



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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- NEXT MEETING -

3rd Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Doors Open 11:00am, Lunch at Noon

Business 12:15pm, Speaker 12:45pm

Venue: Los Altos United Methodist Church,
Creekside Center (see enclosed map)

Menu: Planning in progress, to be confirmed!

PROGRAM

Professor Hank Greely: Weird Stuff:



The Strangeness of Biology Meets the Templates of Law

Our culture and our law tends to like things simple, straightforward, and dichotomous: machine or organism, living or dead, human or not human, in a species or out of a species. But biology is usually much more complex and nuanced. Professor Greely will discuss

several examples where we ask “what is that?”, wanting a clear answer that biology will not give, and ways in which our culture and our law might better deal with this complexity.

Henry T. (Hank) Greely is the Deane F. and Kate Edelman Johnson Professor of Law; Professor, by courtesy, of Genetics; and Director of the Center for Law and the Biosciences at Stanford University. He specializes in ethical, legal, and social issues arising from the biosciences, particularly genetics, neuroscience, stem cell research, and assisted reproduction. He is a founder and a past President of the International Neuroethics Society; chairs the California Advisory Committee on Human Stem Cell Research; and chairs the Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Committee of the Earth BioGenome Project. For six years, until August 2022, he served on

the NIH BRAIN Initiative’s Multi-Council Working Group while co-chairing the Initiative’s Neuroethics Work Group. He is the author of *The End of Sex and the Future of Human Reproduction* (Harvard Univ. Press 2016) and *Crispr People: The Science and Ethics of Editing Humans* (MIT Press 2021).

Greely graduated from Stanford in 1974 and Yale Law School in 1977. He served in the Departments of Defense and Energy in the Carter Administration and litigated at the Los Angeles firm of Tuttle & Taylor before joining the Stanford faculty in 1985.

Peter Wong

The Big Sir says...

The month of June is important to our grandkids as it is the end of the school year and the start of their summer fun. It is also the time where we, as grandparents, watch with pride as he/she graduates from high school and later watch with sadness as he/she leaves for college. The 21st of June is the official start of summer and our ‘shotgun’ start to “hit the road” for some summer adventures. I guess some things in life never change, from childhood to our retirement years, we always love June.



This month, our regular meeting place in Mountain View is closed for summer programs so we will be meeting at the Los Altos United Methodist Church, Creekside Center. This building is in the back of the church where there is ample parking. A map is included in this month’s Trail Tips newsletter.

Our business agenda will focus on recognizing those members that volunteer to help make our branch a professional, structured, and enjoyable group organization that is meeting its mission, “... to enhance the lives of our members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making ‘Friends for Life’.”

We have planned out an exciting and enjoyable July Picnic at Blackberry Farms in Cupertino on Wednesday, July 19th. There is a picnic notice in this newsletter to give you the details. The food is good, the price is right and the relaxed environment will be ideal to chat with your friends. We are planning a few organized group games for which we need volunteers to lead. Please contact Ben Gikis for details. Be sure to mark your calendars for this is always an enjoyable event.

Hello summer, as the Aussie’s says “Let’s throw a stayk and slip some shrimp on the Barbie!”

Ron Nakamoto

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- As discussed previously, there will be no Zoom broadcast for the June 21st meeting.
- Note the one-off venue for our June 21st luncheon meeting, at the Los Altos United Methodist Church, Creekside Center. See the map later in this newsletter. We are attempting to get approval for a catered buffet hot lunch. We will give you a final notice during our sign-up time.
- Register for our Summer Picnic, scheduled for July 19th. Please contact Ben Gikis if you can volunteer to help lead an activity!
- If you know where the Branch Cornhole game equipment is, please let Ben know.

JUNE 2023 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER


Active Members: 300 Net Monthly Change: +1

We added one new member this month. 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)

NEW MEMBERS

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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS

Joe Cioni (11)	Gerry Cooley (16)	Doug Ericsson (10)
John Gerich (20)	John Goldsborough (19)	Ken Jones (14)
Bill Monroe (13)	Ken Newton Jr. (19)	Herb Petersen (16)
David Skumick (15)	Frank Verlot (16)	Jack Wu (17)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

BOOK SWAP

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The book swap can be found at the June 21st 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 May meeting we read "The Arms Maker of Berlin" by Dan Fesperman. It's an historical fiction novel about a history professor named Nat Turnbull. The story begins with the professor being abducted from his office by the FBI who wants him to recover missing OSS documents from World War 2. The documents have to do with a resistance cell in Berlin called the White Rose and an industrialist millionaire who would like those files to disappear. The plot takes place in current time, as well as Nazi Berlin, alternating between chapters. Most of the adventures take place when Nat and a German researcher named Berta try to uncover the mystery and are sent on a wild goose chase by Nat's mentor while avoiding everyone who would seek to stop them, from the FBI to the Iranians.

