalmont is a successful serial entrepreneur with а passion for proliferating solar power and renewables. He has over forty years' experience building innovative businesses and technology solutions. He is Cofounder and President of McCalmont Engineering, the highly respected solar engineering firm. McCalmont Engineering has designed

over 6 gigawatts of large and utility scale solar and energy storage projects in 35 U.S. states over the past thirteen years, over 5 % of all the solar design projects in the U.S. Tom is also Cofounder and CEO of Paired Power, an innovative product company that has developed and patented solar-powered electric vehicle chargers.

Tom holds 15 U.S. patents and has a demonstrated track record of creatively applying new technology to solving real customer problems. He holds a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University and both Doctor of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees from Muskingum University. Tom is a licensed Professional Engineer, a charter NABCEP-certified Solar PV Installer and a licensed electrical and solar contractor in California. He has driven an EV for over six years (currently a Chevy Bolt) and lives in a 100% solar powered, zero energy home.

The Big Sir says, Here Comes Summer ...



It seems just yesterday that over 200 Branch 35 members and their guests celebrated our 50th Anniversary at the annual picnic at Blackberry Farms. It was

the first time we had met together since February 2020. Joe Simitian hit the nail on the head when he proclaimed SIR an outstanding organization which filled a void in the lives of citizens with activities and events.

Since then, we have held 1) activities which have attracted back most regular participants, 2) 7 monthly Zoom meetings with speakers with an average attendance of over 100 and 3) 2 in-person lunches at the Elks with attendance averaging 100 and even more attending on Zoom. 78 members attended both Elks' lunches. They loved pre-reg, pre-pay and no lines!

This month we held our first in-person Branch Executive Committee meeting with most in attendance and the rest attending via Zoom. It was great to see all your leaders together in one room. Zoom is great but there is nothing like getting together in-person.

I think the wording on our website

(https://www.sirinc2.org/branch35/) says it best:

We are a non-profit organization of active men from all walks of life including business, science, engineering, medicine and education. Our sole purpose is to bring together individuals with common backgrounds and interests to participate in well organized and well run indoor and outdoor activities and special events. Participating in these activities and events leads to strong social bonds amongst our members.

Please call Ben Gikis (408) 802-0794 for tickets to the Branch 35 Suite at the A's vs Red Sox night game on Friday June 3rd!

So, coming full circle, our next picnic is being held at Blackberry Farms on July 20th from 11:00 to 2:30. All attendees must have signed the SIR Branch 35 Waiver Form to "cross the bridge" to the picnic grounds. We hope you all will attend again this year. The registration form is included on page 6 of this month's Trail Tips. Please register and send in your check to me by July 1st.

Andy 650-906-3747 (I do Texting, Too)

\$30 JUNE HOT-PLATE MENU \$30 Spinach Salad Chicken <u>Piccatta</u> Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Roasted Vegetables Creampuffs

To reserve a vegetarian meal, contact Terry Barnhart at

408-960-6674 or terry.b2007@sbcglobal.net

JUNE 2022 ROSTER

Active Members: 322

Net Monthly Change: -7

NEW MEMBERS



Joe Glynn (Liz)	408-806-9951
801 Raintree Drive	glynnjoe81@gmail.com
San Jose, CA 95129	IBM
Golf Tennis Boo	re Picklehall

Campbell Scott 408-605-5839 (Joyce) 405 Montclair Road campbell@castlescott.com Los Gatos, Ca Cornell U., IBM Research 95032 Bridge, Golf, Travel, Hiking, Sailing, Dancing,

Photography, Theater, Climate action

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

19	David Skurnick	
18	Ken Jones	
18	Keith Howell	
16	Bill Monroe	
15	Jack Heidmiller	
15	John Lemes	
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Arden Anderson	Howard Kalt	Shel Salinger
Bruce Berger	Don Lintz	Bob Simon
Joe Enos	John Lucero	Paul Suchma
John Galli	John Manning	Gordy Tong
John Gerich	Don Mattson	Hal Toppel
Art Hammar	Richard Moll	Chris Weberg
Carl Hellman	Bill Moniz	Dick Wilson
Mike Humphries	Gordon Mullin	John Wong
Jay Jonekait		-

