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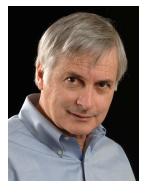
October 2022

- NEXT MEETING -

3rd Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Doors Open 11:00am, Lunch at Noon
Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm
Join Zoom anytime after 12:30pm
Zoom instructions will be sent via
email before the meeting.

PROGRAM

Speaker: Seth Shostak, Senior Astronomer
Topic: "Are Aliens Visiting Earth?"

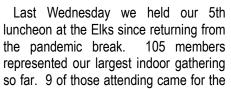


Here it is again — third times a charm. Seth Shostak claims to have developed an interest in extraterrestrial life at the tender age of ten, when he first picked up a book about the Solar System. This innocent beginning eventually led to a degree in radio astronomy, and now, as Senior Astronomer, Seth is an enthusiastic participant in the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute's research programs.

Since 2001, he has been the senior astronomer at the SETI Institute, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to "explore, understand and explain the origin, nature and prevalence of life in the universe". SETI Institute, located in Mountain View, California, employs over 50 researchers that study all aspects of the search for life, its origins, the environment in which life develops, and its ultimate fate.

In addition, Seth is keen on outreach activities: interesting the public – and especially young people – in science in general, and astrobiology in particular. He's co-authored a college textbook on astrobiology and has written three trade books on SETI. In addition, he's published more than 400 popular articles on science including regular contributions to NBC News MACH, gives many dozens of talks annually, and is the host of the SETI Institute's weekly science radio show, "Big Picture Science."

The Big Sir says... Congratulations Branch 35





first time. 48 members have made all five. Attendees are feeling good about our safety precautions and enjoying the more casual time together. I strongly recommend you join us for lunch on October 19th and bring a guest - their first lunch is on us.

Congratulations to the elected 2023 officers and directors. A call for nominations in Trail Tips, member emails and from the floor at lunch resulted in no new names, so the board recommended nominations were proclaimed "elected by acclamation". Ron Nakamoto will be next year's Big Sir and Peter Wong will be next year's Little Sir. Two of Ron's and Peter's objectives are to increase the number of new members we induct into the Branch and to maintain the high standard set for attracting top-notch speakers. Ron will form a committee to understand what attracts individuals in their 60s to join organizations like Branch 35 and Peter will form a committee to identify great speakers and encourage them to speak to us about their work and insights. (See Peter's article later in this Trail Tips). So please contact our new leaders and volunteer to ioin their committees.

We need your guidance on a few key branch issues so please call, send me an email or text me with your thoughts or respond to the short questionnaire you will receive via email. We are interested in what concerns you have in participating in branch lunches and activities, what the maximum attendance for lunch should be (currently 120, with 6 per table), how we can encourage you to bring guests to lunch and what type of Holiday Celebration (lunch, cocktail party, other) would encourage you to attend.

Please help me improve Branch 35 for you, and remember to attend, participate, support, and lead an activity to make us even better!

Andy 650-906-3747 (I do Texting, Too) SIR Branch 35 Trail Tips October 2022 Page **2** of **8**

\$30 OCTOBER HOT-PLATE MENU \$30

Bistro Salad with Balsamic Dressing Breaded Tilapia w/Gravy & Tartar Sauce Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables Brownies

To reserve this meal, please select it during the online reservation and payment process.

To reserve a vegetarian meal, contact Terry Barnhart at

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OCTOBER 2022 ROSTER

Active Members: 325 Net Monthly Change: +2

New Members



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Golf, Travel

Golf

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Hewlett Packard, SJ State, SJ City College

Travel, Bocce, Book Club, Wine Group

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

Bob Simon	23	Mike Hurley	14
Peter Barba	21	Carl Clemm	13
Art Hammar	17	Ron Lau	13
Larry Dike	16	Neil Miotto	12
Jon Saxe	16	Pete Pierron	12
Wayne Dexter	15	Roger Potash	11

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brian Beattie	Chris Goodman	Pete Pierron
Bob Booth	Tony Guichard, MD	Greg Ross
Eric Butte	Jim Harvey	Tom Taboada
Gerry Cooley	Bob Jones	John Tucker
Rick Crego	Harold Kaye	Van Van Hauser
Tom Dehaan	Stu Kennedy	Big Nick Vicari
Jim Dunaway	Ron Nakamoto	Jim White
Gil Eakins	Bill Patterson	James Yoshida
Mickey Ellingson	Herb Petersen	

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

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 dinners at member's homes. Let me know if you are interested or want more information.

