



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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- NEXT MEETING -

3rd Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Doors Open 11:00am, Lunch at Noon

Menu: Whatever you order from Saltalk.com!

Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm

Note: Zoom is no longer available

PROGRAM

John Lehman: A History of USA's Music



John Lehman is a pioneer and serial entrepreneur in search software and technology. He began his musicology hobby-career in 1960 when he received a 1951 jukebox for his birthday which came with 100 records. Since 1960 he has turned that hobby into a collection of 600,000 records (78s, 45s, 33s), and four million digital songs, one of the world's largest private song collections. It includes every

song of every genre which reached any published popularity, covering 1890 to the present.

After researching how he remembers the songs and lyrics from his teen years, in December 2004, John played Christmas songs for a group of people in their 80s and 90s to see if they could remember who sang/played Christmas songs from the 1930s and 1940s. They knew every answer. That day began John's career as an entertainer/vintage music therapist, provided to over 150 organizations in the Bay Area.

John developed an approach to memory therapy using vintage songs for groups of memory-challenged persons. Three years of research on over 50 persons in residential care showed that some memory areas did not decline when twice weekly vintage music sessions were provided. Examples of his work appear in the film "Alive Inside", available in most libraries.

The "WhoSangIt" idea has also become a commercial business which provides every popular ranked song by calendar date and genre to businesses.

Peter Wong

The Big Sir says...

The most significant day in May is Memorial Day. This national holiday is celebrated on the last Monday of the month to honor the Armed Forces personnel who died defending this country. From 1775-2019, 2.835 million service members have served, fought, and fallen so that we are able to continue to enjoy our freedom and our way of life. Hoist your flag, be proud to be an American or a resident of America and remember to pay your respects to the many fallen, to those that served, and to those in uniform.



Our second meeting at MVCC was another professionally executed event through the actions of many active volunteers. We are settling into a business rhythm that bodes well for future meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 17, and we are sure to have a good time with our speaker John Lehman, Musicologist, playing tunes and providing some insight into music history.

We have the survey results from our last Mini-Questionnaire, and you will find it in one of this month's articles along with what we plan to do or have done. Although not commented on, I see the parking lot filling up and am concerned for members that have difficulty walking from the alternate parking areas. So, I am encouraging our healthy members to park in the alternate parking areas and enjoy a little walk through the park. While the facility has a lot of parking, it turns out that there are several classes and other small events that occur coincident with our meeting time. For your convenience, we have again included a map of MVCC parking and alternate parking areas.

A reminder that Special Activities has a Giants Game, scheduled for May 7. We have 31 members and guests attending with Premium Lower Box tickets on the third base side, just past the dugout. Root for the Giants and we hope it's a high scoring game. Another special event coming up is the start of planning for our July picnic. If you have an activity idea and/or wish to help let Ben Gikis know, gikisben@yahoo.com.

I'll end my soliloquy with a quote from Elmer Davis, First Director of the Office of War Information, under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

Ron Nakamoto

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- As discussed at our last Branch meeting, there will be no Zoom broadcast for the May 17th meeting.
- The Bridge Group has reactivated after a small hiatus, so if interested to learn more, see the new Bridge Group section under Activities.
- If anyone is interested in Pickleball, contact Ben Gikis as soon as possible. Currently there is a group in Branch 1 playing on a regular basis who are willing to help us get our own Activity started. If you are currently playing, let Ben know where and when (Ben Gikis gikisben@yahoo.com)



MAY 2023 ROSTER

Active Members: 299 Net Monthly Change: -30

As we closed out member renewals for 2023, we had some resignations and some who elected not to continue paying dues, hence the decline in active members. We continue to have a healthy, active branch with room for more members, so bring a friend!

