



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

Branch 35 web site: www.sirinc2.org/branch35/**- NEXT MEETING -****3rd Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

Doors Open 11:00am, Lunch at Noon

Menu: Whatever you order from Saltalk.com!

Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm

Join Zoom anytime after 12:30pm

Zoom instructions will be emailed in advance

PROGRAM**Alison Nordt, PhD****Director of Space Science & Instrumentation
Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Center**NIRCam: Near Infrared Camera on the
James Webb Space Telescope

Dr. Alison Nordt is the Director for Space Science and Instrumentation at Lockheed Martin's Advanced Technology Center. She is responsible for developing and operating missions that provide observational data to advance space science knowledge. Her work involves maturing technology to support current and future space-based telescopes and instruments. She is

currently the Principal Investigator for TechMAST (Technology Maturation for Astrophysics Space Telescopes) and related internal research and development efforts.

Previously, Dr. Nordt was the senior manager for Astrophysics and held several leadership roles on the NIRCam (Near Infrared Camera for the Webb Telescope). She was responsible for the design, development, testing and delivery of the NIRCam instrument including optics, structures, mechanisms, electronics and software. She was also responsible for programmatic performance including cost and schedule execution and post-delivery support.

Dr. Nordt has an extensive engineering background in structures, opto-mechanical systems and instrument development including design, analysis and hands-on hardware experience through

integration and test. She has diverse program management experience through the program lifecycle from capture through end item product delivery.

Dr. Nordt holds Ph.D. & M.S. degrees in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford and a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell. She is an AIAA Associate Fellow, a member of the International Academy of Astronautics and serves on the Board of the Planetary Science Institute.

**The
Big Sir
says...**

The month of March signifies change as the weather warms up, the flowers start blooming, we "spring forward" with daylight savings time, and we welcome the start of college basketball's "March Madness".



We too will know change, with our move to the Mountain View Community Center (MVCC), Redwood Hall. A special notice has been generated with all the change details in this edition of your Trail Tips Newsletter. We encourage you to contact your friends to let them know, as we don't want to leave anyone behind, knocking on the door of the Elks Lodge wondering, "Where is everyone?"

Our luncheon approach will also change, from a group catered one, to an individual experience. You may now order your own box lunch from Saltalk. The process is very simple, the choices of meals are varied, the cost is very reasonable and the delivery will be onsite at our new location. See more information in this newsletter and in an upcoming email. Note, you may also opt to bring your own lunch!

A few administrative items, for your information:

- We will be wrapping up our annual membership renewal process. If you have paid your annual dues, we say "Thank You", If you haven't, please do so this month as we will close out renewal and start updating our Membership Roster for 2023. Again, remind your friends to "Renew the Due".
- MERT stands for Medical Emergency Response Team. Our Branch is very fortunate to have members that care enough about their fellow members to sign up, be trained, and be ready to assist any member that may need medical attention at our functions. They are CPR trained, are the first to call 911, and are prepared to assist while waiting for the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to arrive. All members providing medical assistance are protected by the Good Samaritan Law from legal liability. Please volunteer to join the team. Contact Dave Ogle at daveogle@aol.com or 650-704-2130 for more information.

They say Spring is the season where nature reinvigorates itself after the cold winter months. Welcome to Spring, as we reinvigorate ourselves with a fresh start at our new location.

Ron Nakamoto

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Our membership dues for 2023 will be \$35, due NOW. Login to your [profile page on the Membership Website](#) , hit the blue 'Renew' button and pay by credit card!
- Read details in this newsletter of where to find our new venue, how to order your lunch and where to park for the March 15th luncheon.

MARCH 2023 ROSTER

Active Members: 330 Net Monthly Change: -1

In Memoriam

Bill Young (Los Altos), known well to the golfing group.
He will be missed! R.I.P.