\$30 OCTOBER COLD-PLATE MENU \$30

Turkey, Ham, & Roast Beef Sandwiches Green Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad Brownies

To reserve this meal, please select it during the online reservation and payment process.

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 eight 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

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

At our September meeting, we discussed the crime thriller "Skinny Dip." The author Carl Hiaasen is a well-known author of crime dramas set in Florida. It started off with a husband flipping his wife off a very tall cruise ship. His motive was not initially clear. But she had been an Olympic swimmer, and was able to right herself, dive nicely in, and survive the fall. She swam until she bumped into and grabbed onto a bale of Jamaica's finest weed which was floating in the ocean. Later she was rescued by an older man, and together they plotted to haunt the husband for the rest of the book.

Many members felt it was an interesting and pleasant divergence from our usual heavier type of book. It had tons of snappy and humorous dialogue with many comical situations. However, a few members weren't that crazy about it.

Our next book is "The Martian Chronicles"(F) by Ray Bradbury.

BIKING

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2nd Thursday— October 13, 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

Note: The planned SIR Branch 35 bike ride for October was the Sawyer Creek Camp (including the San Andreas Lake Segment). The San Andreas Segment is temporaryily **CLOSED** until late November 2022 for trail tree maintenance and repaving. Therefore, this month's ride will be:

Guadalupe River Trail – Alviso to Downtown San Jose.

Ride: We will begin the ride at the trailhead near 2040 Gold Street in Alviso. We will follow the scenic, paved trail past Mineta San Jose International Airport and on to San Jose Market Center on Coleman Avenue where we will eat lunch at the Panera Bread (503 Coleman Avenue, San Jose). We will ride back on the same route for a round trip of approximately 18 miles.

Directions: Take Highway 101 South to Highway 237 Eastbound (towards Alviso and Milpitas). Go 2.5 miles and exit on "Lafayette and Great America Parkway." At the intersection, turn left on Lafayette and then immediately into the right turn lane. The next traffic light intersection is "Gold St. Connector" so turn right.

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Go about .25 mile to another traffic light which is Gold Street so turn left. Go about .25 mile until you see a yellow traffic sign "Narrow Bridge Ahead". Turn right into the New Alviso Educational Center parking lot.

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.

HELP THE LITTLE SIR FOR 2023



Hi, I am Peter Wong, your newly elected Branch 35 Little Sir for 2023, and as such wish to introduce myself. I retired from Lockheed Martin Corp in 2015. My last assignment was as the Systems Engineering Manager for the Space Based Infrared-System (SBIRS) program, a multibillion-dollar space satellite early

missile warning for the U.S. It was one of the nation's highest priority programs consisting of satellites, payloads, and an entire ground system for control, communications, data processing and reporting.

I joined SIR in 2016 and have immensely enjoyed the SIR experience. The golf and bowling activities keep me out of the house and on my feet which is always good. The luncheon get-together and speakers are always interesting and enjoyable. After so many years of enjoying the experience, I decided to help the club by volunteering and so, guess what, I'll be your new Little Sir in 2023.

One of the main tasks for the Little Sir is to identify the topics that members want most to hear and to search out and select the best possible speakers to schedule.

This task requires an early head start, so I decided to reach out to you, my fellow members, to solicit the topics and speakers that you may have heard elsewhere and think our general membership would enjoy and benefit from. If so, please feel free to call or email me with your topic thoughts and speaker information. Please try to do so as quickly as you can as I want to get a good head start on finding and filling candidates for next year and if you're like me, and don't do it immediately, you'll forget.

I'm looking forward to next year and with your help I expect it will be a great experience.