Remember, you can search our member database at this link:

[SIR Branch 35 - Membership Directory \(wildapricot.org\)](http://wildapricot.org)

MAY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

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|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Andy Danver (13) | Bill Hall (18) | Jack Joos (19) |
| Jerry Ososkie (13) | John Richardson (21) | John Rinehart (14) |
| Ron Stefani (12) | Gordy Tong (10) | Gary Waldeck (12) |
| Bill Young (20) | | |

MAY BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Len Abrams | Larry Baugher | Roman Beyer |
| Fred Emmenegger | Bob Fisher | Jacques Fossourier |
| Bob Garten | John Goldsborough | Joe Gruber |
| Ed Halk | Bill Hall | Peter Iovan |
| Klaus Jaeger | Bob King | Ron Lau |
| Jay Mark | Richard McGrath | Curt Neumann |
| Hank Pastorelli | Roger Potash | John Rittweger |
| Bob Roy | Marvin Schwartz | Augie Smith |
| Mike Su | Bob Sutis | Peter Thurston |
| Dan Zemanek | | |

In Memoriam

William (Bill) H Young (Los Altos), a past Secretary for Branch 35 and an avid Branch golfer.

He will be missed. R.I.P.

BOOK SWAP

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The book swap can be found at the May 17th 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 book and then meet to discuss it.

For our April meeting, we read "Riders of the Purple Sage" by Zane Grey. It's a novel first published in 1912 and represents one of the earliest westerns. It takes place in southern Utah which was settled by the Mormons and was also part of the "wild" west. One of the main characters became a model for cowboys in many of the westerns we watched on TV and in the movies growing up. The book was definitely entertaining, but also illustrated some interesting social perspectives. It probably couldn't be published today without significant changes.

Almost all the readers found it to be an interesting perspective on life in that period, and most of us enjoyed the story.

For the May meeting, we will read and discuss "The Arms Maker of Berlin" (F) by David Fesperman.



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SIR Branch 35 Biking, 2nd Thursday, May 11th 2023 at 11:00AM. Rain cancels the ride. Wives, S.O.s and guests welcome; helmets required and face masks optional but read latest CDC guidance [here](https://www.cdc.gov).

BRISBANE BAYSHORE TRAIL

The Ride: We will ride the nearly flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles starting from the parking lot next to the Sangamo Therapeutics, 7000 Marina Blvd, Brisbane, CA. 94005 (a

historical and an architectural award-winning office building) just south of SF. We will have lunch at a local sandwich shop just off the trail or you can bring a lunch. We will ride back for a total of about 15 miles. This is not a long ride but very scenic ride along the Brisbane, Sierra Point and Oyster Point Marinas plus some portions of the SF Bay. The following is the GPS coordinate at the parking lot starting point: **GPS 37.676521,-122.382464**

Driving Directions: Take I-101 North past SFO to Sierra Point Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point Blvd exit). At the first intersection, turn right. At the next intersection, stop and turn left, which is Marina Blvd. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the Dakin Building (looks like a big cruise ship) on the left side, turn left into a large public parking lot and proceed towards the boat docking area. There should be many parking spaces available.

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.

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On April 28, 2023 the Hiking Group was at the Coal Mine Ridge Nature Preserve in Portola Valley hiking the Arroyo, Old Spanish and Toyon trails. Weather was in the High 70's with mostly blue sky. We saw wild flowers such as those seen above (which was from a previous hike).

The May hike will be on Friday, May 26, 2023. We start our hikes at 10 am. I will be sending out the exact location of the hike by email towards the middle of the month. If you are not receiving these emails please let me know and I will add you to the list.

Bring your spouse, significant other or friend and join us. These hikes are a good way to socialize and meet new friends and just have fun. Bring a trail lunch and we will stop along the trail and enjoy the scenery and the conversation. Hikes normally happen on the fourth Friday of every month.

John Tucker

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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. Hopefully the weather is improving for us!

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PRIZES: ALAN GAUDIE

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

There are 30 bowlers and two are women. We'd like more bowlers, so bring your wife or significant other and start ANY Tuesday. 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.