NEW MEMBERS

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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

Howard Bull (14)	Leland Chan (12)	Ben Director (23)
David Falconer (13)	Les Fisher (16)	Jim Harvey (16)
Carl Hellman (11)	Jim Holman (18)	Syd Jacobsen (12)
Bob Jones (13)	Gary Larson (23)	Don Lintz (23)
George O'Brien (11)	Gene Opine (10)	Carl Plescia (16)
Greg Ross (11)	Skip Ross (26)	Tom Smith (13)
Bob Willwerth (22)		

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

OUR NEW HOME:

MTN. VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

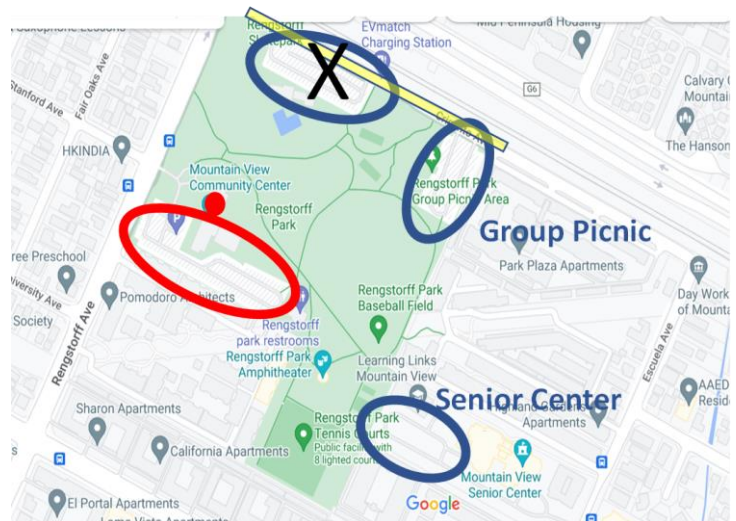


Parking and Public Transit Information

Starting March 15, Branch 35 will hold its luncheon meetings in the Redwood Hall of the newly renovated [Mountain View Community Center](#) at **201 S. Rengstorff Ave.** The red dot on the map below shows where we will meet, and the red oval shows the main parking lot, with room for 160 vehicles. Three alternative parking areas are: Crisanto Avenue on-street parking (yellow highlighting), the Group Picnic Lot and the Senior Center Lot. There is currently no parking in the area marked with an X. It is the site of the future Aquatics Center.

The Community Center is served by **VTA bus routes 21 and 40** and the **Mountain View Community Shuttle**. It is less than half a mile from Rengstorff & El Camino, which is served by **VTA bus routes 22 & 522**. It is 0.8 miles from the San Antonio CalTrain Station and 1.5 miles from the downtown **Mtn. View Transit Center**, which is served by CalTrain and VTA Light Rail.

There will be major changes to how food and beverages service will be handled after we move to our new home, so please be sure to read the other article in this issue of Trail Tips.



BOOK SWAP

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The book swap can be found at the March 15th luncheon meeting. Bring a favorite book to share, grab one that catches your interest!

BOOK CLUB

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The Book Club is an activity where most months of the year, all members read the same new book and then meet to discuss it. However, as with our January meeting, in February we all talked about different books that we each chose. This was because we just finished our book selection process for the coming 12 months and didn't have time to start the first book on our list. So for the March meeting we will read and discuss "Dear Committee Members" (F) by Julie Schumacher.

BIKING

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SIR Branch 35 Biking, 2nd TUESDAY - March 9th, 2023 at 11:00AM. Wives, S.O.s and guests welcome; helmets required and face masks optional but read latest CDC guidance [here](#).

Coyote Hills/Alameda Creek (Niles/Fremont)

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

Directions: Take Highway 101 North, exit on Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth, take the first exit, Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth/parking ticket machines (\$5-\$6 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the park office and museum; park there.

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

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

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

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This activity is for couples who want to have fun and meet new people. We gather at the home of a host couple to blind taste and grade wines and share appetizers. Contact either Alan or Russ to join or for more information.

HIKING

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Our January 2023 SIR hike to Monte Bello/Black Mountain. A bright sunny day with no rain. Unfortunately the February hike did get rained out with the threat of wind, rain, cold temperatures and snow!

Our March hike will be the Los Cerritos, Pena, Figueroa Loop trail in Calero County Park at 10:00 am on March 24, 2023. The hike is approximately 5.4 miles with an elevation gain of 685 feet. I hiked this trail in mid January with friends and the grasses were green and the trail was in good shape even though it rained the night before. This is open country so we have good views of Calero Lake and the south valley and hopefully hillsides of wildflowers. With all of the rain we should have a bountiful spring.