Thanks,
Peter Wong
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Two Days in the greater Napa Area

A wine tasting experience? ... A local travel blog? ... Maybe, you're thinking this article is about a foodie experience. Well, if you picked any of the three you would be right as this is a short story about all three experiences, bundled into a golf outing experience.

Thirteen of your fellow Branch 35 members went on a two-day, State SIR sponsored golf trip on September 14 & 15 to the greater Napa Valley area. Participants from SIR branches across Northern California signed up as teams or individually. On day one, the golf course's lower parking lot filled up fast and you immediately felt welcome as fellow seniors called out morning greetings as they walked past with their golf bags.



Team Max, Peter, John, and Man on the East Course, hole #16

The two-day golf tournament at Blue Rock Springs Golf Course, was sectioned into two one-day team formats to maximize the chances for many teams winning. Day One was a Four-man-Two-best-ball tournament, where the team score is based on the best two scores of the four players on each hole. The second day was a Team Scramble which is the best score using all players hitting from their collective best ball location. Ben reports that on Day One, the team of Walter Joyce, Jim Schlatter, John Gerich and Joe Enos placed 3rd and won \$200. On Day Two, the same team, less Walter, placed 2nd and won \$300. Man Tran, won one of the 'closest to the pin' prizes on the East course, hole #13, with a measure of fourteen feet.

Everyone stayed at the hotel or lodge of their choice so we were in separate groups for dinner. One group did Italian and our group went to the Bounty Hunter, a BBQ and liquor restaurant and store located in the heart of Napa. A nice glass of Napa wine was the first thing to order followed by the BBQ sampler served on a hefty platter. I wanted to order two platters as we had a party of five hungry guys but the group voted to go one at a time. We added the sides of coleslaw, baked beans, and corn bread to round out the serving. Halfway through it was clear that one platter was more than enough. The dinner conversation was lively with stories of what was and what could have been, "if only ...". Of course, dinner for seniors is never over until you have your after-dinner drink which in our case was a

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Do you think these guys are enjoying themselves?

nice glass of Dow's Port, served by our waitress in a nice sized wine glass. I can't remember the rest of the evenings conversation but I'm sure it was more of "if only ...".

Here are some of the member's comments:

Man Tran, "Great, fun event. I wouldn't mind playing those courses again as it is well kept and reasonably challenging."

Max Lun, "Thanks for everything, we enjoyed it very much. Friendship always comes first, and the game is a bonus."

Joe Enos, "This was a fun event. Dinner at the Bounty Hunter was fun, and the port was a good topper for the evening." (I wish I had brought my wallet so I could treat everyone. – Editor's note: This is a running joke with Joe.)

John Ray, "Our group had such a good time that another group had to tell us to quiet down – you're having too much fun."

We extend our thanks to Ben Gikis, SIR State Area Coordinator for encouraging us to participate in this State sponsored activity. To the Walter Joyce team listed above; to the team of Man Tran, Peter Wong, Max Lun, and John Ray; to the team of John Rittweger, Ron Nakamoto, Don Mattson, and Ben Gikis; and to Dick Heiman on another team, Ben extends a State "THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING". I'll conclude with this thought - retirement life should be relaxing, interspersed with eventful fun, and that is what I would say we had for two days in the greater Napa area.

-Ron Nakamoto



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.



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A Cool hike along the Coast



On September 23rd eighteen SIR hikers took a cool hike along the coast on the Purisima-Cowell trail near Half Moon Bay. Seven new hikers and six woman guests joined the hike, as our SIR hiking activity continues to attract more women hikers.

This new SIR hike lived up to our expectations. August Smith remarked that the "hike was truly a lovely experience . . . I simply enjoyed myself - from the incredible weather, to the magnificent scenery, to being able to converse with some terrific people - I had a great time."

We were surprised to discover: 1) a waterfall in a shady transition between the north and south trails; 2) that Cowell Ranch State Beach is only accessible by a set of steep broken stairs that only the intrepid hikers attempted; and 3) a picnic table and benches above the stairs that was a perfect place for lunch.