BOOK SWAP

TIM TOPOLE 650-793-0838

ttopole@yahoo.com

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

DINING IN

ALAN GAUDIE 650-575-4332 alangaudie@yahoo.com

Dining In is designed to have fun and meet new couples (to become friends). We have potluck dinner at member's homes. We currently have three groups going back about five years ago when this activity started. I need 4 or 5 couples to start a new group and have 2 on the waiting list. Let me know if you are interested or want more information.

\$30 JUNE COLD-PLATE MENU \$30 Turkey, Ham, & Roast Beef Sandwiches Green Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad Creampuffs To reserve this meal, you must call 650-823-0702

or e-mail sir35notify@gmail.com by SUNDAY, June 12th You may also make a permanent reservation for cold plates.

WINE FINDERS

ALAN GAUDIE 650-575-4332 alangaudie@yahoo.com

This activity includes couples meeting at someone's home to blind taste and grade wines and share appetizers. We have had six very successful events since starting last fall. There are now 18 people on the interested list, some who have not yet attended. Contact me (email above) to join or for more information.



JERRY BELDEN 650-207-6280 jerry@gbeldenltc.com



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

For our May meeting, we read "Bone-Crack" by Dick Francis. This suspense novel's hero, Neil, reluctantly takes over a high-end racehorse training stable as his elderly father is recuperating from a bad broken leg in hospital. In addition to the challenge of making the stable successful, Neil has to deal with a ruthless criminal who demands that the stable make the criminal's son their top jockey. Relationships between fathers and sons lie at the heart of this book as well as Neil's caring and intelligent response to the situation.

The group generally liked the book and got caught up in the story. And some who previously had no interest in racehorse training became more interested.

June's book: "Lands of Lost Borders: A Journey on the Silk Road" by Kate Harris

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).

Volunteer Opportunity Starting January 2023

We have an opening for Branch Secretary starting in January. **Skills needed:**

- * Listening and taking notes during monthly Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meetings
- * Preparing and publishing BEC Minutes using Microsoft WORD
- Filing official documents for the branch as needed

If you are interested in gathering more information and serving the branch in this way, please contact Stan Barkey– 408-996-3133.



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GORDON TONG 408-242-0557 gordy6850@gmail.com



2nd Tuesday— June 14th, 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 Creek Trail (South San Jose)

<u>Ride</u>: We will ride the scenic Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Wyndham Garden Hotel at <u>399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose</u>. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will ride past the golf course for another 4 miles to the Anderson Visitor Center at the end of trail, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel parking lot for a total of 20 miles. For those who want a shorter ride, they can stop at the golf course, thus reducing the round trip to 12 miles.

Directions: The Wyndham Garden Hotel is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just <u>north of the highway 101/85</u> interchange. <u>The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85</u>: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park in the hotel parking lot behind the furthest hotel building on the right.

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.





NORM PASS – SCHEDULE/ CANCELLATIONS 408-737-7639; normpass@sbcglobal.net austinv@aol.com John Richardson - Support 650-996-7787; jlr@rcgc.com

Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Guests are welcome.

<u>Location</u>: Bocce Ball Courts (2) at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos (off San Antonio Road), 650-947-2790. Ample parking in front. The Bocce courts are in the left rear of the site as you face the front entrance of the Center.

We are delighted with the new courts at the Los Altos Community Center even though there are a few finishing pieces that need to be completed—primarily, the addition of a crushed and compacted top oyster shell layer. Now we are no longer at the mercy of multiple surface depressions and accumulated leaf and other debris. So our rolled balls do not tend to do right angle turns before reaching the pallino, the target ball. Of course we are counting on regular maintenance of the court surfaces by the City and will be following up with the Maintenance Department to encourage that this be done.