Bring your spouse, S.O. or friend and join us. There are many opportunities to socialize and make new friends as we walk. Pack a trail lunch and we will stop at a scenic spot to eat and enjoy nature. Hikes normally occur on the 4th Friday of the month.

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

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

Weather has been the big challenge for Bocce play this past month. When rain has let up, we wait for a few days of sunshine, alert our players that Bocce is on for the upcoming Friday, and then that morning, before the start of play, attendees are busy preparing the surfaces of the two courts so the bocce balls will move

appropriately. It is encouraging to see players arriving and willingly take up tools and rake and brush the crushed oyster flour surfaces before the start of play.

Refreshments: Some months ago the management of the Community Center indicated that the "Cafe" inside the Center would be offering refreshments (coffee, tea, etc.) by January 2023. Now we understand that plans have changed. The Center was told that it had to go through an RFP (Request for Proposal) process for soliciting vendor candidates and their proposed arrangements for the "Cafe" (beverages and food). Necessarily this process will take time with possibly some physical space modifications. Management indicated that a 6 months delay from now is possible. Staff is currently finalizing the RFP! So, for now, we should bring our own beverages and snacks if we want them at court side."

BOWLING

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PRIZES: ALAN GAUDIE

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

We are open for additional bowlers AND we are co-ed, so check for interest with your wife or significant other. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

The Spring Session starts on March 28th - an excellent time to join the league. We bowl every Tuesday (1:00 PM for a couple hours) at Homestead Bowl in Cupertino. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

STANDINGS - WEEK #13 - WINTER 2023

- 1st PLACE - Wes Fisher, Jim Holman, Don Haythronwhite
- 2nd PLACE - Fred Emmenegger, Doug Anderson, Ron Nakamoto, Perry Brown
- 3rd PLACE - Brian Lin, Stan Barkey, Jay Jonekait
- 4th PLACE - TIE - Nancy Jones, Ken Jones, Gerry Cooley, Bob Garten
- 4th PLACE - TIE - Harold Kaye, Darryl Walker, Norm Hackford, Joe Enos
- 6th PLACE - Bob Feigelson, Tim Eastham, Bob Taggart, Marc Haberman
- 7th PLACE - Ranney Thayer, Alan Gaudie, Jerry Ososkie
- 8TH PLACE - Peter Wong, Rick McColloch, Larry Low, Armie Satterlee

SEASON HIGH SCORES

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	586 - Larry Low	1st	217 - Bob Taggart
2nd	577 - Jay Jonekait	2nd	211 - Stan Barkey
3rd	552 - Perry Brown	3rd	204 - Joe Enos
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	715 - Marc Haberman	1st	271 - Brain Lin
2nd	700 - Jim Holman	2nd	269 - Fred Emmenegger
3rd	666 - Ron Nakamoto	3rd	253 - Jerry Ososkie

CHESS

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The Chess group meets on Wednesdays 9am to 1pm at the Los Altos Civic Center, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, in the senior center room. All are welcome to come and play non-competitive friendly games of chess (no time clocks). All levels of players are welcome. Ben and a few others are available to play on many other days, dates and times are flexible. If interested, contact Ben.

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Fixtures for the Coming Month

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by March 10 for the following:			
Boulder Ridge (BRG) (Cart,Range)	Mon Apr 3	10:00	\$85
(joint with Monterey Seniors)	Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandelaire(at)comcast.net / Kalsi		
Poppy Hills (PPH) (Cart)	Thu Apr 6	10:30	\$130
	O'Meara 408-506-4714 omearatimo(at)gmail.com / ** Need ATC **		
Eagle Ridge (ERG) (Cart)	Mon Apr 10	10:00	\$74
Scramble	McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath(at)yahoo.com / Newton		
Rancho Solano (RSO) (Cart,Range)	Thu Apr 13	10:02	\$54
	Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr(at)aol.com / Enos		
Santa Teresa (SNT) (Cart)	Mon Apr 17	10:00	\$76
	Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1(at)gmail.com / Kalsi		
Eagle Vines, Chardonnay	Apr 11/12	tbd	tbd
SIR State Napa (event not confirmed)	or Apr 18/19		
Seascape (SCP) (Cart)	Thu Apr 20	10:05	\$65
	Metheny 408-375-7854 brad_metheany(at)fuhsd.org / Miles		
Bridges (BRI) (Cart,Range)	Mon Apr 24	10:00	\$85
	McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath(at)yahoo.com / Garten		
The Villages (VLG) (Cart,Range)	Thu Apr 27	11:30	\$73
	Barnhart 408-960-6674 terry.b2007(at)sbcglobal.net / Squellati		

"I am Iron Man!" "No, I am Iron Man!"