The book club members all enjoyed the novel, especially its Indiana Jones pace.

For the June meeting, we will read and discuss "The Maid" (F) by Nita Prose.

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SIR Branch 35 Biking, 2nd Thursday, June 8th 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](#).

Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)

The Ride: We will ride a flat, scenic 14 mile round-trip to Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, next to the Palo Alto Airport (total ride 19 miles). Lunch will be at the recently re-opened Michael's at the Shoreline Restaurant, 2960 Shoreline Blvd, MV.

Directions: Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. From Palo Alto, go south on El Camino Real to Grant Rd; turn right. Drive past the 3rd traffic signal to Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Drive to the end of Sleeper Ave., which is the intersection of Franklin Ave. Park your car near the intersection.

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

FYI, the Coyote Hills-Alameda Creek in Fremont, Guadalupe Creek in Alviso, Coyote Creek in San Jose and Sawyer Camp in Redwood City Trails have been partially closed for repairs with no expected re-opening dates. We're looking at new biking trails both locally and slightly outside the Bay Area. More to follow.

WINE FINDERS

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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, grade wines and share appetizers. Contact either Alan or Russ to join or for more information.

HIKING

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The photo above is from our April hike to Coal Mine Ridge. For May we hiked the Slate Creek Loop at Portola Redwoods State Park. Eighteen hikers were expected.

The next SIRs hike will be Friday, June 23, 2023. We will meet again to hike a Bay Area trail in the 5 to 6 mile range with an elevation change of approximately 1000 feet. Depending on the outlook for the weather we will be hiking in the Santa Cruz Mountains or down by the coast. This is a good way to get out in nature, get some exercise and meet new people or old friends. Bring your spouse, significant other or a friend and join us. Remember to bring a hat, layer your clothing and bring bug and tick spray. Pack a trail lunch and we will stop at roughly the half way point and have lunch. Hikes normally occur on the 4th Friday of the month.

I will have more info later in the month which I will email to those on the SIR Branch 35 hiking list. If you are not on the list contact me at tuckerjg6@gmail.com

John Tucker

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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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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 perfect recently! It is encouraging to see players arrive early and willingly take up tools to rake or brush the crushed oyster flour surfaces before the start of play. Come, join the fun!

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PRIZES: ALAN GAUDIE

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

With less than 40% of the Spring Session remaining, it's time for the lower teams to "turn up" the heat. 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 9 - SPRING 2023	
1st PLACE - TIE --	Ranney Thayer, Stan Barkey, Marc Haberman
1st PLACE - TIE --	Harold Kaye, Jim Holman, Arnie Satterlee
3rd PLACE --	Ken Allen, Doug Anderson, Alan Gaudie, Joe Enos
4th PLACE --	Les Fisher, Peter Wong, Perry Brown
5th PLACE --	Norm Hackford, Gerry Cooley, Darryl Walker, Don Haythronwhite
6th PLACE --	Bob Feigelson, Ruth Ososkie, Jerry Ososkie, Ron Nakamoto
7th PLACE --	Rick McColloch, Bob Taggart, Jay Jonekait
8th PLACE --	Brian Lin, Fred Emmenegger, Larry Low

SEASON HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	562 - Joe Enos	1st	245 - Arnie Satterlee
2nd	552 - Larry Low	2nd	216 - Marc Haberman
3rd	527 - Jay Jonekait	3rd	211 - Ron Nakamoto
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	685 - Doug Anderson	1st	273 - Jim Holman
2nd	652 - Perry Brown	2nd	261 - Darryl Walker
3rd	646 - Peter Wong	3rd	252 - Brian Lin

LAST WEEK'S TOP SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	520 - Joe Enos	1st	210 - Jim Holman
2nd	471 - Larry Low	2nd	161 - Jerry Ososkie
3rd	438 - Jay Jonekait	3rd	158 - Arnie Satterlee
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	625 - Doug Anderson	1st	214 - Ron Nakamoto
2nd	597 - Brian Lin	2nd	212 - Ken Allen
3rd	580 - Ranney Thayer	3rd	208 - Harold Kaye

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.