The new playing site has attracted a number of our faithful players from the La Cuesta (MV) era and a few that we have been missing for some time. If you haven't been out to play for some time, now the weather is cooperating and the facility is much improved.



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PETER THURSTON 650-776-5713 peterethurston@gmail.com



Angel Island Loop Hike



On May 27th SIR Hikers visited Angel Island State Park and did the 6-mile Angle Island Perimeter Loop Hike. We also visited the U.S. Immigration Station and enjoyed scenic views of San Francisco Bay.

Branch 35 Monthly Hikes on 4th Friday Our monthly hikes, on the 4th Friday of the month, 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 that will be on June 24th. Join our hiking group and to get the details, send an email to Peter Thurston, <u>peterethurston@gmail.com</u>.

ARE YOU READY TO PICNIC? SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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. More 'Season Highs' – check them out. We are eager to have more bowlers. This invitation also extends to your wife or your significant other. Call either Bob or Doug if you have questions.

STANDINGS – SPRING 2022 WEEK 9
1s⊤PLACE – Peter Wong, Bob Taggart, Jay Jonekait
2ND PLACE – Doug Anderson, Jim Holman, Joe Enos
3 RD PLACE – Ranney Thayer, Gerry Cooley, Don Haythronewhite
4 [™] PLACE – TIE – John Ahn,Darryl Walker, Marc Haberman
4 [™] PLACE – TIE – Brian Lin, Rick McColloch, Alan Gaudie, Perry Brown
6™ PLACE – Jerry Ososkie, Ron Nakamoto
7TH PLACE – TIE - Fred Emmenegger, Arnie Satterlee, Larry Low
7 [™] PLACE – TIE - Les Fisher, Stan Barkey, Tim Eastham, Bob Garten
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SEASON HIGH SCORES						
HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH					
1st – Bob Garten: 591	1st – Larry Low: 224					
2nd – Perry Brown: 571	2nd – Jay Jonekait: 210					
3rd – Joe Enos: 530	3rd – Don Haythronewhite: 206					
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME					
1st – Bob Taggart: 692	1st – Brian Lin: 264					
2nd – Rick McColloch: 659	2nd – Jim Holman: 255					
3rd – Darryl Walker: 644	3rd – Peter Wong: 248					
LAST WEEK'S	S TOP SCORES					
HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH					
1st – Larry Low: 541	1st – Perry Brown: 214					
2nd – Jay Jonekait: 503	2nd – Bob Garten: 200					
3rd – Tie - Arnie Satterlee: 466	3rd – Darryl Walker: 180					
3rd – Tie – Perry Brown: 466	Sid - Daityi Walker. 100					
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME					
1st – Brian Lin: 621	1st – Don Haythronewhite: 240					
2nd – Joe Enos: 620	2nd – Doug Anderson: 229					
3rd – Gerry Cooley: 610	3rd – Ranney Thayer: 226					



JOE CIONI, GOLF CHAIRMAN 516-448-6721, jacioni@yahoo.com



SIGN-UP with John Gerich b	y Friday June 10		
Moffett Field (MFD)	Wed Jul 6	9:30	\$45
SIR INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER A	srat 650-454-0167 mack	k_asrat(at)yahoo.com	n / Holman
Los Lagos (LLS)	Thu Jul 7	9:27	\$34
	Cioni 650-393-57	11 jacioni(at)yahoo.c	om / Enos
Corica Park South (CCS)	Mon Jul 11	10:00	\$75
Cie	oni 650-393-5711 jacioni	(at)yahoo.com / ** N	eed ATC **
Coyote Creek - T (CCT) (Cart,Range	e) Thu Jul 14	10:10	\$95
		** Need TC ** / ** N	eed ATC **
Lake Chabot (LCH) (Cart)	Mon Jul 18	9:30	\$40
		** Need TC *	** / O'Brien
Baylands (BAY) (Cart)	Thu Jul 21	9:00	\$64
arter	n 408-253-5860 xonon1(a	at)comcast.net / ** N	eed ATC **
Las Positas (LPS) (Cart)	Mon Jul 25	9:30	\$55
		** Need TC **	/ Newton
Laguna Seca (LGS) (Prize)	Thu Jul 28	10:00	\$40
		** Need TC ** / ** N	eed ATC **

NEW FEATURE: The Rules Corner

This new feature will help us learn what rules apply in common and not-so-common situations. **Bruce Karney** provides the questions and **Joe Cioni** provides the answers.