The Iron Man award goes to the golfer who plays the most tournaments in a year, and it was revealed at the annual banquet in February that we had a tie for 2022. Peter Wong and Jay Jonekait each played 86 rounds. You guys rock, much like Black Sabbath did in their Iron Man video from 1970.

Ron Lau is Golfer of the Year for 2022

The Golfer of the Year is the player who consistently shoots closest, on a handicap adjusted basis, to what a scratch golfer is expected to shoot against the field of golfers over the year. The winner must have played in at least 25 tournaments.

GOY points are allocated at each tournament based on the number of competitors. The larger the field, the more points are allocated. Players earn GOY points by placing in the top half of the field based on the Over/Under (O/U) measure. O/U measures how close a player scores relative to the Course Rating from the tees he played; the lower the O/U number, the better the result.

Match play, fourball, scrambles, shambles and 4-club events are not counted toward the GOY award.

For example, if there are 40 players in an event, the golfer with the lowest O/U score gets 20 points (half of 40) and the next lowest O/U earns 19 points. The twentieth lowest O/U score earns 1 point. If there were 32 players, the lowest O/U would earn 16 points, the second lowest 15 points and the sixteenth lowest would earn 1 point. On days when a player performs poorly compared to the field he earns no points.

Thus, the GOY is determined by playing consistently good golf over a significant number of Branch 35 tournaments. The winner of the GOY Award for 2022 is Ron Lau, who had an average of 6.78 GOY points per tournament. Achingly close behind in second place was Dave Squellati with 6.73 points.

Cioni Shoots One Less than His Age Twice in a Week

Joe Cioni wasted no time in shooting under his age in 2023, doing it at Poplar Creek in the second event of the year and then again at Callippe. In both rounds he carded 82. Poplar's course rating is 67.6 and Callippe's is 68.0. Joe will receive \$25 from the Branch and a Feather trophy from State SIR.

Gikis Has the Round of the Month

For many of us, scoring well at Callippe is a challenge, especially on its last two holes. Not so for Ben Gikis. On Feb. 2 he posted a round that was 5.1 strokes "under" to claim Round of the Month honors. Well done, Ben!

You Can Score an Eagle or Two at Corica Park

According to the Mercury News, a pair of bald eagles are nesting in a eucalyptus tree at Corica Park Golf Course in Alameda. Check them out online or the next time you play Corica!

New State SIR Golf Treasurer is from Branch 35

Ben Gikis will be the State Golf Treasurer for 2023. He will oversee budgeting and will handle receipts and disbursements for all State SIR golf events.

The Rules Corner

Rules Quiz: A ball lies on the green in 2. The player marks and lifts it, then unintentionally places it at another player's nearby ball-marker and sinks the putt. Another player informs him that he played from the wrong ball marker. The player places his ball at the correct marker and holes the putt. What is the player's score for the hole? E-mail your answer and explanation to [Bruce Karney](mailto:Bruce.Karney@sirgolf.com). The answer, and list of those who got it right, will be included in next month's golf column.