Because we had a wide range of hiker fitness, we broke into groups which hiked at their own pace and distance. After the hike, groups stopped in Half Moon Bay at — Cantina @ Benito House, Cameron's Pub and Restaurant, for some ice cream.

Branch 35 Monthly Hikes on 4th Friday

Our monthly hikes, on the 4^{th} 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.

<u>Save the date</u> for our next hike <u>at Henry Cowell Redwoods State</u> <u>Park in Felton on October 28th</u>

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



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DOUG ANDERSON 415-407-4000



marktinti@aol.com Prizes: Alan Gaudie
1:00 p.m. (for a couple hours) at Homest

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. (for a couple hours), at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino.

The air conditioning actually works at Homestead Bowl, so we survived the **HOT** spell. 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 guestions.

STANDINGS – WEEK#10 - SUMMER 2022
1 ST PLACE – TIE - Ranney Thayer, Ron Nakamoto, Joe Enos
1ST PLACE – TIE - Doug Anderson, Arnie Satterlee, Jerry Ososkie
3 RD PLACE – John Ahn, Bob Taggart, Perry Brown
4 TH PLACE – Gerry Cooley, Jim Holman, Darryl Walker
5 TH PLACE – Les Fisher, Alan Gaudie, Jay Jonekait
6 [™] PLACE – Harold Kaye, Marc Haberman, Larry Low
7TH PLACE – Tim Eastman, Rick McColloch, Don Haythronewhite
8 TH PLACE – Fred Emmenegger, Peter Wong, Bob Garten

SEASON	N HIGH SCORES
HIGH SERIES – SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
1st – Don Haythronewhite: 605	1st – Larry Low: 246
2nd – Bob Taggart: 547	2nd – Jay Jonekait: 213
3rd – Bob Garten: 535 TIE Joe Enos: 535 TIE	3rd – Mark Haberman: 210
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME
1st - Doug Anderson: 698	1st - Perry Brown: 274
2nd – Daryl Walker: 674	2nd – Jim Holman: 260
3rd – Jerry Ososkie: 260	3rd – John Ahn: 249
LAST WEE	EK'S TOP SCORES
HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH	HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
1st – Larry Low: 574	1st – Jan Jonekait: 192
2nd – Jerry Ososkie: 489	2nd – Marc Haberman: 184
3rd – Tim Eastham: 467	3rd – Bob Taggart: 181
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES	HIGH HANDICAP GAME
1st - Doug Anderson: 698	1st – John Ahn: 236
2nd – Fred Emmenegger: 642	2nd – Jim Holman: 232 TIE
3rd – Ranney Thayer: 634	3rd – Daryl Walker: 232 TIE

BOCCE BALL

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Our September 23rd turn-out of 10 players and one observer consisted of long time players, players that have been with us for over a year, players that just recently joined us or were trying Bocce for essentially the first time, and one guest about to join our Branch—a nice mix, and still very good fellowship amongst those on each of the two courts

What was different about this particular Friday was that there was an emphasis on court maintenance before we started to play. Don Gladstone and John Richardson raked up leaves and miscellaneous debris, removed crushed oyster shell flour that had been pushed up against the end walls of the courts, trimmed overhanging vegetation and groomed the courts with the large brush by dragging it back and forth. The brush and a rake were provided by the Community Center, other tools were brought by those maintaining so all of the clean-up could be done. The Community Center also has a heavy roller for use in smoothing and compacting the surfaces but this was not used this time.

Our agreement with the Community Center is that we will maintain the courts each week to supplement what the Town

Maintenance Dept. will do twice monthly. What was done by our players on Sept. 23 to maintain the courts **took about 30 minutes in advance of the 10 am start of play.** We look forward in the future to all who wish to play participating in court maintenance.

We hope to report next month on our progress to <u>establish coffee</u> <u>and tea service</u> in the small "Cafe" (Room 201) just inside the Community Center side entrance near the Bocce Courts. Stay tuned.