The situation: On a par 4, a Branch 35 golfer pulled a poor second shot toward the bushes running along the left-hand boundary fence. (There was no penalty area on this side.) Knowing he might not be able to find his ball, he hit a beautiful provisional shot that landed in the middle of the fairway just short of the green. After searching, he did find his first ball in a bush and decided to call it an unplayable lie. One allowable form of relief for his unplayable lie is to play another shot the same place where he hit the shot that went in the bushes. Can he use his provisional shot for this purpose, even though he hit it before knowing he had an unplayable lie?

The ruling: Once an original ball is found in play, any provisional is no longer in play and the original must be played. In the case above, the player has the option of a) stroke and distance; b) two club length relief no closer to the hole; or c) back-on-the-line relief, all with a one stroke penalty.

Interesting note: Ken Jones recalls watching **Phil Mickelson** hit a horrible shot followed by a great provisional shot. Mickelson implored the gallery not to find his ball. He wanted it to be lost so he could play the provisional, even at the cost of a stroke and distance penalty. It wasn't Phil's lucky day. Someone in the gallery found the ball and Phil had to play it.

Heiman has the Round of the Month

Dick Heiman had an outstanding round at San Jose Muni on May 2. His net 63 was a whopping 7.1 strokes "under" and he won his flight by six strokes. Great job, Dick!

Walt Joyce had a Pretty Good Round Too!

John Rittweger, who shared a golf cart with **Walt Joyce** on May 26 at The Bridges, was mightily impressed by what he witnessed. Here's his report:

"Walt attacked the extremely difficult course from the white tees, which have a slope rating of 129 (the average course slope is 113) and posted a score of 82. On the 3rd hole he chipped in from about 70 yards for the first of his three birdies. On the par 5 4th he overcame difficulties by chipping in from about 60 yards to secure his par. Awed by the shot, an observing marshal drove down to congratulate him. Walt was not finished with his magic! On the 7th he again chipped in for birdie. Then on the 10th he sank a 25-foot downhill meandering putt from off the green. He missed a birdie on another par 3 by a half an inch. Amazing feats from a remarkable golfer!"

GOLF RESULTS

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(If a name is in red it means the player's "over/under" score was -2.0 or better.)										
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Larry Lo	W	71	\$15	Dick Wilson	68	\$15	Jim Narva	6	8	\$18
Bob Gar	ten	73	\$10	Jerry Ososkie	72	\$10	Dave Ogle	6	9	\$12
Jay Jone	ekait	73	\$5	Andy Danver	72	\$5	Geo. O'Bri	en 6	9	\$8
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Larry Low	69	\$18	Dick Heiman	63	\$18	Gerry Feeney	67	\$25
Dick Wilson	69	\$14	B. Metheany	69	\$14	Jim Narva	68	\$19
Ken Jones	70	\$10	Jerry Ososkie	69	\$10	Don Mattson	68	\$14
R. Nakamoto	71	\$5	Herb Petersen	71	\$5	Larry Wall	68	\$9
						Peter Wong	69	\$5
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Inside Putter Length or Eagle: None								
Low Gross: Jo	e Cioni	and R	ichard McGrath t	ied at 80				

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Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Bob Garten	69	\$22	Dick Wilson	71	\$22	Dave Squellati	72	\$21
Rich McGrath	70	\$16	Ron Grace	73	\$16	F. Shigemoto	72	\$16
R. Nakamoto	72	\$11	John Gerich	73	\$11	Don Mattson	75	\$10
Larry Low	72	\$6	Ken Jones	74	\$6	Jim Narva	77	\$5
Inside Putter Length or Eagle: None								
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 78								