Golf Results

Los Lagos			Par 64			Jan. 26, 2023		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$
Larry Low	68	\$23	R. Nakamoto	73	\$23	Jim Narva	68	
J. Rittweger	71	\$17	Paul Schutz	76	\$17	Joe Enos	73	
Jim Thorne	72	\$12	Tom Taboada	77	\$12	W. Stephens	73	
R. McGrath	72	\$7	D. Squellati	79	\$7	Don Mattson	74	
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 76								

Poplar Creek			Par 70			Jan. 30, 2023		
Palmer Fit.	Net	\$	Palmer Fit.	Net	\$	Nicklaus	Net	\$
Larry Low	68	25GC	B. Metheany	70	25GC	W. Stephens	73	17GC+\$6
Joe Cioni	70	20GC	H. Petersen	74	20GC	G. Cooley	76	18GC
Bob Garten	71	17GC	Ken Jones	75	17GC	Peter Wong	76	15GC
R Lowenthal	71	15GC	R. Pattison	75	15GC	Balbir Kalsi	77	13GC
C. Weberg	73	\$8	JT Tompane	76	\$8			
Shot his age: Joe Cioni 82								
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross: Larry Low and Joe Cioni tied at 82								

Callippe Preserve			Par 72			Feb. 2, 2023		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$
Joe Cioni	70	\$18	R. Nakamoto	77	\$18	Ben Gikis	67	\$21
Jim Thorne	72	\$14	Paul Schutz	78	\$14	Tim O'Meara	73	\$16
Ken Jones	73	\$10	Peter Lau	80	\$10	Gerald Cooley	75	\$10
Larry Low	77	\$5	Tom Taboada	81	\$5	Jim Narva	77	\$5
Shot his age: Joe Cioni 82								
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross: Jim Thorne 79								

Sunnyvale 4-man 2-best ball			Par 70			Feb. 6, 2023		
Team	Score	Prize						
Walt Joyce, Dave Squellati, Don Mattson, John Ray	145	\$20 @						
Joe Cioni, Peter Lau, Gerry Feeney, Jim Miller	147	\$15 @						
John Rittweger, Dick Wilson, Brad Metheany, Alvin Begun	149	\$10 @						

Metropolitan			Par 72			Feb. 9, 2023		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$
Les Miles	73	\$18	Tom Taboada	74	\$18	Jim Narva	73	\$18
Jay Jonekait	74	\$14	J. Rittweger	77	\$14	Balbir Kalsi	77	\$14
Joe Cioni	76	\$10	Herb Petersen	78	\$10	Tim O'Meara	81	\$10
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross (forward tees): Jim Thorne 84								
Low Gross (back tees): Jay Jonekait and Joe Cioni tied with 88								

Salinas Fairways			Par 70			Feb. 13, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Les Miles	73	\$25	Jim Narva	70	\$18			
Dick Wilson	75	\$20	Don Mattson	73	\$12			
Andy Danver	77	\$15	Peter Wong	74	\$7			
Ken Jones	77	\$10						
Richard McGrath	78	\$7						
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 84								

Monarch Bay			Par 72			Feb. 16, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Dave Squellati	69	\$25	Gerald Cooley	76	\$18			
John Rittweger	72	\$21	Jim Narva	79	\$12			
Shaun Millard	73	\$16	Peter Wong	80	\$7			
Les Miles	74	\$11						
Richard Pattison	75	\$9						
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross (forward tees): Dave Squellati 89								
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 90								

Coyote Creek Valley			Par 72			Feb. 20, 2023		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$
Shaun Millard	69	\$23	William Nix	72	\$23	Peter Wong	74	\$18
Jim Thorne	73	\$17	Herb Petersen	72	\$17	Jim Narva	75	\$14
Walt Joyce	73	\$12	Gerry Feeney	73	\$12	Gerald Cooley	76	\$10
Stan Scardino	79	\$7	John Gerich	75	\$7			
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross (forward tees): Gerry Feeney 94								
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 82								

Moffett Field			Par 72			Feb. 23, 2023		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$
Chris Weberg	72	\$18	Tom Taboada	71	\$18	Jim Narva	67	\$18
Joe Cioni	74	\$14	Gerry Feeney	74	\$14	Don Mattson	71	\$14
Jim Thorne	74	\$10	B. Metheany	75	\$10	Alvin Begun	72	\$10
Larry Low	79	\$5	Stan Barkey	76	\$5	W. Stephens	73	\$5
Inside Putter Length: None								
Low Gross (forward tees): Joe Cioni 83								
Low Gross (back tees): Chris Weberg 87								

See a full page photo collage of our 2023 Golf Banquet at the back of this newsletter!

BRANCH 35 LUNCHESES WILL BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY

Here's what you need to know



Starting March 15 our lunches will no longer be catered and beverage service will be handled in a new way.

