



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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

August 2022

– NEXT MEETING –

3rd Wednesday, August 17, 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

Speaker: *Robin Wedell, RN, BSN, FPCNA*

Topic: *Pump Up Your Heart Health!*
Your Heart is Counting on You.



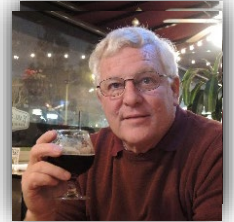
Robin Wedell is currently serving as the Director of HeartFit For Life at the Cardiac Therapy Foundation in Palo Alto and has been affiliated with HeartFit For Life since 1992. She has over 35 years of experience working in cardiovascular nursing both in primary and secondary prevention. She has worked as an educational consultant, research nurse, and co-authored publications in the realm of cardiovascular nursing. Robin served as Co-Chair for the Northern California Regional Chapter of the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association, where she was inducted as a Fellow in 2010.

Considered as one of the leading cardiac wellness programs in the nation, HeartFit For Life at the Cardiac Therapy Foundation has helped more than 5,000 members with cardiac disease and related health issues lead healthier, longer, and more vibrant lives.

The Cardiac Therapy Foundation was founded in 1970 as a non-profit organization by Stanford clinicians – Gary Fry, MD, and Kathy Berra, RN, NP, with a vision to be recognized as the leader in cardiac therapy and chronic disease management in the San Francisco Peninsula. For more than 50 years, they have been helping people with cardiac or related health issues or risk factors. Their goal is simple: extend your life!

The Big Sir says...

What a beautiful day it was for a picnic in the park! Last Wednesday the weather was glorious, the food was delicious and the ambiance perfect for the 165 of us who enjoyed each other's friendship. Despite the surging BA5 Covid variant in Santa Clara County, 100 members and their 65 guests, all vaccinated and boosted, came early and stayed late at the Blackberry Park Pool and Recreation Center in Cupertino. Thank You, Ben Gikis, and all your cooks and helpers for making it so successful!



Pleasing to me is how robust our organization remains during these pandemic times. Attendance at the picnic this year was about the same as last year which served as our 50th Anniversary Celebration when we were honored by our County Supervisor, Joe Simitiani.

For 31 of this year's picnic attendees this was their first in-person Branch 35 event in over two years. We were glad to have you back! Also, attendance at this year's three lunches at the Elks has averaged about 100. Turns out, 158 members have attended at least one with 65 attending all three. The rest of you should plan to attend the August 17th lunch.

We truly are a group of resilient individuals. We are members of a local non-profit organization of active participants from all walks of life including business, science, engineering, medicine, and education. We volunteer our time to make this club run smoothly and efficiently.

Our sole purpose is to bring together people with common backgrounds and interests to participate in well organized and well run indoor and outdoor activities, lunches, and special events. Participating in these activities and events lead to strong social bonds amongst us. We are honored that you have joined Branch 35 to enjoy our activities, volunteer and socialize.

Be sure to check out page 3 in this issue for a montage of pictures of us enjoying ourselves at the picnic photographed by my wife, Jean, the de facto picnic photographer again this year.

Remember! - attend, participate, support and lead an activity to make us even better!

Andy

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



\$30 AUGUST HOT-PLATE MENU \$30

Bistro Salad with Balsamic Dressing

Meatloaf with Mushroom Gravy

Mashed Potatoes & Peas

Cream Puffs

To reserve a vegetarian meal, contact Terry Barnhart at
408-960-6674 or terry.b2007@sbcglobal.net

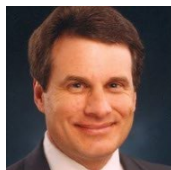
\$30 AUGUST COLD-PLATE MENU \$30

Turkey, Ham, & Roast Beef Sandwiches

Green Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad

Cream Puffs

To reserve this meal, you must call 650-823-0702
or e-mail sir35notify@gmail.com by **SUNDAY, August 14th**
You may also make a permanent reservation for cold plates.