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



SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Fri Oct	14		
Poppy Ridge (PPR) (Cart)	Thu Nov 3	10:00	\$63
	Garten 408-253-5	860 xonon1(at)com	cast.net / Hal
Salinas Fairways	Mon Nov 7	10:00	\$37
		** Need TC ** / **	Need ATC **
Castlewood CC Valley (CWV) (Cart,Range)	Thu Nov 10	10:00	\$115
		** Need TO	** / Newton
Boulder Ridge (BRG) (Cart,Range)	Mon Nov 14	10:00	\$75
Nakamoto 408-44	I0-2330 Ronandelain	e(at)comcast.net / **	Need ATC **
Wente Vineyards (WNT) (Cart,Range)	Thu Nov 17	10:00	\$89
		** Need TC ** / **	Need ATC **
San Jose CC (SJCC) (Cart,Range)	Mon Nov 21	10:00	\$75
	Enos 408-499-9614 J	l.enos(at)comcast.ne	et / Rittweger
Spring Hills (SPH)	Mon Nov 28	10:00	\$40
		** Need TC	** / Metheany

Narva Shoots his First Hole in One

Some say Hiddenbrooke is the toughest course on our calendar, but **Jim Narva** might beg to differ. On September 9 he used a 5-wood to send his tee shot 134 yards into the 6th hole. Jim says "We did not see the ball after it cleared the vegetation and had to search for it on the other side. Finally **Ben Gikis** looked in the hole and thought someone had left a ball there. I usually use a green ball, but on that hole I used a white one in case it went into the weeds. It was quite a surprise!" For his accomplishment Jim will receive a "SIR Feather" from State SIR and \$200 from Branch 35.

The Rules Corner

This feature will help us learn what rules apply in common and notso-common situations. **Bruce Karney** provides the questions and **Joe Cioni** provides the answers.

The situation: The paint colors on the orange and red tee markers at DeLaveaga are almost indistinguishable from each other. On the tenth hole, a player mistakenly hit his drive from the orange tee, which is farther back than the red one he should have played from. Should he play his next shot from where the ball lies, or from the red tee box? How many strokes is he penalized?

The ruling: Playing from the wrong teeing area is one of golf's five "must correct" penalties. If a player does not start the hole from the correct teeing area, that is a general penalty (2 strokes) and he must correct it by hitting his next shot from the proper tee. He will be lying 3 when he hits that shot. If he tees off on next hole without correcting it, he is disqualified.

Garten and Miles Win the Four-ball Tourney

Bob Garten and Les Miles defeated Bill Hall and Bruce Karney 1-up on Sept. 15 to win this year's team match play tournament. Their march to victory began with a 3&1 win over McGrath and Bush, a 5&4 win over Lau and Jonekait and a 1-up victory over Squellati and Feeney.

Thirty-six Holes Aren't Enough for Hall and Miles

It's not terribly uncommon for match play event to be tied after 18. That's what happened when **Bill Hall** and **Les Miles** played on August 8. Les was one up after 17 but Bill won the 18th to tie the match. Their replay on Sept. 12 also ended in a tie, but this time it was Les who came from behind. They wanted to continue to a sudden-death conclusion, but the staff at Moffett Field told them they would need to wait an hour to tee off again, so they decided to settle it with a "putt-off." They picked two holes on the putting green and the winner of the contest would win the match. Les sank his first putt and Bill missed his. They tied on the second hole, so Les will advance to the semi-final round of the Match Play Championship. "Drive for show and putt for dough," indeed!

Weberg Shoots the Round of Month

The first day of September was the start of a "heat storm," but **Chris Weberg** played it cool at DeLaveaga in Santa Cruz on his way to shooting the Round of the Month. He scored 78 gross (63 net) to win his flight by 4 strokes. He was 6.8 strokes "under," one of the very best rounds of 2022. Congratulations, Chris!

Two for the Ages

Two Branch 35 golfers shot their age or better on September 7 at Shoreline. **Joe Cioni** finished with 82 and **Richard McGrath** with 73. Joe turned 83 this summer. This was the first time Richard shot his age in a Branch 35 tournament and second time overall.