Cost to Attend the luncheon will be Zero!

In the past you paid \$30 to attend a Branch 35 meeting in person. Going forward you will pay nothing! You must still pre-register so that the right number of tables and chairs can be set up and so that your nametag will be ready for you to pick up.

Food Options

There will be two food options: bring your own lunch or order online from [Saltalk.com](https://www.saltalk.com). The option for a full-service caterer was too expensive. The process to go online, select and pay for your meal will be integrated with Branch privacy practices so look for a second Special Notice for how to register and order from Saltalk. In the meantime, you may visit <https://www.saltalk.com> to browse their menu. Your Branch has chosen this food preparer and delivery vendor based on good references from other clubs that are using its services. They offer a variety of menu items to match your taste and dietary needs, at a very competitive price, and will deliver our group's combined order free of charge around 11:30 before our business meeting starts. Saltalk requires payment by credit card or Paypal. You place your order through a web browser or by downloading the Saltalk app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. You cannot order from Saltalk by making a phone call.

When the meals from Saltalk are delivered the bags or boxes will be placed on a table with names clearly marked. You will find your lunch and take it to your seat. For the first meeting someone will staff the table to assist you.

Drink Options

An honor bar will be set up in the Redwood Hall where you can pick up water, soda, beer, and wine by the glass. Because we don't have a liquor license, you technically won't be buying your drink, but we will not be able to continue to offer this service if voluntary donations don't cover our costs. Suggested donations are \$2/soda, \$1/bottled water, \$3/beer, and \$6/wine.

You may also BYOB – but only beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. Hard liquor is not allowed in the Community Center. We will have plastic wine and beer cups available. Bring your own corkscrew if you need one. Our first meeting will not include coffee

unless we have a volunteer who can set it up and brew it. If you can help out please let Ben Gikis know. Otherwise, you are welcome to bring your own.

Security

We are in a public facility so while we control access to the Redwood Hall, the bathrooms and all areas outside of the Hall will be publicly accessible. So please, once we close the doors for our meeting, do not let anyone without a badge enter the Hall. Challenge anyone without a badge who tries to enter. This is for our own safety.

Bringing Guests

If you bring a guest, you should order and pay for their meal on Saltalk or pick it up at a restaurant the morning of the meeting. If the guest you bring is a potential member, you can request reimbursement for their meal (not to exceed \$25) from Treasurer Larry Low. A guest is entitled to only one free lunch. Subsequent visits by the same guest will not be reimbursed.

Trash and Recycling

This new meeting format will generate a lot more solid waste than our old format. There will be several bins for depositing different kinds of waste. Plastic bottles, glass bottles and metal cans should all be recycled. Mountain View also collects food waste and food-soiled paper in bins marked "Compost."

Many items cannot be recycled or composted. Here is a list of some types of items that should be put in a "Trash" bin: plastic clamshell containers, plastic cutlery, anything made of black plastic, plastic coffee cup lids and stirrers, plastic wrap, snack chip bags.

One last note, please empty bottles and cans before recycling them.

Cleaning Up After Ourselves

We put down a \$1000 damage deposit for each meeting, and we are required to leave the room in the condition we found it. Please make sure that you do your part and ask your tablemates to do the same. We are particularly concerned about red wine spills on the carpet. If you spill anything that stains the carpet, please go to the drinks area where you can pick up some carpet cleaner and paper towels to deal with the spill.

Feedback

Because so many things are changing there may be some glitches at the March 15 meeting. Please share your thoughts with Ben Gikis or Peter Wong about how to improve things for our April meeting.

MARCH

PAT O'CONNOR



Some special dates this month!