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Fixtures for the Coming Month

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday June 9				
Spring Valley (SPR)	Wed Jul 5	10:00	\$46	** Need TC ** / ** Need ATC **
Poppy Ridge (PPR) (Cart)	Thu Jul 6	10:00	\$65	Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1(at)gmail.com / Hall
Corica Park South (CCS)	Mon Jul 10	10:00	\$75	Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfr(at)ajol.com / Enos
Coyote Creek - V (CCV) (Cart,Range)	Thu Jul 13	10:05	\$90	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net / Hall
Crystal Springs (CSP) (Cart)	Mon Jul 17	10:00	\$61	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / ** Need ATC **
Baylands (BAY)	Thu Jul 20	9:00	\$64	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / Newton
4 Man 2 Best Ball	Mon Jul 24	10:00	\$57	Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben(at)yahoo.com / ** Need ATC **
Las Positas (LPS) (Cart)	Thu Jul 27	10:00	\$64	O'Meara 408-506-4714 omearatimo(at)gmail.com / Hall
Laguna Seca (LGS) (Cart)	Mon Jul 31	10:05	\$65	Miles 408-264-1899 impomi(at)yahoo.com / Ogle

Rittweger and Petersen Shoot the Rounds of the Month

There were several outstanding rounds in May, but two players tied for the Round of the Month by shooting 5.2 strokes under. On May 4 **John Rittweger** had his stellar round at Callippe Preserve. Then on May 25 **Herb Petersen** tied him for Round of the Month honors at Las Positas. Congratulations, gentlemen!

The Rules Corner

The Situation: While walking into a steep-sided bunker to play a shot, a player tripped and reflexively used his sand wedge like a cane, grounding it in the hazard to keep from falling. Should he assess himself a penalty? What if he had let go of his club as he fell and was not touching it when he and the club both landed in the sand?

The Ruling: Joe says: There is no penalty. Here is the relevant part of Rule 12.2(b)2 "When touching sand does not result in a penalty."

Except as covered by 12.2(b)1, this Rule does not prohibit the player from touching sand in the bunker in any other way, including:

- *Placing clubs, equipment or other objects in the bunker (whether by throwing or setting them down),*
- *Leaning on a club to rest, stay balanced or prevent a fall,*
- *Striking the sand in frustration or anger.*

But the player gets the general penalty if their actions in touching

the sand improve the conditions affecting the stroke.

I had a similar situation at a tournament at Poppy Hills a few weeks ago. The player was in the bunker behind the green, failed to get the ball out of the bunker, struck the sand in frustration, then hit the ball onto the green. He asked me if he was penalized for hitting the sand. I cited this rule and told him he was not penalized.

Rules Quiz: If you think you know the answer to the following question, email it to Bruce Karney along with an explanation of your choice by June 15. The right answer and the names of players who got it right will be published next month.

A player hooks his drive into the deep rough. Then he hooks a provisional ball into the same area. He's concerned that both balls could be lost, so he hits another provisional ball that finds the middle of the fairway. After one minute of searching, he finds provisional drive #1 in bounds and playable. He drops his hat to mark its location. He continues searching, hoping to find his original drive. How much time does he have to search for it from when he dropped his hat: 2 minutes, 3 minutes, or 5 minutes?

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	Crystal Springs	Baughner & Squellati def. Karney & Lesti	4 & 2	\$10@
1	Crystal Springs	Taboada & Gerich def. Heiman & Mattson	1 up	\$10@
2	Shoreline	Scardino & Schutz def. Gikis & Jones	3 & 1	\$10@
2	Shoreline	Taboada & Gerich tied Tran & P. Wong (They will play an 18-hole rematch)		

San Jose Muni

Par 72 Bik 70 Slvr May 1, 2023

Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Jay Jonekait	67	\$20	Herb Petersen	71	\$20	Gerald Cooley	67	\$24
R. Nakamoto	68	\$15	Stan Barkey	73	\$15	G. O'Brien	72	\$18
Bob Garten	70	\$10	Tom Taboada	73	\$10	Jim Narva	72	\$12
Rich McGrath	71	\$5	Ken Jones	74	\$5	Tim O'Meara	73	\$8