AUGUST 2022 ROSTER**Active Members: 325****Net Monthly Change: +2****NEW MEMBERS**

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Wine Group



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Golf, Travel, Tennis, Hiking, Bicycling, Bocce, Movies,
Wine Group

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

Ed Pausa	22	Tom Moulton	15
John Brittain	18	Dave Squellati	15
Richard Moll	16	Milt Wehrman	15
Terry Barnhart	15	Terry Hayes	12

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Philip Bencivenga	Rich Lange	Stan Scardino
Earl Caustin	John Lehner	Vern Schmidt
Larry Dike	Peter Meigs	Dave Squellati
Herb Fischgrund	Chuck Nile	Doug Tanner
Walter Fleischer	Dave Ogle	Mark Temme
Tom Gregory	Jerry Ososkie	Tim Topole
Wayne Grove	Dick Peacock	Dick Treakele
Sam Im	Glen Pedigo	Pete Van Kuran
Ken Jones	Carl Plescia	Bill Webster
Walt Joyce	Cliff Reinhardt	Ed White
Mike Kirst	John Rinehart	Glen-Man Wilkerson

BOOK SWAP

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

DINING IN

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alangaudie@yahoo.com

Dining In is designed to have fun and meet new couples (to become friends). We have potluck dinners 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.

WINE FINDERS

ALAN GAUDIE 650-575-4332
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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.

BOOK CLUB

JERRY BELDEN 650-207-6280
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The Book Club is an activity where the members read books and then meet to discuss the content.

For July we read "The Perfect Weapon – War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age" by David Sanger

The Perfect Weapon is the startling inside story of how the rise of cyberweapons transformed geopolitics like nothing since the invention of the atomic bomb. Cheap to acquire, easy to deny, and usable for a variety of malicious purposes--from crippling infrastructure to sowing discord and doubt--cyber is now the weapon of choice for democracies, dictators, and terrorists. It shows how great and small powers alike slipped into a new era of constant sabotage, misinformation, and fear, in which everyone is a target. Group reaction; While a couple readers felt the book was a little technical, the majority thought it was eye-opening and scary, very well written and researched, and gave it high marks.

Our next book is "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese.

BIKING

GORDON TONG 408-242-0557
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2nd Thursday— August 11th, 2022, 11:00 AM

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>

Los Gatos Creek Trail

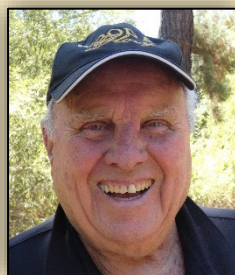
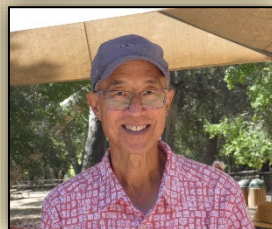
Ride: We will ride the ever popular and scenic trail starting from the Blackford Elementary School parking lot to downtown Los Gatos for about 7.5 miles. The trail is paved and generally level with some short inclines as we ride up street underpasses. There are many lunch options in the downtown area. Then, we'll ride back on the same trail for a total of 15 miles.

Directions: Go South on I-280 (past Highway 17) to Meridian Avenue (South); turn right. Go to Willow Street (the third stoplight) and turn right. Take Willow Street until it deadends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets. For an address to plug into your GPS, Blackford Elementary School, 1970 Willow St, San Jose.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordon Tong at 408- 242-0557 or gordy6850@gmail.com or Hank Bottino at (650) 207-4320 or bottinoh@comcast.net.

SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic

July 20, 2022



BOCCE BALL

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

Location: 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.

During the past few weeks the Bocce courts at the Los Altos Civic Center were resurfaced and smoothed. They are playing well and everybody seems pleased with the new surfaces. One bit of caution though, with the new courts, one needs to throw balls with much more care since if a ball strikes the endboard, it is dead and won't roll back into play as we experienced at Mountain View and the older Los Altos courts.

The City, while performing periodic maintenance, is asking that we help keep the courts swept/raked as need be by us the players. Remember, if you have not had your Covid shots, it is up to you to provide proof of a recent negative Covid test prior to playing. We are having a good time playing and it is a pleasure to socialize with everyone on the courts. Hope to see everyone Friday mornings at 97 Hillview Avenue. Please join in this popular activity - 10AM-Noon on Fridays.