The Spring Session started on March 28th so it's still 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 5 - SPRING 2023 | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1st PLACE -- | Norm Hackford, Gerry Cooley, Darryl Walker, Don |
| 2nd PLACE - TIE -- | Harold Kaye, Jim Holman, Arnie Satterlee, Bob |
| 2nd PLACE - TIE -- | Les Fisher, Peter Wong, Perry Brown |
| 4th PLACE - TIE -- | Ranney Thayer, Stan Barkey, Marc Haberman |
| 4th PLACE - TIE -- | Ken Allen, Doug Anderson, Alan Gaudie, Joe Enos |
| 4th PLACE - TIE -- | Bob Feigelson, Ruth Ososkie, Jerry Ososkie |
| 7th PLACE - TIE -- | Rick McColloch, Bob Taggart, Jay Jonekait |
| 7th PLACE - TIE -- | Brian Lin, Fred Emmenegger, Larry Low |

| LAST WEEK'S TOP SCORES | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Scratch Series | | Scratch Game | |
| 1st | 498 - Joe Enos | 1st | 192 - Arnie Satterlee |
| 2nd | 468 - Larry Low | 2nd | 179 - Jay Jonekait |
| 3rd | 458 - Marc Haberman | 3rd | 175 - D Haythronewhite |
| Handicap Series | | Handicap Game | |
| 1st | 626 - Gerry Cooley | 1st | 233 - Ruth Ososkie |
| 2nd | 638 - Harold Kaye | 2nd | 222 - Jim Holman |
| 3rd | 610 - Norm Hackford | 3rd | 220 = Ken Allen |

| SEASON HIGH SCORES | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Scratch Series | | Scratch Game | |
| 1st | 552 - Larry Low | 1st | '245 - Arnie Satterlee ' |
| 2nd | 527 - Jay Jonekait | 2nd | '211 - Ron Nakamoto ' |
| 3rd | 499 - D Haythronwhite | 3rd | '193 - Joe Enos ' |
| Handicap Series | | Handicap Game | |
| 1st | '685 - Doug Anderson ' | 1st | '262 - Marc Haberman' |
| 2nd | '633 - Stan Barkey ' | 2nd | '242 - Gary Cooley' |
| 3rd | '624 - Harold Kaye - T ' | 3rd | '230 - Bob Feigelson' |
| 3rd | '624 - Ruth Ososkie - T' | | |

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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 April 14 for the following: | | | |
|---|------------|-------|---|
| Sharp Park (no Breakfast Included) | Thu Jun 1 | 9:30 | \$42 |
| | | | Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr@aol.com / Enos |
| Wente Vineyards (WNT) (Cart,Range) | Mon Jun 5 | 10:00 | \$89 |
| Scramble | | | Schutz 408-313-6852 pschutz@comcast.net / Petersen |
| Seascape (SCP) (Cart) | Thu Jun 8 | 10:05 | \$65 |
| | | | Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / Miles |
| Presidio (PRS) (Cart,Range) | Mon Jun 12 | 10:00 | \$100 |
| | | | Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / ** Need ATC ** |
| Lake Chabot (LCH) (Cart) | Thu Jun 15 | 10:00 | \$40 |
| | | | Mattson 650-949-3739 donmattson@yahoo.com / Squellati |
| Metropolitan (MET) (Cart) | Mon Jun 19 | 10:00 | \$45 |
| Double Points | | | Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr@aol.com / Enos |
| Sunnyvale (SVL) | Thu Jun 22 | 9:30 | \$38 |
| | | | Barkey 408-996-3133 stanbarkey@gmail.com / Wilson |
| Boulder Ridge (BRG) (Cart,Range) | Mon Jun 26 | 10:00 | \$85 |
| | | | ** Need TC ** / ** Need ATC ** |
| Tilden (TLD) (Cart) | Thu Jun 29 | 10:00 | \$49 |
| | | | ** Need TC ** / ** Need ATC ** |

Mattson Shoots His Age

Don Mattson shot his age (90) on April 13 at Rancho Solano. The course is rated 65.7 from the red tees, a mere 0.3 strokes below the threshold that would have qualified Don's round for a "SIR Feather" and a cash prize, but he did win his flight.

Don writes: It was my first time playing here and I was impressed with the course conditions. I recently changed to a blade putter, and I like fast greens, which Rancho Solano has. After hole #8 I felt I had a chance to shoot my age. I was focused all day on just making bogies. I did not make any long putts, but I was able to get my first putts close with flat or uphill lies. My best hole was #11, the hardest on the back nine, because of a lake in front of the green. I hit a drive more than 200 yards that ended up three feet short of the water, then hit an iron onto the green and two-putted for par. I only got nervous on the 18th, especially on my final putt – a three-footer that I

fortunately drained. A fun day with good weather on a very nice course!