Shot his age: **Joe Cioni** 83

Inside Putter Length: None

Low Gross (forward tees): Jay Jonekait and Richard McGrath tied at 80

Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 92

Callippe Preserve

Par 72 May 4, 2023

Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
John Rittweger	67	\$25	Don Mattson	75	\$18
Bob Garten	72	\$21	Balbir Kalsi	77	\$14
Jay Jonekait	73	\$16	Joe Enos	78	\$10
Tom Taboada	73	\$11	Larry Wall	78	\$5
Alex Bush	75	\$9			

Inside Putter Length: None

Low Gross (forward tees): Jay Jonekait 87

Low Gross (back tees): Alex Bush 82

Los Lagos

Par 68 May 8, 2023

Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Bob Garten	68	\$18	Tom Taboada	70	\$18	Balbir Kalsi	70	\$25
M. Haberman	74	\$14	Dick Wilson	70	\$14	John Ray	71	\$20
R. Nakamoto	75	\$10	Peter Lau	73	\$10	Don Mattson	73	\$15
						Gerald Cooley	74	\$10
						Jim Narva	75	\$7

Inside Putter Length: None

Low Gross: Bob Garten 82

Pacific Grove			Par 70		May 11, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Les Miles	68	\$21	Peter Wong	73	\$17	
Herb Petersen	69	\$16	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$10	
Bruce Karney	69	\$10				
Richard Lowenthal	76	\$5				
Inside Putter Length: Larry Wall on #17 (\$15) 12"						
Low Gross (forward tees): Les Miles 82						
Low Gross (back tees): Bruce Karney 99						

Crystal Springs			Par 72		May 15, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Richard McGrath	72	\$25	Jim Narva	71	\$21	
Joe Cioni	73	\$19	Balbir Kalsi	72	\$16	
Stan Barkey	74	\$14	George O'Brien	74	\$10	
Bob Garten	76	\$9	Larry Wall	76	\$5	
Ron Lau	76	\$5				
Inside Putter Length: Peter Wong on #13 (\$15) 22"						
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 82						

San Ramon			Par 72		May 18, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
John Rittweger	72	\$18	Peter Wong	70	\$18	
Jay Jonekait	73	\$14	Larry Wall	70	\$14	
Bruce Karney	75	\$10	Joe Enos	75	\$10	
Marc Haberman	75	\$5	Tim O'Meara	76	\$5	
Inside Putter Length: None						
Low Gross (forward tees): Paul Lesti 88						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 88						

Shoreline			Par 72		May 22, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Stan Barkey	72	\$18	Joe Enos	72	\$17	
Larry Low	72	\$14	Wendell Stephens	74	\$10	
John Rittweger	74	\$10				
Inside Putter Length: None						
Low Gross (forward tees): Larry Low and Richard McGrath tied at 84						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 89						

Las Positas			Par 72		May 25, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Herb Petersen	67	\$22	Wendell Stephens	70	\$17	
Ken Jones	67	\$16	Man Tran	71	\$10	
William Nix	68	\$12	Jim Narva	72	\$5	
John Gerich	73	\$7				
Inside Putter Length: None						
Low Gross (forward tees): Ken Jones and Les Miles tied at 86						
Low Gross (back tees): Shaun Millard and Alex Bush tied at 103						

JUNE

PAT O'CONNOR

Some special dates this month!

- 6th D-Day anniversary
- 8-18th Stanley Cup Finals (Hockey)
- 10-11th 24 hours of Le Mans (Motor)
- 11th Belmont Stakes (Horse racing)
- 11th Tony Awards (Theater)
- 14th Flag Day
- 15-18th U.S. Open (Golf)
- 18th Fathers' Day
- 19th Juneteenth
- 21st Summer Solstice



MOVIES

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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3. The film scores a full two and one-half hours of mind-numbing annoyance. I could not wait for the film to end. This is hopefully the last installment in the Guardian's story line in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The best part of the film is the main character is Peter Quill frequently called "Quill" for short, so I could relate. The film is full of trite lines. Supervillain, "The High Evolutionary", spouts one of the worst - "There is no God. That's why

I stepped in." Quill is still suffering from the travails of the prior film, but now must rally his team to free the Universe from the grip of The High Evolutionary. The fate of the Universe is at stake. Of course, there are endless fight scenes that are all CG creations. I am getting tired of the artificiality of action films. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, strong language, suggestive/drug references, and thematic elements. In Theatres.