HIKING

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Cool hike along the ocean



SIR hikers at Fitzgerald Marine Preserve

On July 22nd fifteen SIR hikers took a cool hike on a hot day along the bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Four women guests joined the hike, as our SIR hiking activity continues to attract women hikers. We started our hike at Fitzgerald Marine Preserve Park Headquarters in Moss Beach. We hiked along the Bluff Trail, Jean Lauer Trail, and Ross Cove Trail with breathtaking sights and sounds of the ocean. We hiked down the steep trail to Ross Cove Beach where enjoyed our trail lunch on the pristine beach. After we retraced our steps back to Park Headquarters, some hikers stopped in Half Moon Bay for a debriefing.

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 enjoy nature. Branch 35 members, spouses, or friends who have signed the Covid-19 Waiver and can 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 cool hike on a hot day in the redwoods at Sam McDonell Park near La Honda on August 26th.

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

BOWLING

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Prizes: Alan Gaudie



Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. (for a couple hours), at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino. The 16-week Spring Session has come to an end and the final results are listed below. New bowlers are always welcome to start on any week. This invitation also extends to your wife or your significant other. Call either Bob or Doug if you have questions.

STANDINGS – FINAL - SPRING 2022

1ST PLACE – Peter Wong, Bob Taggart, Jay Jonekait
2ND PLACE – Doug Anderson, Jim Holman, Joe Enos
3RD PLACE – John Ahn, Darryl Walker, Marc Haberman
4TH PLACE – Ranney Thayer, Gerry Cooley, Don Haythronwhite
5TH PLACE – TIE - Fred Emmenegger, Arnie Satterlee, Larry Low
5TH PLACE – TIE - Jerry Ososkie, Ron Nakamoto
7TH PLACE – Brian Lin, Rick McColloch, Alan Gaudie, Perry Brown
8TH PLACE – Les Fisher, Stan Barkey, Tim Eastham, Bob Garten

SEASON HIGH SCORES

HIGH SERIES – SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
1st – Bob Garten: 591	1st – Larry Low: 224
2nd – Jay Jonekait: 556	2nd – Joe Enos: 219
3rd – Marc Haberman: 552	3rd – Peter Wong: 201
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME
1st – Bob Taggart: 692	1st – Les Fisher: 260
2nd – Don Haythronwhite: 672	2nd – Jim Holman: 257
3rd – Rick McColloch: 659	3rd – Ron Nakamoto: 240

LAST WEEK'S TOP SCORES

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
1st – Jay Jonekait: 526	1st – Perry Brown: 185
2nd – Arnie Satterlee: 495	2nd – Ron Nakamoto: 178
3rd – Mark Haberman: 454	3rd – Gerry Cooley: 166
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME
1st – Rick McColloch: 649	1st – Les Fisher: 240
2nd – Fred Emmenegger: 621	2nd – John Ahn: 234
3rd – Bob Taggart: 583	3rd – Alan Gaudie: 209

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BEN GIKIS

I'd like to start a discussion group for owners of Marriott Timeshares or other timeshares. We would discuss program details, destinations, exchanging vacations between ourselves, group vacations and other things of interest. We probably would begin as a Zoom group. Send me an e-mail if interested.
gikisben@yahoo.com.



SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday, August 12			
DeLaveaga (DLV) (Prize)	Thu Sep 1	9:40	\$59
	O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatim(at)gmail.com / Metheny		
Shoreline (SHL) (Cart)	Wed Sep 7	9:00	\$55
	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net / Hall		
Hiddenbrooke (HID) (Cart)	Thu Sep 8	10:00	\$57
Jim Schlatter Invitational		** Need TC ** / ** Need ATC **	
Eagle Ridge (ERG) (Cart)	Mon Sep 12	10:00	\$74
Scramble	Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandelaine(at)comcast.net / ** Need ATC **		
SIR State - Blue Rock Springs	Wednesday Sep 14 and Thursday Sep 15		
SIR State - Blue Rock Springs		Signup on SIR State web site	
Spring Valley (SPV)	Thu Sep 15	10:37	\$50
	Lau 408-730-9115 ronwjlau(at)gmail.com / Newton		
Poplar Creek (PCR) (Prize)	Mon Sep 19	10:00	\$44
	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / ** Need ATC **		
Silver Creek (SCR) (Cart)	Thu Sep 22	9:30	\$115
		** Need TC ** / Hall	
Coyote Creek - V (CCV) (Cart,Range)	Mon Sep 26	9:35	\$80
	Ososke 408-238-4342 jcososkie(at)sbcglobal.net / Metheny		
Callippe Preserve (CPR) (Cart)	Thu Sep 29	10:06	\$56
	Squellati 408-245-3787 dsqueaky(at)pacbel.net / Wilson		

The Rules Corner

This 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: During a 4-ball match play tournament, the team of Players A & B was competing with the team of C & D. Players A and C each hit their drive into thick rough. For his second shot, Player A mistakenly hit player C's ball. Player C promptly informed A that he'd played the wrong ball. Player A then hit his own ball out into the fairway. It's a 2-stroke penalty for playing the wrong ball, but does the swing that Player A took at C's ball also count? That is, does Player A lie 4 or 5 after his second stroke at his own ball?

The ruling: The swing Player A made at the wrong ball doesn't count, so he would be lying 4 if this had happened in stroke play. But in match play, hitting a wrong ball results in a loss of hole penalty. Except in four-ball, only Player A (not his partner, Player B) gets the general penalty (Rule 23.8a(2)) as long as hitting the wrong ball didn't help his partner. So, it would be possible for the team of A and B to win the hole if B's net score were better than both C's and D's.

Mattson Shoots His Age at Baylands

Age is just a number, they say. A golf score is just a number too, but when a man's golf score and his age are the **same** number – 89 for example – it's something to celebrate. When the man is 90 and his score is 89, that's even better!

On July 21, 90-year-old **Don Mattson** shot an 89 from the white tees at Baylands on his way to winning the Nicklaus flight. Let the celebration begin!

Branch 35 SIRs who shoot their age or better on a course rated at 66 or higher receive the "SIR Feather" trophy from State SIR as well as a \$200 cash prize from the Branch. Only the first time a member shoots his age in a calendar year is recognized in this way. Baylands' Course Rating is 66.8, so Don will be receiving both forms of well-deserved recognition.

Moffett is Child's Play, Los Lagos Not So Much

On July 6, during the State SIR qualifying tournament, ten Branch 35 golfers had over/under scores better than -2.0! That's never

happened before as far as this columnist knows. The magic of an easy day at the links seemed to affect all 33 players. Only one player, on one hole, posted a score above net double bogey. And, by the way, **Jay Jonkait** and **Joe Cioni** shot their age!

The very next day, playing from the white tees at Los Lagos, not a single golfer had an over/under better than -2.0 and the 26 golfers combined to shoot 27 strokes above net double bogey. The Los Lagos course is 1205 yards shorter than Moffett. What a difference a day makes!

Jonekait Cards the Round of the Month

As mentioned in the previous article, Moffett on July 6 offered low scores to almost everyone. However, **Jay Jonkait** had by far the best round. He was 9.7 strokes under, the best round of the year so far, and shot his age to boot. Keep up the good work, Jay!

We Broke One Hundred

Branch 35 has once again reached the milestone of having more than 100 golfers! Our median handicap index is 25.6. One-third of our golfers have an index of 30 or more. **Alex Bush** and **Robert Manetta** are the only members with single-digit indices.