Cioni Shoots the Round of the Month

Joe Cioni had an outstanding day on the links on April 27. Playing in a first-round match at The Villages with partner Larry Low against Alex Bush and Richard McGrath, the 83-year-old Cioni shot a gross 78, net 66, to finish 6.1 strokes "under." Joe and Larry closed out their match on the 14th hole, winning 6 and 4.

How Walkable is that Course?

A file rating the walkability of the courses we play has been added to our groups.io web site. Tom Taboada compiled it from various sources. If you spot an error, contact Bruce Karney. To read it, go to <https://sir35golfclub.groups.io/g/main/files/Policies%20&%20Member%20Info> then click on "For All SIR Golfers" and then "Walkability.xlsx"

The Rules Corner

The Situation: Believing his tee shot might be lost, a golfer plays a provisional ball. He then finds a ball that he believes is his original ball, hits it, and then picks up the provisional ball and puts it in his pocket. Unfortunately, he subsequently discovers that the ball he just played was NOT his original ball. He resumes searching for the first ball he hit but can't find it within the three-minute search time. He replaces his provisional ball at the approximate location where he picked it up and takes 3 more strokes to complete the hole. What is the player's score?

The Ruling: The player's score is 9. Joe explains: one stroke for the original drive, a two-stroke penalty for playing the wrong ball, a stroke and distance penalty for the lost ball, a stroke for hitting the provisional tee shot, a one-stroke penalty for moving provisional ball, plus the 3 shots to complete the hole equals 9.

Even if you have put an identification mark on your ball, sometimes it may not be possible to immediately confirm that it is yours. In such circumstances, you are allowed to lift the ball to take a closer look under Rule 7.3. But before you rush to pick up the ball, there are some things you need to do to avoid incurring an unnecessary penalty when identifying your ball:

* You may only lift your ball to identify it when it is genuinely necessary to do so.

* Before lifting the ball, you must mark its position using a tee or something similar.

* If there is mud or dirt on the ball, you may only clean it to the extent required to identify it.

* Once identified, you must return the ball to its original position.

Failure to comply with any of these requirements results in a one-stroke penalty and if you fail to replace the ball in the correct spot, the penalty escalates to two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play for playing from a wrong place.

Golf Results

2023 Team Match Play Tournament Results
If name is in **red**, player was 2 strokes under or better

| Round | Course | Match | Score | Prize |
|-------|--------------|---|-------|-------|
| 1 | Santa Teresa | Heiman & Mattson def. Haberman & Joyce | 2 & 1 | \$10@ |
| 1 | Santa Teresa | Jonekait & R. Lau def. Metheany & Galli | 4 & 3 | \$10@ |
| 1 | Seascape | Grace & Petersen def. Enos & Rittweger | 1 up | \$10@ |
| 1 | The Villages | Cioni & Low def. McGrath & Bush | 6 & 4 | \$10@ |
| 1 | The Villages | Wong & Tran def. Nakamoto & O'Meara | 2 & 1 | \$10@ |

Boulder Ridge **Par 72** **Apr. 3, 2023**

| Palmer Fit. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Fit. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Fit. | Net | \$ |
|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|
| Larry Low | 78 | \$21 | Peter Lau | 82 | \$21 | Tim O'Meara | 81 | \$18 |
| Joe Cioni | 81 | \$16 | R. Nakamoto | 83 | \$16 | Don Mattson | 82 | \$12 |
| Ron Lau | 82 | \$10 | Mark Taylor | 84 | \$10 | Jim Narva | 84 | \$7 |
| Les Miles | 86 | \$5 | Tom Taboada | 87 | \$5 | | | |

Inside Putter Length: None
Low Gross (forward tees): Larry Low 93
Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 106

Eagle Ridge 4-man Scramble **Par 72** **April 10, 2023**

| Team | Score | Prize |
|--|-------|--------|
| JT Tompane, Paul Schutz, Peter Wong | 56 | \$21 @ |
| Jay Jonekait, Dave Squellati, Tim O'Meara, Ken Newton | 56 | \$16 @ |
| Mack Asrat, Ron Nakamoto, Bruce Karney, George O'Brien | 56 | \$11 @ |