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Redwood Canyon Par 71 May 9, 2022								
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Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize				
73	\$25	Peter Lau	69	\$24				
75	\$19	Don Mattson	74	\$18				
76	\$14	Jim Narva	78	\$12				
77	\$9	Tim O'Meara	78	\$8				
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Pacific Grove			Par 70	May 12, 2022		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Chris Weberg	69	\$25	Dave Squellati	71	\$18	
Dick Wilson	70	\$19	Don Mattson	71	\$14	
Ken Jones	71	\$14	Man Tran	73	\$10	
Jay Jonekait	71	\$9				
Inside Putter Length	or Eagle:	None				
Low Gross: Chris We	berg 82					

Crystal Springs			Par 72		May 16, 2022				
Palmer Flt. 1Net\$Stan Scardino74\$18		Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$		
		Tom Taboada	73	\$18	Larry Wall	70	\$25		
Dick Heiman	77	\$14	Bill Hall	76 \$14 Tim O'Meara		Tim O'Meara	73	\$19	
J. Rittweger	77	\$10	John Gerich	76	\$10	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$14	
						Geo. O'Brien	74	\$9	
Jim Narva 74 S							\$5		
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Monarch Bay			Par 71	May 19,	2022	
Palmer Flight Net Prize		Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize		
Bill Hall	73	\$22	Peter Wong	72	\$21	
John Rittweger	74	\$16	Man Tran	72	\$16	
Chris Weberg	77	\$12	Larry Wall	73	\$10	
Bruce Karney	78	\$7	Peter Lau	75	\$5	
Inside Putter Length or Eagle: None						
Low Gross: John Rit	tweger 90 (I	Richard Mc	Grath 84 in match play	y)		

Las Positas			Par 72	May 23,	2022	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Chris Weberg	71	\$18	Peter Lau	72	\$18	
Stan Scardino	74	\$14	Jim Narva	75	\$14	
Alex Bush	76	\$10	Gerry Feeney	77	\$10	
Bruce Karney	80	\$5				
Inside Putter Length or Eagle: Alex Bush (hole #8, \$25)						
Low Gross: Alex Bush 81						

The Bridges			Par 72	72 May 26, 202	
Palmer Flight Net		Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Walt Joyce	69	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	80	\$17
Richard McGrath	77	\$19	Peter Wong	81	\$10
John Rittweger	77	\$14	Gerald Cooley	87	\$5
John Gerich 79 \$9					
Inside Putter Length or Eagle: None					
Low Gross: Walt Joyce 82					

NOTICE

The 2022 Reno Golf Event scheduled for the week of June 13th has been officially cancelled due to not enough of our members signing up for the event. We hope to hold this event next year when more members may be interested in attending. Mark Stuart

2022 State Golf Chair 916 21-2287



Jim Quillinan, Movies Activity, jvquill@pacbell.net

Grace & Frankie. The octogenarians Lily Tomlin (Frankie) and Jane Fonda (Grace) are back for one last hurrah as the hilarious duo dealing with old age, family, friends, their gay ex-husbands (now married to each other), and the modern world. From their base in their Malibu Beach house, Frankie's artistic bent and quirky lifestyle are the perfect foils for Grace's uptight, vodka fueled, all business approach to life. They grate on each other leading to all sorts of dustups. Yet their fundamental charm and goodness always finds a way to save the day. If you want to see some old pros at their best, check out the 94 episodes streaming on Netflix. Rated TV MA for language and adult material. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Downton Abbey: A New Era. The much-loved story of the Crawley family and their country estate continues with a pleasant addition. Fans of the franchise will be happy to know that their favorite characters are together again. This time the film centers on the secret past of the Dowager Countess Violet Crawley (Maggie Smith). She announces that she has come into possession of a Villa in the South of France. Some fifty years prior Violet had a fling with a French Marquis who is her benefactor. Lord Grantham (Hugh Bonneville) and his family travel to France to investigate why the villa was given to his mother. Back at Downton, Lady Mary (Michelle Dockery) supervises a crew of filmmakers and actors who have taken over the Manor House as a set for their new film. All sorts of Hollywood hanky-panky plays against the rules of the House. The two stories intertwine as the Crawley family prepares for the 1930s. Rated PG for some suggestive references, language, and thematic elements. In Theatres.