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
Semi	Moffett	Hall & Karney def. Haberman & Joyce	7 & 6	\$10@

2022 Individual 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	Wente Vineyards	Les Miles def. Dick Heiman	2 & 1	\$10
1	Moffett	Walt Joyce def. Brad McTheaney	1 up	\$10
2	Los Lagos	Les Miles def. Ron Grache	5 & 4	\$10
1	Baylands	Kerry McConnell def. Alex Bush	4 & 3	\$10
1	Las Positas	Jay Jonekait def. Gerry Feeney	1 up	\$10

Wente Vineyards					Par 72			June 27, 2022			
Palmer Flt. 1		Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2		Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.		Net	\$
Jay Jonekait		65	\$18	Alan Pye		71	\$18	Peter Wong		75	\$17
Rich McGrath		71	\$14	Herb Petersen		75	\$14	Larry Wall		75	\$10
Joe Cioni		72	\$10	Stan Scardino		76	\$10				
Inside Putter Length: Nicholas Vicari (\$25) on the 14th											
Low Gross: Jay Jonekait and Richard McGrath tied at 79											

Tilden					Par 70			June 30, 2022		
Palmer Flight		Net	Price	Nicklaus Flight		Net	Price			
Richard McGrath		66	\$18	Joe Enos		69	\$15			
Jay Jonekait		69	\$12	Peter Wong		70	\$7			
Ron Nakamoto		73	\$7							
Inside Putter Length: None										
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 76										

Moffett Field (1-tee qualifier)					Par 72			July 6, 2022			
Palmer Flt. 1		Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2		Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.		Net	\$
Jay Jonekait		62	\$20	John Gerich		67	\$20	Tim O'Meara		64	\$22
Dick Wilson		66	\$15	Andy Danver		68	\$15	Joe Enos		67	\$16
Joe Cioni		66	\$10	R. Nakamoto		71	\$10	Peter Wong		70	\$12
Les Miles		66	\$5	Dick Heiman		72	\$5	D. Squellati		70	\$7
Chris Weberg		69	NA								
Bob Garten		70	NA								
Shot his age: Jay Jonekait and Joe Cioni											
Inside Putter Length: Joe Enos (\$25) on the 7 th and Larry Low (\$25) on the 15 th											
Low Gross: Jay Jonekait 76											

Los Lagos			Par 68		July 7, 2022	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Alan Pye	71	\$25	Larry Wall	69	\$18	
Chris Weberg	71	\$19	William Nix	72	\$14	
Brad Metheany	71	\$14	Peter Wong	72	\$10	
Larry Baugher	72	\$9	Balbir Kalsi	72	\$5	
Inside Putter Length: None						
Low Gross: Chris Weberg 83 (Les Miles shot 81 in match play)						

Corica Park South			Par 72		July 11, 2022	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Robert Manetta	72	\$25	Peter Wong	74	\$12	
Bob Garten	72	\$19	Ben Gikis	77	\$5	
Larry Baugher	74	\$14				
Bruce Karney	75	\$9				
Jay Jonekait	76	\$5				
Inside Putter Length: None						
Low Gross: Robert Manetta 78						

Coyote Creek Tournament			Par 72		July 14, 2022	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Larry Baugher	71	\$22	Peter Wong	67	\$17	
Joe Cioni	72	\$16	Dave Squellati	75	\$10	
Kerry McConnell	73	\$12				
Bill Hall	75	\$7				
Inside Putter Length: John Gerich (\$25) on the 7 th and Alan Pye (\$25) on the 5 th						
Low Gross: Kerry McConnell 84						

Lake Chabot			Par 71 W, 70 R	July 18, 2022	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Alex Bush	69	\$22	Jim Narva	70	\$15
Richard McGrath	70	\$16	Peter Wong	73	\$7
Larry Baugher	71	\$12			
Ken Jones	71	\$7			
Inside Putter Length: None					
Low Gross: Alex Bush and Richard McGrath tied at 75					

Baylands				Par 72			July 21, 2022		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
R. McGrath	73	\$20	Ron Grace	73	\$20	Don Mattson	70	\$25	
Bob Garten	73	\$15	Bill Hall	73	\$15	Larry Wall	71	\$19	
R. Manetta	74	\$10	Andy Danver	73	\$10	Gerry Feeney	76	\$14	
Paul Lesti	75	\$5	John Gerich	75	\$5	F. Shigemoto	76	\$9	
						Peter Lau	77	\$5	
Shot his age: Don Mattson									
Inside Putter Length: Richard McGrath & Larry Low (\$25@) on the 15 th									
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 78 (Kerry McConnell shot 75 in match play)									