Low Gross: Team of Tompane, Schutz & Wong 72

Rancho Solano **Par 72** **April 13, 2023**

| Palmer Flight | Net | Prize | Nicklaus Flight | Net | Prize |
|---------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Herb Petersen | 69 | \$18 | Don Mattson | 69 | \$18 |
| Les Miles | 70 | \$14 | Tim O'Meara | 71 | \$12 |
| Jay Jonekait | 73 | \$10 | Joe Enos | 75 | \$7 |

Shot his age: Don Mattson 90
Inside Putter Length: None
Low Gross (forward tees): Don Mattson 90
Low Gross (back tees): Richard McGrath 81

Santa Teresa **Par 71** **April 17, 2023**

| Palmer Fit. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Fit. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Fit. | Net | \$ |
|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|
| Jim Thorne | 67 | \$21 | Stan Barkey | 66 | \$21 | W. Stephens | 66 | \$24 |
| D. Squellati | 71 | \$16 | Jerry Ososkie | 68 | \$16 | Joe Glynn | 70 | \$18 |
| Bob Garten | 73 | \$10 | William Nix | 69 | \$10 | Peter Wong | 70 | \$12 |

Seascape **Par 71** **Apr. 20, 2023**

| Palmer Flight | Net | Prize | Nicklaus Flight | Net | Prize |
|---------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Ron Nakamoto | 72 | \$18 | Ben Gikis | 76 | \$18 |
| Jay Jonekait | 75 | \$14 | Balbir Kalsi | 77 | \$12 |
| Jim Thorne | 75 | \$10 | Gerald Cooley | 81 | \$7 |

Inside Putter Length: John Ray \$15
Low Gross (forward tees): Jim Thorne 82
Low Gross (back tees): Ron Nakamoto 95

The Bridges **Par 72** **April 24, 2023**

| Palmer Flight | Net | Prize | Nicklaus Flight | Net | Prize |
|---------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Walt Joyce | 73 | \$24 | Balbir Kalsi | 83 | \$15 |
| Jim Thorne | 76 | \$18 | Tim O'Meara | 83 | \$7 |
| Tom Taboada | 77 | \$12 | | | |
| Peter Lau | 79 | \$8 | | | |

Inside Putter Length: None
Low Gross (forward tees): Jim Thorne 82
Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 99

The Villages **Par 72** **April 27, 2023**

| Palmer Fit. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Fit. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Fit. | Net | \$ |
|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|
| M. Haberman | 66 | \$18 | Paul Schutz | 72 | \$18 | Ben Gikis | 72 | \$18 |
| T. Barnhart | 68 | \$14 | Tom Taboada | 74 | \$14 | Milt Wehrman | 72 | \$12 |
| Les Miles | 68 | \$10 | Jerry Ososkie | 74 | \$10 | G. O'Brien | 72 | \$7 |
| Bob Garten | 69 | \$5 | Bruce Karney | 74 | \$5 | | | |

Shot his age: Joe Cioni shot 5 under his age in match play
Inside Putter Length: None
Low Gross: Jim Thorne 79 (Joe Cioni shot 78 in match play)



BRIDGE

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The Bridge Group has awakened from its long sleep and is now meeting at the new Los Altos Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Come join us and play. We have a range of players from very experienced to folks who haven't played for a long time. We're most tolerant so join us for a session. Mark Levi mlevi@comcast.net.

MAY

PAT O'CONNOR



Some special dates this month!

- Asian American Month
- 1st May Day
- 4th (Night) Flower Moon
- 5th Cinco de Mayo
- 6th Kentucky Derby
- 14th Mother's Day
- 20th Armed Forces Day
- 28th Indy 500
- 29th Memorial Day