State SIR Golf Happenings

Our State SIR Organization is arranging some additional golf tournaments that may be of interest to you. Click the links below to view and print the flyers or go to the State SIR golf website at www.sirgolf.org for full information and signup details.

Reno Tournament – [See information flyer here](#)

Branch 116 and SIR State Golf invite you and your friends to join them this Summer in Reno! Tuesday 9/5/2023 through Friday 9/8/2023

State SIR Team Championship – [See information flyer here](#)

This year's team championship will be held at the historic 91 year old Alistair Mackenzie golf course at Haggin Oaks, known for its challenging course layout and undulating greens. Tee times available Thursday 8/17 or Friday 8/18.



Blackberry. This film dramatizes the story of the meteoric rise and ruinous demise of the world's first smartphone, The Blackberry. I shed a tear for I loved my Blackberry and to see how and why it crashed and burned was both infuriating and elucidating. Apple and Steve Jobs had a lot to do with it, but also unbridled hubris insured failure. The company started in Canada with prototypical Canadian nice guys, Mike Lazaridis and Doug Fregh. The company engineers were all nerds who enjoyed coding, movie night and beers. They

have a great idea, a cell phone that can send and receive email. They can't bring their ideas to market when Jim Balsille enters their world with a Harvard MBA and a take no prisoners attitude. They turn the company into a huge, successful business with a device the public loved. They thought the bonanza would never end. But the iPhone is around the corner and will bury them. This is a wonderful film with incredible performances. The real ethos of Silicon Valley is laid bare. Be sure to see it. Rated R for language throughout. In Theatres.



Book Club. The Next Chapter. The geriatric set goes to Italy for a bachelorette party, enjoys the food and wine, soaks up the history and gets tossed in jail. Diane (Diane Keaton – 77), Sharon (Candice Bergen – 77), Viv (Jane Fonda – 86) and Carol (Mary Steenburgen – 70) have been best friends for 50 years. When Viv announces her engagement to be married for the first time (how's that for reverse typecasting) they decide to make the trip to Italy they had deferred years

ago. They visit Rome and Florence. They move on to Venice and get in all sorts of trouble. The Chief of Police is played by Giancarlo Giannini (81) who steals the show. The film is funny and pleasant enough to recommend. It is fun to see these old pros do their thing. Rated PG-13 for some strong language and suggestive material. In Theatres.

Still. This documentary looks at the life and travails of Michael J. Fox - specifically his battle with Parkinson's Disease. Beginning in Canada as a young boy, Michael faced obstacles largely due to his diminutive size. Big bruisers played ice hockey and Michael tried to keep up. He found his calling in high school Drama Class. He dropped out of high school and moved to Los Angeles to follow his dream. He eked out an existence finally getting his break on "Family Ties". "Back to the Future" followed and the rest is history. Diagnosed with Parkinson's in his late 20s, he kept it a secret and fought the good fight to get better. Finally, he went public. He took his personal battle to cure the disease to a global stage and his raised billions of dollars to fund research and treatment. The film is a tribute to him and his family who have worked tirelessly to find a remedy. Rated R for language. Streaming on Netflix.

Jim

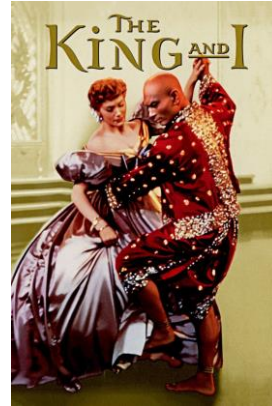
MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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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



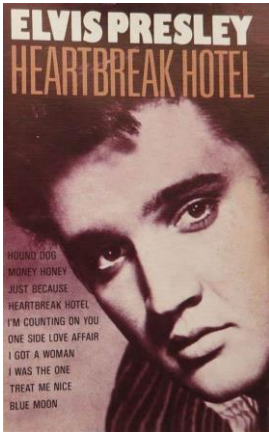
Movie: The King and I

This classic movie, released in 1956, followed the well proven path from the 1944 novel, "Anna and the King of Siam", author Anna Leon Owens; to the 1951 Broadway musical by the team of Rodgers and Hammerstein; to the major motion picture that premiered in 1956. The Broadway musical was an immediate hit winning the Tony Award for Best Musical. The movie was a hit with 10 nominations for academy awards, winning four. While Yul Brynner had made his mark in many motion pictures, this one story has been his most successful, garnering him a Tony award for "Best Featured Actor in a Musical" in 1952 and an Academy Award for "Best Actor" in 1957.