Here's a recap of the round from Richard's point of view. "It was a great day for insults and mild heckling from our club's legend Joe Cioni. It started before our first shot with insults on my playing from the "sissy tees" and my whale tail thongs showing. It mildly started my desire to compete against Joe after he sank a 25-foot birdie putt on the 1st and I missed a 10-footer. He got his second birdie on the 3rd, and I got my first bird with a 20-footer on the 4th. Known for my skill at chipping the ball, we both came up short on #7. Joe wisecracked about seeing my skill and wanting to learn, so I chipped in for my 2nd birdie. Well, he must have learned, he also chipped in for his 3rd birdie of the front nine. He finished with 39 to my 37. All was calm through the 12th when the insults resumed after I missed a 4-foot birdie. I birdied the 13th and the difficult 14th after hitting a 5 iron to two feet from hole. Barely hanging on, I three-putted #17 from 15 feet and bogeyed #18. I finished at 73 (my age) with an even-par back nine. Joe's 80 was 3 strokes under his age, and he told me he's shot his age more than sixty times. I have a ways to go -- this was only my second time."

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 this way. Shoreline's rating from the red tees is 66.0, so Richard will be receiving both forms of well-deserved recognition.

Late breaking news: Richard shot his age *again* on Sept. 26 at Coyote Creek Tournament Course, playing from the red tees (65.8 course rating). Congratulations again, Richard!

Slow Starts + Fast Finishes = Victories for McIlroy and Homa

One of the greatest lessons that golf teaches is: "it ain't over 'til it's over." The year's FedEx Cup Championship provided a perfect example. Due to the FedEx Cup's unusual handicapping system,

Rory McIlroy began the tournament six strokes behind **Scottie Scheffler**, the number one seed. On the very first hole of the opening round, Rory hooked his drive OB and ended up taking a triple bogey 7. That kind of start may be familiar to high-handicap SIR golfers, but not to touring pros! Rory bogeyed the second hole too, putting him ten shots behind Scheffler. Both birdied the 3rd, and then McIlroy bogeyed the 4th to fall eleven strokes back, having dropped five shots in the first four holes. Time to throw in the towel, Rory? Hell no! Over the next 68 holes he gained twelve strokes on Scheffler to win the FedEx Cup and \$18 million first-place prize by a single stroke.

McIlroy's winning card was 67-67-63-66=263. Scheffler's was 65-66-66-73=270, putting him in a tie for second with **Sungjae Im**. Scheffler and Im each won \$5,750,000. Keep McIlroy's amazing comeback in mind the next time you start a SIR tournament with a triple bogey – you might just walk away with 25 not-so-big ones seventeen holes later! (And the 72nd hole of the Fortinet Championship in Napa on Sept. 18 provided an even more painful and nearly unbelievable example of "it ain't over..." for happy winner **Max Homa** and devastated runner-up **Danny Willett**.)

GOLF RESULTS

	2022 Team Match Play Tournament Results							
١	(If a name is in red it means the player's "over/under" score was -2.0 or better.)							
١	Round Course Match Score Prize							
١	Final Spring Valley B. Garten & L. Miles def. B. Hall & B. Karney 1 u							

2022	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	Round Course Match Score Prize								
2	Cinnabar Hills	Joe Cioni def. Ron Nakamoto	4 & 3	\$10					
3	Villages	Richard McGrath def. Walt Joyce	2 & 1	\$10					
3	Moffett Field	Les Miles def. Bill Hall (see article above)	1 up	\$10					
Semi Poplar Creek Marc Haberman def. Richard McGrath 5 & 4 140									

Cinnabar Hills			Par 72	Aug. 22	, 2022
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Ron Grace	67	25 GC	Peter Wong	70	16 GC
Paul Schutz	71	20 GC	Jim Narva	77	9 GC
Bob Garten	73	15 GC			
Larry Baugher	75	\$9	K	,	٥

Shot his age: Joe Cioni (80, age 83) in match play

Inside Putter Length: None

Low Gross: Robert Manetta 80. Joe Cioni also shot 80 in match play.