- 3rd World Wildlife Day
- 8th International Women's Day
- 14th Eat some π !
- 15th The Ides of March
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 20th Spring Equinox
- 23rd -24th College Basketball Sweet 16
- 30th MLB Opening Day
- 31st Cesar Chavez Day

MOVIES

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Marlowe. Philip Marlowe (Liam Neeson) is an aging, broody Private Detective in 1939 Los Angeles. He is hired by a blonde heiress, Clare (Diane Kruger) to find her lover, Rico, who has suddenly disappeared. Clare is young and has a thing for older men. Clare and her mother, Dorothy (Jessica Lange) compete for the attention of Marlowe and others. Dorothy is an over-the-hill starlet whose husband runs a film studio and protects his brand at all costs. Mix in closeted gay men, Mexican drug dealers, a private club for sex and drugs run by an effete mobster, a couple of good cops and a good-hearted chauffeur and you have this smorgasbord of a crime thriller. The film is not great as the plot is convoluted and Neeson is getting too old for these roles. There are a lot of old, classic cars prowling around 1939 LA which is fun to watch. Rated R for language, violent content, some sexual material, and brief drug use. In theatres.



Cunk on Earth. This review will be short. This is an absolutely fabulous satire on talking head presenters and pomposity. It's on Netflix so stop what you are doing and open the app, find Cunk and get ready to laugh uproariously. If you don't have Netflix, sign up now! The show is hosted by Philomena Cunk (Diane Morgan) as she sardonically tells us the story of humankind's time on earth. She asks real experts non-sensical questions that are actually right on. Obviously on Netflix. Rated TV MA for language. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Devotion. This is a real story about Naval Aviators in the Korean War. It flew under the radar this past November, but should be on the Best of 2022 Nominees list. It is 1950 and the Cold War is heating up. Ensign Jesse Brown (Jonathan Majors) and Lieutenant Tom Hudner (Glen Powell) are assigned to Navy Fighter Squadron VF-32. Brown is the first black Naval Aviator and faces subtle and overt racism. Brown is assigned as Hudner's wingman. They become friends and have one another's back. When the Korean war breaks out in November 1950 their aircraft carrier is assigned to Korea and they fly support missions over Korea to support our troops. They take out bridges and supply centers. Brown's Corsair conks out and he makes an emergency landing in North Korea. His situation is the ultimate test of their devotion for each other. Rated PG-13 for strong language, some war action violence, and smoking. Available on Amazon Prime Video. It is a Peggy's Pick.



MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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There are few constants in life. Turbulence, ever changing, "as time goes by" are phrases we typically cast to describe a period we lived through. When you encounter the Rock of Gibraltar on your maiden trip to the Mediterranean Sea you remember the moment. On subsequent trips, your memories flood back to that time. It has become one of those constants in time for you, forever more. Movies and Music elicit those same moments for all of us, constants of where we were and what we were doing when we first saw or heard it. This monthly article recalls the bits of movie and music history keyed to the month of its release. Ron

Movie: Casablanca



1943's best picture was, famously, a fluke, a product of the Hollywood studio system. The movie was made as part of the Hollywood "sausage-grinding" production process. It was scheduled for release in the spring, but to capitalize on the Allied invasion of North Africa, (Operation Torch was launched in North Africa under Gen. Dwight Eisenhower) the release was moved up to late January 1943. It's stamina through the Academy Award nomination process was helped in part by the wave of American

sentiment against Nazi Germany, bolstered with regular highlights of war news seen only on the silver screen. The screenplay is based on "Everybody Comes to Rick's", an unproduced stage plays by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison. Hal B. Wallis, purchased the film rights for \$20,000. (Editor's note: Yes, this is the same person that later produced the Elvis Presley, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis movies.) Filming was done entirely at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, CA except for one sequence at Van Nuys Airport in Los Angeles. No one involved expected it to stand out, but it went on to win the Academy Award for Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay.

Some interesting facts you may not know:

- The original setting was Lisbon, not Casablanca. Why the change? Casablanca was the scheduled meeting location between Allied Leaders.
- Humphrey Bogart was 5'8", Ingrid Bergman was two inches taller. The director, Michael Curtiz had Bogie stand on blocks and sit on cushions to make him taller.
- The line "Play it again, Sam" was never said in the film. In the famous piano scene, Ilsa leans on the piano and says, "Play it once, Sam" and "Play it Sam".
- The song "As Time Goes By" was written by Max Steiner who didn't want it in the movie but, Bergman had already shot the scenes with the song and cut her hair for her next movie, so she couldn't reshoot the scene. After the movie was released, the

song spent twenty-one weeks on the hit parade. Steiner later admitted “the song must have had something”.