Here are some interesting stories about the original story and script, the making of the movie, and of course the actors.

- The story was based on Margaret Landon's novel "Anna and the King of Siam" (1944) which in turn was derived from the memories of Anna Leonowens, governess to the children of King Mongkut of Siam (early 1860s). The musical's plot relates the experiences of Anna, a British schoolteacher who is hired to educate his children as part of the King's drive to modernize his country.
- Yuliy Borisovich Briner (Yul Brynner) was born in Vladivostok, Russia to a wealthy Swiss-Russian family of landowners and silver mining developers in Siberia and the Far East regions of the world. The family enjoyed a good life until the Red Army occupied Vladivostok in 1922, confiscated and nationalized the Briner family wealth.
- The Thai government banned the movie because they said it was historically inaccurate and insulting to the Royal family. Historians believe many of Anna's own recollections were exaggerated or even fanciful.
- Rodgers and Hammerstein discussed having an Act 1 musical scene involving Anna and the King's wives. It took Hammerstein five exhausting weeks to finally come up with the lyrics for "Hello Young Lovers" which Rodgers never acknowledged as a fine piece of work.
- Other hit songs from the movie included "Getting to Know You", "Shall We Dance", and "I Have Dreamed".

Here is Deborah Kerr singing "Hello Young Lovers" from "The King and I", 1956. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsVTj6LNGFU>



Music: Heartbreak Hotel

If you talk about music, eventually you'll end up talking about Elvis. As one of my favorite singers, I of course, grew up with Elvis in Thailand, the country that went crazy for only two personalities, their sitting monarch, King Bhumibol and Elvis "The King".

In 1954 Elvis began his singing career with Sun Records in Memphis, TN. The story goes that he first went to pay \$3.98 to record 'My Happiness' and "That's When Your Heartaches Begin" for his mother as a belated birthday present. Many biographers suggest that Elvis wanted to get noticed by Sam Phillips, owner of Sun Records. Phillips finally gave Elvis a chance in 1954 but was unimpressed with him. The two musicians assigned to play with Elvis were also unimpressed until during a break Elvis started singing his own version of "That's All Right (Mama)". Phillips liked the bright, upbeat, fast paced sound and started to record it. He said "Fine man. Hell, that's different – that's a pop song now, nearly bout."

Elvis recorded 24 songs at Sun Records before moving on to RCA Victor in 1956. In March he released his first album "Elvis Presley" with all top hit songs i.e., "Blue Suede Shoes" and "I Got a Woman". "Heartbreak Hotel" was recorded during this January session and released as a single. The song gained popularity after his appearance on Stage Show in March 1956. It became his first No. 1 pop record and his first million-seller.

Tommy Durden and Mae Axton wrote the song based on a newspaper story of a man who left a one-line suicide note. She happened to bump into Elvis and Bob Neal (Presley's manager before Col. Parker) and played her tape recording. Elvis loved the dark, brooding song and immediately made plans to record it. The

rest is history. One final note of trivia, Mae claims that she introduced Colonel Tom Parker to Elvis.

Here is Elvis Presley's original recording of "Heartbreak Hotel", 1956.

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=elvis+presley+heartbreak+hotel+original&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:a81e882f,vid:k7nCj2dUoI8>

Here is Elvis Presley's version of "Heartbreak Hotel" sung in his 1968 Comeback Special.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYwMq1VPV7I>

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

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



SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic

Wednesday July 19th

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

Blackberry Farm, Cupertino



Our 2023 Annual Summer Picnic at nearby Blackberry Farm is a real old-fashioned outdoor picnic staffed by our own Branch 35 volunteers.

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

All you can eat and drink for \$20/Person
Register and pay by credit-card on our website
Look for emails starting in early June
(Please Register by July 1st).