Villages			Par 7	2	Aug. 2	Aug. 25, 2022		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Chris Weberg	70	\$20	R. Nakamoto	69	\$20	Peter Wong	70	\$22
Nick Vicari	74	\$15	Ron Grace	70	\$15	Don Mattson	76	\$16
Rob't Manetta	77	\$10	H. Petersen	74	\$10	Jim Narva	76	\$12
Dick Wilson	77	\$5	R. Pattisson	75	\$5	Balbir Kalsi	77	\$7
Inside Putter Length: Dick Wilson on the 11th (\$25)								
Low Gross: Ch	ris We	berg &	Robert Manetta	tied at 8	1. R. N	lcGrath shot 76 ir	n his ma	atch.

Crystal Springs	rystal Springs			Aug. 29	, 2022				
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize				
Ron Grace	68	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	69	\$22				
Herb Petersen	70	\$19	Don Mattson	72	\$16				
Richard McGrath	73	\$14	Dave Squellati	77	\$12				
Ron Nakamoto	73	\$9	Peter Wong	77	\$7				
Ken Jones									
Inside Putter Length:	Inside Putter Length: Ron Nakamoto on the 11th (\$11)								
Low Gross: Richard N	AcGrath 80)							

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Low Gross: Richard McGrath 73

DeLaveaga			Par 70	Sep. 1,	2022
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Chris Weberg	63	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	67	\$22
Jim Thorne	67	\$19	Ken Newton	69	\$16
Ron Grace	67	\$14	Dave Ogle	70	\$12
Andy Danver	68	\$9	Ben Gikis	74	\$7
Herb Petersen	69	\$5			
Inside Putter Lengt	h: Wendell S	tephens w	as 6" from the pin on th	ne 6th (\$6)	
Low Gross: Chris V	Veberg and J	im Thorne	tied with 78		

Shoreline			Par 72	Sep. 7, 2022		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Richard McGrath	69	\$25	Gerry Feeney	73	\$18	
Larry Low	72	\$21	Balbir Kalsi	75	\$14	
Larry Baugher	74	\$16	Tim O'Meara	76	\$10	
Stan Scardino	75	\$11	Ben Gikis	77	\$5	
Herb Petersen	75	\$5		V		
	75	\$5		77	(

Shot his age: Richard McGrath (73), Joe Cioni (82, age 83)

Inside Putter Length: None

Low Gross: Richard McGrath 73

Hiddenbrooke			Par 72	Sept. 8,	2022			
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
John Rittweger	73	\$18	Joe Enos	81	\$15			
Chris Weberg	73	\$12	Peter Wong	81	\$7			
Jim Thorne	74	\$7						
Inside Putter Length:	Inside Putter Length: Jim Narva hole in one on the 6th (\$200)							

Low Gross: Jim Thorne 79

Eagle Ridge Par 72		;	Sept. 12, 2022	
Team				Prize
McGrath, Heiman, Squellati, Ogle				\$20@
Weberg, Kalsi, Wall, Stephens				\$10@
Thorne, Tran, Mattson, Ososkie				\$7@
Jonekait, Scardino, Danver, Falconer				\$5@
Cioni, Schutz, P. Wong, Gikis	59	\$3@		
Inside Putter Length: None				

Spring Valley			Par 70	Sep. 15	, 2022		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize		
Brad Metheany	69	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	64	\$24		
Ron Grace	69	\$19	Dave Squellati	65	\$18		
Paul Lesti	71	\$14	Jim Narva	68	\$12		
Jerry Ososkie	72	\$9	Fred Shigemoto	70	\$8		
Inside Putter Length: None							
Low Gross: Paul Lesti 77							

Poplar Cree			Par 7	0	Sept.	Sept. 19, 2022			
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Ken Jones	65	25GC	Dick Heiman	68	25GC	D. Squellati	70	28GC	
Chris	71	20GC	Mark Taylor	72	20GC	Balbir Kalsi	72	25GC	
Joe Cioni	73	17GC	H. Petersen	73	17GC	Jim Narva	73	23GC	
Ron Lau	73	15GC	Bruce Karney	75	15GC	Gerry Feeney	73	20GC	
J. Rittweger	73	\$8	John Gerich	77	\$8	Ben Gikis	74	16GC	