- Producer Hal B. Wallis wrote the final line “Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship” after shooting was complete and Bogart was brought back to dub it in.
- The film went to wide release on January 23, 1943, to coincide with the Casablanca Conference, between Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Casablanca original film trailer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkL9I7qovsE>

If you are interested, after much investigation I found the long rumored alternate ending to Casablanca.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kycok7UBpFo>

Music: “Canciones De Mi Padre”



The month of March celebrates Cesar Chavez Day on March 31st, to honor the enduring legacy of the American labor rights hero. The selection of this month's song/album is appropriately “Canciones De Mi Padre” (“Songs of My Father”) which was released in 1987. By the time she released this album, Linda Ronstadt had been in

the music industry for some 23 years and was a well-established singer with early hits, “Different Drums” (1967), “Silver Threads and Golden Needles” (1969), “Long Long Time” (1970), “Blue Bayou” (1977), “you’re No Good” (2000). She had gone on to publish 28 albums and 63 single recordings. She had earned 11 Grammy Awards, 3 American Music Awards, 2 Academy of Country Music Awards, 1 Emmy, 1 ALMA, and in 2019, the Kennedy Center Honors for Lifetime Achievement Award. Her Mexican American album went against the formula for conventional hits songs but through her own conviction and determination she made the album the way she wanted to, and it immediately became a global smash hit. At two and one half million albums, it stands as the largest selling, non-English

language album in American record history. It was certified as a double-platinum album and was awarded the Grammy for Best Mexican American Album at the 31st Grammy Awards.

The title “Canciones de Mi Padre” refers to a booklet that the University of Arizona published in 1946 for Ronstadt’s deceased aunt, Luisa Espinel, who had been an international singer in the 1920s. The songs originated from Sonora, Mexico. Ronstadt credits the late Mexican singer Lola Beltran as an influence in her singing style as well as Eduardo “Lalo” Guerrero, father of Chicano music, who would often serenade her as a child. When she made the album, she had the three best Mariachi bands in the world playing each song. As Paul Harvey says, “And now, ... you know the rest of the story.”

Linda Ronstadt singing La Charreada, Live Performance with Billy Crystal introducing her.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-fvsnLocBM>

Rare Linda Ronstadt 1970s interview talks about The Eagles. How perky she was then.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c718aryLEmM>

If you wish to see Linda’s CBS Sunday Morning Interview much later in her life, click on this link. It is wonderful to remember, but sad to know what has happened to her.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/linda-ronstadt-a-taste-of-home/>

SIR HAPPENINGS

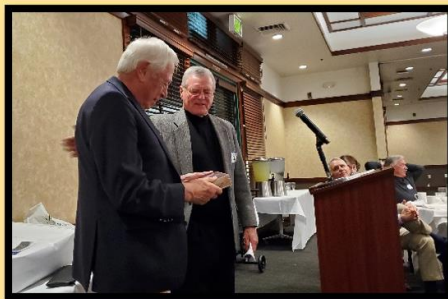
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Club Champion-Net - John Gerich
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4 Ball Match Play - Les and Bob Garten
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SIR Branch 35 Activities - March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Golf 10:00am Boulder Ridge -- \$85	28 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	1 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	2 Golf 10:00am Poppy Ridge -- \$65	3 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	4
5	6 Golf 10:00am Wente Vineyards -- \$89	7 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	8 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	9 Golf 9:30am Shoreline -- \$39 Biking 11:00am Coyote Hills/Alameda Creek Meet at Coyote Hills Park Office	10 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	11
12	13 Golf 11:00am Cinnabar Hills -- \$96	14 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	15 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Branch 35 Monthly Meeting Mtn. View Community Center Doors open 11:00, Zoom starts 11:30 Lunch delivers ~ 11:30am, Biz 12:30pm Speaker: Dr. Alison Nordt, LM	16 Golf 9:30am San Jose Muni -- \$42	17 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	18
19	20 Golf 9:30am Dublin Ranch -- \$41	21 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	22 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	23 Golf 10:00am Blue Rock East -- \$44	24 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Calero County Park	25
26	27 Golf 10:00am Bayonet -- \$90	28 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	29 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	30 Golf 10:00am Silver Creek -- \$115	31 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	1