During registration you will indicate which of the food choices you and your guests (up to 2) will eat, and if your health requires a cart ride from the parking area

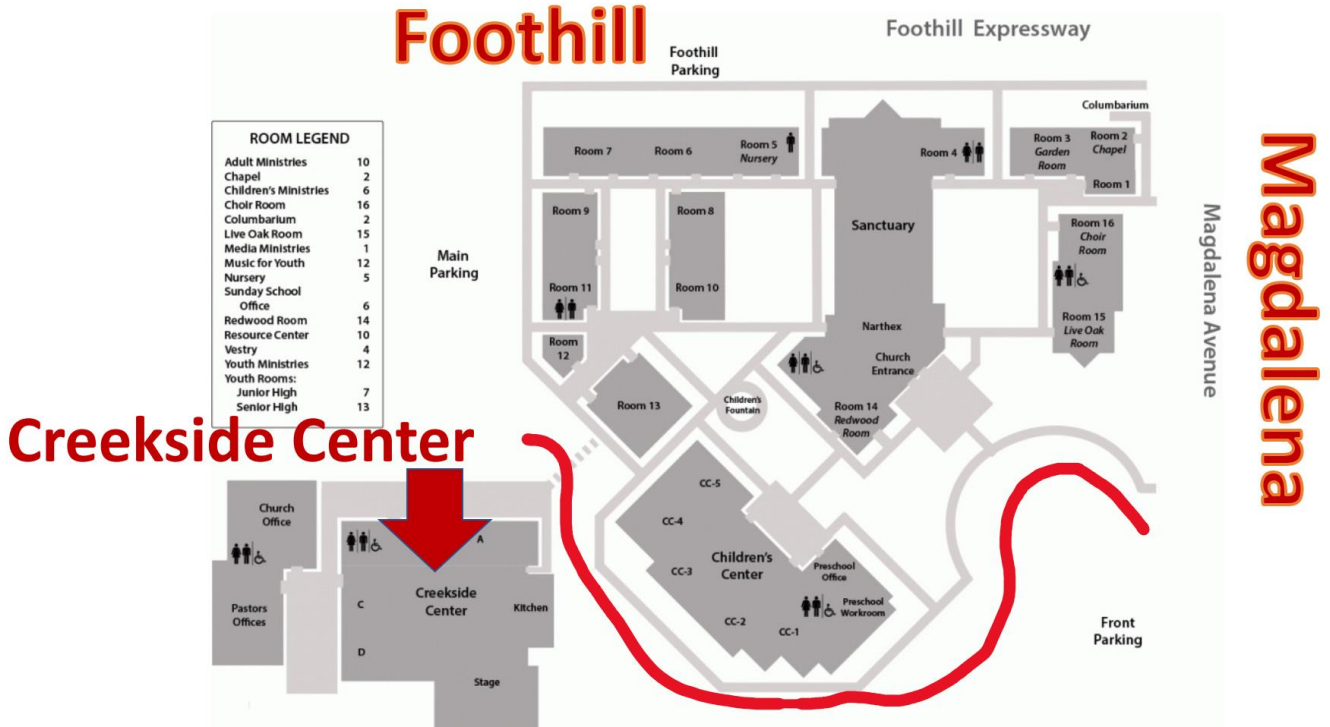


PARKING FOR THE JUNE LUNCHEON

The Los Altos United Methodist Church, Creekside Center

Note that our June meeting will be held at the Los Altos United Methodists' Creekside Center at Foothill and Magdalena.

Los Altos United Methodist Church Map



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SIR Branch 35 Activities - June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 9:30am Sharp Park - \$42	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Golf 10:00am Wente Vineyards - \$89	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 10:05am Seascape - \$65 Biking 11:00am Stevens Creek Trail Meet at Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave.	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Golf 10:00am Presidio - \$100	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Branch 35 Monthly Meeting Los Altos Creekside Center Doors open 11:00am (no Zoom) Lunch ~ 12:00pm, Biz 12:30pm Speaker: Hank Greely: Weird Stuff	Golf 10:00am Lake Chabot - \$40	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Golf 10:00am Metropolitan - \$45	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 9:30am Sunnyvale - \$38	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Santa Cruz Mountains or Coastal, TBC	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Golf 10:00am Boulder Ridge - \$85	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 10:00am Tilden - \$49	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	