Las Positas			Par		July 25, 2022			
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Dick Heiman	69	\$18	Larry Baugher	66	\$18	Tim O'Meara	70	\$22
Dick Wilson	73	\$14	Jerry Ososkie	68	\$14	Peter Lau	71	\$16
Chris Weberg	73	\$10	Bill Hall	69	\$10	Peter Wong	73	\$12
Jim Thorne	74	\$5	Andy Danver	70	\$5	Don Mattson	73	\$7
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross: Alex Bush 81								

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

Jim Quillinan, Movies Activity, jvquill@pacbell.net

A Call to Spy. This intriguing wartime, espionage drama is based on real stories. It is the early days of WWII and Britain is desperate for intelligence. Churchill orders his new spy agency — the Special Operations Executive (SOE) — to recruit and train women as spies. Some of the old-time spooks scoff at women as spies, but others see the opportunities for women to show their special skills. Their formidable mission was to fund and plan sabotage in France with the help of local resistance. The SOE's "spymistress," Vera Atkins recruits two unusual candidates: Virginia Hall, a determined American with a wooden leg, and Noor Khan a Sufi pacifist. The infamous Nazi, Klaus Barbie (the Butcher of Lyon), breaks their code with dire consequences. These women and many more helped destabilize the Nazi regime in France. Their legacy is little known, but this film will change that. This is a must see. Rated PG-13 for some strong violence, disturbing images, language, and smoking. There are some bone chilling torture sequences. Available on Netflix. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Operation Mincemeat. There is a theme this week, this is another British WWII espionage film based on actual events. It is also a must see. This film uniquely combines a high-tension espionage drama with a romance, and a fair amount of humor. It is 1943 and the allies are planning the invasion of Sicily as the next step to take Italy. British intelligence concocts a wild scenario to convince the Nazis that Greece was the intended invasion site. The deception had a dead soldier washing up on a beach in Spain with secret letters and orders for the invasion of Greece. To make this all work required an immense amount of detail work and follow-up to convince the Nazis that it was real. This was all under the supervision of Ewen Montagu (Colin Firth) whose marriage is on the rocks and his hopelessly in love with one of his co-workers. Others in the group are under surveillance for possible connections to the Russians and for trysts. With all of this "stuff" going in they do pull off a coup, the Germans were waiting for the invasion in Greece. The film also features Ian Fleming as an aide writing stories based on the spies and their quirks. An interesting touch. Rated PG-13 for strong language, some sexual content, brief war violence, disturbing images, and smoking. Available on Netflix. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris. They used to make movies like this all of the time. Maybe this will start a trend. Ada Harris (Lesley Manville) is a widowed cleaning lady in London in the 1950s. She covets an Haute Couture Dior gown and sets out to get one. She works hard, economizes a bit and even gambles to raise the funds to go to Paris to buy a dress for £500. Mrs. Harris is buoyant, caring, and indefatigable in her quest. She runs into difficulties, beyond the language, but her charm and wit overcome all obstacles. She not only achieves her goals but saves the House of Dior from its own plight. This is an engaging film with a wonderful cast. Even its Hollywood ending is delightful. Look for Lesley Manville at Oscar time. Rated PG for suggestive material, language, and smoking. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Golf- Dublin Ranch Shuffle the Deck 9:30 a.m.	2 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	3	4 Golf- Callippe Preserve 10:10 a.m.	5 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	6
7	8 Golf- Santa Teresa 10:00 a.m.	9 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	10	11 Golf- Bridges 10:00 a.m. Biking Los Gatos Creek Trail 11:00 a.m.	12 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	13
14	15 Golf- Corica Park South 10:00 a.m.	16 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	17 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	18 Golf- Moffett Field Double Points 9:30 a.m.	19 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	20
21	22 Golf- Cinnabar Hills 8:40 a.m.	23 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	24	25 Golf- The Villages 11:30 a.m.	26 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up Hiking Sam McDonnell Park 10:00 a.m.	27
28	29 Golf- Crystal Springs 9:30 a.m.	30 Bowling Homestead Lanes 1:00 p.m.	31			