MOVIES

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After Love. This is a little gem of a movie that straddles three cultures – English, French and Pakistani. We get to see the world through the eyes of Mary (Joanna Scanlan) an English woman who years prior converted to Islam to marry the

love of her life, Ahmed a Pakistani ship captain. They live in Dover England. Mary finds herself a childless widow when her husband dies unexpectedly. Soon after the burial, she discovers that Ahmed has a secret family just across the English Channel in Calais. Geneviève (Nathalie Richard) is a modern French Woman who is dedicated to Ahmed and their son. She knows Ahmed is married to another, but she is reconciled to her status. As these two women meet and the secrets are slowly revealed, we see how culturally different and similar they are. This is a well done and even better acted examination of societal expectations. Check this out on iTunes or Amazon Prime Video. Not rated but would likely be R for language and sexual content. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Somewhere in Queens. Ray Romano wrote, directed and stars in this look at what it means to be Italian in Queens, NY. Leo (Ray Romano) and Angela (Laurie Metcalf) Russo have been together since high school and live a simple, working-class life in Queens. The family business, Russo Construction, keeps everyone employed. The family is boisterous and at times destructive, but they all love one another. They celebrate their Italian American family. Leo and Angela's son

Matthew (Sticks) is a tall, quiet kid who is a better than average high school basketball player. Leo's life as Sticks' number one fan goes over the line as he tries to get Sticks a college basketball scholarship. His machinations threaten the core of the family. The film is mildly interesting as the story is predictable, but the performances are nuanced and worth seeing. Rated R for language and some sexual material. In Theatres.



Chevalier. This film commits the ultimate cinematic sin, it's boring. Lots of scenes of Paris in the late 18th century and folks walking around in gorgeous fashions and hats, but the substance wears thin after the first 15 minutes. The story is based on the suppressed true story of composer Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges. Joseph is the illegitimate son of a slave and a French plantation owner who sends his mulatto son to Paris for schooling. Joseph is a violin prodigy and champion swordsman. He rises to seemingly impossible heights in French society including catching the eye of Queen Marie Antoinette. All of this is happening as the French Revolution is a gathering storm. Joseph has an ill-advised love affair that leads to a falling out with the Queen who is soon to lose her head. The story ends just before the storming of the Bastille. A more interesting story was missed. Rated PG-13 for thematic content, some strong language, suggestive material, and violence. In Theatres.

Bruce

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: Patton

"Patton" is a 1970 epic war film about U.S. General George S. Patton. The screenplay written by Francis Ford Coppola and Edmund H. North is based on the book, "Ordeal and Triumph" by Ladislas Farago and Bradley's memoir, "A Soldier's Story". The movie directed by Franklin Schaffner, won seven Academy Awards in 1971, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Film

Editing, Production Design, Sound Mixing, and Original Score.

The movie took almost 20 years to put together (convince the family to support and allow access to Patton's papers, shop the property, write the screenplay, find the right actors, film on site in foreign locations, create the score (music), and finally edit to the final cut). Frank McCarthy, producer started with the Patton family who believed the media contributed to the general's wartime struggles and ultimate death, so refused to have anything to do with the film. The U.S. Army also refused but finally relented six years later.

Here are some interesting back stories about the making of the movie "Patton":

1. The movie portrays Bradley and Patton as friends, but the reality is Bradley disliked him, both personally and professionally. Bradley was known as the "G.I.'s General" as he was humble and soft-spoken, always caring for his troops, whereas, Patton, as portrayed in the movie was the exact opposite of Bradley.
2. George C. Scott was almost the last choice to portray Patton. Burt Lancaster, Robert Mitchem, Lee Marvin, Rod Steiger, and even Ronald Reagan turned down the title role. No one wanted John Wayne, the one actor that did want the role.
3. A significant part of the movie was filmed in Spain as the Spanish military was still using World War II equipment. Spanish troops were cast as members of the Third Army.
4. Robert Allen, a former Colonel on Patton's Third Army staff was paid to write the script, assisted later by Calder Willingham. Both were replaced later by a young writer, Francis Ford Coppola, who knew nothing about Patton. He was later fired from the production because among other things, his version opens with Patton's speech. As you now know, the final cut uses most of Coppola's 1966 script.

To view Patton's opening speech, which is a historical truth, click on this link. Crank up the volume so you can experience the power of his presence. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sv9XNFpRdhg>



Music: We'll Meet Again

This haunting song was first recorded in September 1939 by Vera Lynn with Arthur Young. Written by Hughie Charles and Ross Parker it was one of Vera's first recordings at the time when Hitler invaded Poland and Britain with Canada, declared war on Nazi Germany. The song, its perfect message, and its messenger, Vera Lynn was played over and over to the thousands of newly recruited soldiers now on ships bound for Europe, Africa, and later Asia to defend the many corners of the Empire. Separated from their loved ones, the song became the theme song of the nation for the long years ahead. It's haunting melody and words transported soldiers back to their peaceful lives at home and away from the trenches, muddy uniforms, and cold rations they subsisted on, always uncertain as to whether the next day or night might be their last. The British citizens also embraced the song as they battled for survival during the continuous bombings that was known as the German Blitzkrieg (lightning war) aerial campaign against Britain from September 1940 to May 1941.