Shot his age: Joe Cioni (83)

Inside Putter Length: Man Tran on the 7th (\$25)

Low Gross: Ken Jones and Chris Weberg tied with 81, R. McGrath shot 74 in match play

Silver Creek			Par 72	Sept. 22, 2022			
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize		
Herb Petersen	68	\$24	Gerry Feeney	71	\$17		
Alan Pye	71	\$18	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$10		
Bob Garten	73	\$12					
Robert Manetta	74	\$8					
Inside Putter Length: Jay Jonekait on the 7th (\$8)							
Low Gross: Robert Manetta 83							

Coyote Crk. Tournament Course			Par 72	Sept. 26, 202		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Richard McGrath	70	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$18	
Chris Weberg	74	\$19	Jim Narva	74	\$12	
Stan Scardino	75	\$14	Tim O'Meara	75	\$7	
Les Miles	75	\$9				
Shot his age: Richard	McGrath ((73)				
Inside Putter Length	: None					
Fagle: Dave Squellati	on the 320	-vard nar-4	15th (\$6)			



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Inside the Mind of a Cat. This documentary attempts to explain why we love cats and in essence invite wild animals into our homes. Various cat experts using different disciplines explain the mind of felines from the cat's point of view. The real capabilities of cats are amazing. They can be trained. They also can revert to a feral, pouncing animal in an instant. Cat lovers will love seeing their cuddly pets at their best. Others will point out their faults. This is 1-hour long documentary is on Netflix and loads of fun no matter your take on these domesticated (at times) carnivores. Rated TV PG for some language. It is a Peggy's Pick.

A League of Their Own. This is an eight-episode comedy series on Amazon Prime Video based on the classic 1992 Film. The series delves deeply into the lives of the players and how they succeeded in a man's world. The All-American Professional Women's baseball league existed during WWII and after. The series is set in 1943 and the Rockford Peaches have a lot of talent but lack direction. When their manager bolts for a MLB coaching position, catcher Carson (Abbi Jacobson) takes over as manager and is able to bring the best out of her team and they make it to the Championship round. The movie focuses on the sexual orientation of the players and how they had to hide their true nature in the face of ignorance and de jure illegality. The unrelenting racism of the time is also chronicled as talented male black players were excluded from MLB. Even the women's league was segregated. A bit more of the baseball would have been nice. Not rated but would be R for language and sexual content. It is a Peggy's Pick.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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	Golf- Moffett Field	Bowling		Golf- Chuck Corica South	Bocce Ball			
	9:30 a.m.	Homestead Lanes		10:00 a.m.	Bocce Courts - 10:00 a.m.			
		1:00 p.m.			Los Altos Community Center			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
	Golf- Seascape	Bowling		Golf- Crystal Springs	Bocce Ball			
	10:05 a.m.	Homestead Lanes		9:30 a.m.	Bocce Courts - 10:00 a.m.			
		1:00 p.m.		Biking	Los Altos Community Center	l		
				Guadalupe River Trail				
				11:00 a.m.				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
	Golf- Bayview	Bowling	MONTHLY MEETING	Golf- San Jose Muni	Bocce Ball			
	Scramble	Homestead Lanes	In-Person at Elks Lodge	10:00 a.m.	Bocce Courts - 10:00 a.m.			
	10:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	Doors Open 11:00 a.m.		Los Altos Community Center			
			Lunch 12:00 a.m.					
			Business 12:30 - Speaker 12:45					
		25	Zoom at 11:30			29		
23	24		26	27	28 Bocce Ball	29		
	Golf-Baylands	Bowling Homestead Lanes		Golf-Baylands	Bocce Ball Bocce Courts - 10:00 a.m.			
	Club Championship DBL PTS 9:00 a.m.			Club Championship DBL PTS 9:00 a.m.				
	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.		9:00 a.m.	Los Altos Community Center			
					Hiking Henry Cowell State Park			
					10:00 a.m.			
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30	Golf-Baylands							
	Club Championship DBL PTS							
	9:00 a.m.							