The Duke. It is 1961 in London. Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington is stolen from the National Gallery and the country is aghast. The police are convinced that the painting was purloined by a gang of professional, skilled thieves. But no, 60-year-old Kempton Bunton (Jim Broadbent) is the sole culprit. Kempton is guite the affable rabble rouser for pensioners and the working man. He can't keep a job as his passion for social justice gets in the way of gainful employment. His dedicated wife, Dorothy (Helen Mirren), keeps the family together working as a house cleaner. Kempton hides the portrait and mails ransom notes saying that he would return the painting if the government invested more in care for the elderly and those in need. He returns the painting in person to the National Gallery. His trial in The Old Bailey creates a sensation as justice is done. The film is based on actual events. It is an inspirational story about a good man who captures the headlines and wins one for the little guy. Broadbent and Mirren turn in magnificent performances. Rated R for language and some sexuality. This is one to see, so seek it out. It is playing in art theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

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 <u>here</u>.



****Time to Register*****



SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic Wednesday July 20th



11:00 to 2:30 (BBQ 11:30-1:00)

Blackberry Farm, Cupertino

Our 2022 Annual Summer Picnic at nearby Blackberry Farm is a real old-fashioned outdoor picnic staffed by our own Branch 35 volunteers. Signed Branch 35 Covid-19 Waiver Forms are required and will be available for those who have not yet signed and are vaccinated.

- BBQ'd Ribs, Chicken, Sausages, Hamburger, Hot Dog, Salads, Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks
- Music, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Bingo, and Tomato Tasting contest
- A great location Only 10 miles from the Palo Alto Elks Lodge
- Level terrain A short walk from the parking lot
- Cart rides from the parking lot to the site for those requesting it in advance

All you can eat and drink for \$20/Person <u>Please Register by July 1st</u>

Member Name: _____ Spouse/Partner/Guest Name(s): __

Indicate number of people for each entrée desired (VegiBurger on request only)

 Ribs____Chicken____Sausages___Hamburger____Hot Dog___VegiBurger____

Indicate here if your health requires a cart ride from parking lot _____

Register and Pay on-Line (see eMail in early June)

Send This Page and Check (SIR Branch35) to



Andy Danver 13474 Robleda Rd Los Altos Hills, CA 94022



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Golf- Poppy Ridge 10:00 a.m.	2 Golf- Sharp Park Breakfast 9:30 a.m.	3 Bocce Ball Bocce Courts - 10:00 a.m. Los Altos Community Center	4
5	6 Golf- Boulder Ridge 10:00 a.m.	7 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	8	9 Golf- Seascape 10:00 a.m.	10 Bocce Ball Bocce Courts - 10:00 a.m. Los Altos Community Center	11
12	13 Golf- Presidio 10:00 a.m.	14 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m. Biking Coyote Creek Trail 11:00 a.m.	15 MONTHLY MEETING In-Person at Elks Lodge Doors Open 11:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Business 12:30 - Speaker 12:45 Zoom at 11:30	16 Golf- Lake Chabot 9:30 a.m.	17 Bocce Ball Bocce Courts - 10:00 a.m. Los Altos Community Center	18
19	20 Golf- Metropolitan 9:30 a.m.	21 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	22	23 Golf- Sunnyvale 9:00 a.m.	24 Bocce Ball Bocce Courts - 10:00 a.m. Los Altos Community Center Hiking TBD 10:00 a.m.	25
26	27 Golf- Wente Vineyards 10:00 a.m.	28 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	29	30 Golf- Tilden 10:00 a.m.		