The recording lived on after WW II as the featured song in the final scene of Stanley Kubrick's 1964 film, Dr. Strangelove as Slim Pickens rides the H bomb to its target.

Follow this link and click the photo to play the recording: <https://secondhandsongs.com/performance/172342>

Dr Strangelove movie clip with Vera Lynn's song. (Scroll down to view the video clip "We'll Meet Again – Dr Strangelove: Final Scene).

<https://www.smoothradio.com/features/the-story-of/well-meet-again-vera-lynn-meaning-lyrics/>

As Paul Harvey says, "And now, ... you know the rest of the story."

MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

We conducted a 4-question survey of members about the experience at our April Luncheon. Here's what we learned:

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| Quest. 1 | How do you choose where to sit at lunch? |
| 15 | With the same group every month |
| 16 | With folks I know, but not a specific group |
| 7 | Where I can meet new guys |
| 7 | Where I can hear and see best |
| 8 | I just grab any empty seat |
| | Other |
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| | Management Comment |
| | We will keep current table practices as is. |

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| Quest.2 | How well could you HEAR the speaker? |
| 38 | Very well |
| 7 | Pretty well |
| 2 | Not well enough |
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| | How well could you SEE the screen? |
| 41 | Very well |
| 6 | Pretty well |
| | Not well enough |
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| | Management Comment |
| | Improved from last month. Facility added new audio system and improved brightness of projector. |

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| Quest.3 | Where did your lunch come from? |
| 10 | Made it at home today |
| 3 | Brought leftovers from home |
| 9 | From a restaurant |
| 23 | From Saltalk |
| 1 | I ate before the meeting or will eat later |
| 2 | I won't be eating lunch today |
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| | Management Comment |
| | Majority of members ordered from Saltalk vendor. |

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| Quest.4 | What improvements do you suggest for next month? |
| | comments separate |
| | If you ordered from Saltalk |
| | How easy was it to order? |
| 13 | Easy |
| 10 | So-so |
| 1 | Hard |
| | |
| | How was the food? |
| 9 | Yummy |
| 13 | Just OK |
| | |
| | Bad |
| | |
| | How was the price? |
| 9 | Good |
| 13 | Fair |
| 1 | Too high |
| | Management Comment from Saltalk |
| | Saltalk vendor apologizes for the lukewarm lunches and their Head of Operations promises we will have hot lunches on our next order. They have instituted several measures including better (temperature preserving) packaging and faster delivery to make sure we get our hot, tasty meals, just in time. |

SIR HAPPENINGS

Our State SIR 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](https://sirinc.org/newsletters/)

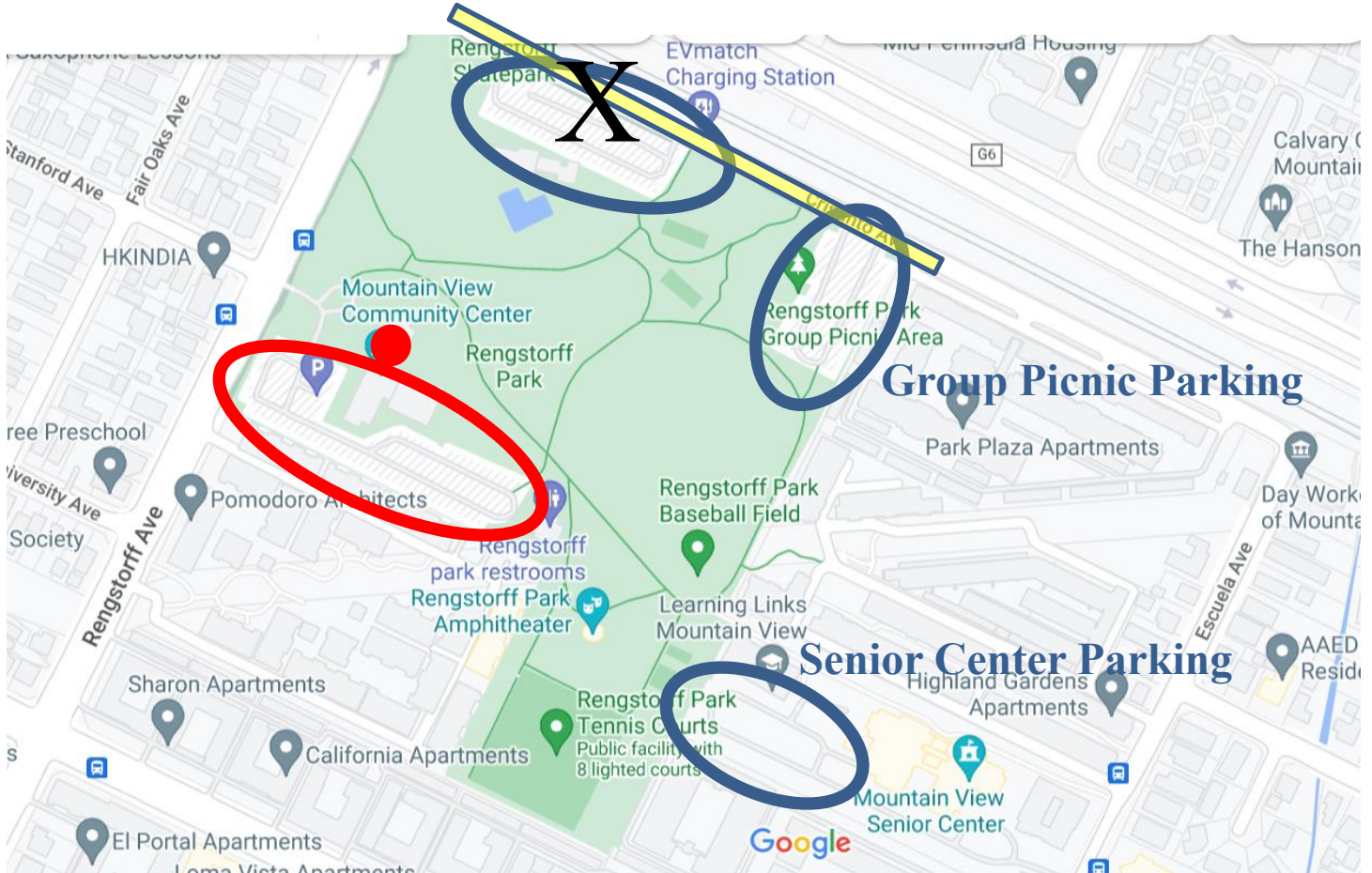
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PARKING FOR THE MAY LUNCHEON

Attention Healthy Guys

Mtn. View Community Center Parking

If you are a healthy guy, please consider parking in one of the alternate locations so we can leave the spaces around the Community Center open for our less healthy members and the public. Our next luncheon meeting on April 19 is at the Mountain View Community Center, in the Redwood Hall at **201 S. Rengstorff Ave.** The red dot on the map shows where we will meet, and the red oval shows the main parking lot. 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.



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| SIR Branch 35 Activities - May 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 30 | 1 Golf 10:00am San Jose Muni -- \$47 | 2 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl | 3 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | 4 Golf 10:04am Callippe Preserve -- \$57 | 5 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Golf 10:03am Los Lagos -- \$35 | 9 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl | 10 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center | 11 Golf 10:00am Pacific Grove -- \$59 | 12 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Golf 10:00am Crystal Springs -- \$61 | 16 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl | 17 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: John Lehman: Musicology | 18 Golf 10:00am San Ramon -- \$38 Biking 11:00am Foster City Bay Trail Meet at Oracle Parkway parking lot | 19 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Golf 09:30am Shoreline -- \$39 | 23 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl | 24 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center | 25 Golf 10:00am Las Positas -- \$57 | 26 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Coal Mine Ridge Nature Preserve | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl | 31 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | 1 Golf 10:00am Poppy Ridge -- \$65 | 2 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | 3 |