



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

Branch 35 web www.sirinc2.org/branch35/**- NEXT MEETING -****3rd Wednesday, July 19, 2023**

SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic 11:00am-1:30pm

Venue: Blackberry Farm, Cupertino,

Menu: BBQ with Salads, Cherries, Beer, Wine,
Soft Drinks**PROGRAM****SIR Branch 35: Annual Picnic**

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

- 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

Blackberry Farm on Stevens Creek Blvd is a great location, only 10 miles from the Mountain View Community Center. It features level terrain and picnic area a short walk from the parking lot. Cart rides will be available from the parking lot to the site for those requesting it in advance.

For your \$20 per-person registration fee, you get all-you-can-eat-and-drink for you and your guests and can participate in the many activities and games being led by our member volunteers.

You may [register yourself and up to 2 paying guests](#) (such as your spouse or a friend) at a cost of \$20 per person. After entering your own lunch item choices, if you have a guest please click ADD GUEST to enter their Last name and Nickname (for their badge), do not add their email address. Then enter your guest's lunch item choices and click DONE. Finally, click PAY ONLINE to go to the credit card payment page.

Register [at this link on our website](#), then come, enjoy the picnic!

The Big Sir says...

As we get ready to celebrate July 4th, it is healthy to reflect on the question of, "What does it mean to be free?" The professional might say that "Freedom is understood as either having the ability to act without constraint or to fulfil one's purpose, unimpeded." The layman might say "it's my choice to do what I want, when I want and without interference from government or anyone else."



Did you know there are three types of freedom?

- The first kind is "freedom from," a freedom from the constraints of society.
- Second, is "freedom to," a freedom to do what one wants..
- Thirdly, there is "freedom to be," a freedom to be who we were meant to be.

The five elements of freedom are: speech, religion, press, assembly and the right to petition the government. Together, these five elements of freedom are guaranteed under the US Constitution's First Amendment, as challenged and adjudicated in Federal and State Judicial Courts across the country. It is these fundamental, protected and practiced, individual rights which elevates the United States of America as one of the citadels of freedom in the world.

As Epictetus (of course, a Greek philosopher) said, "Is freedom anything else than the right to live as we wish? Nothing else."

Happy 4th of July!

Last month we took the time to recognize those branch members that volunteered to help their branch in various ways. We thank them and there is a summary of those awardee recitals in this newsletter.

One final item, we will be hosting our Annual Picnic on July 19th at Blackberry Farm. There is a notice in this newsletter so please sign up soon. It's fun and a great forum for some friendly socializing.

Ron



SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- The monthly luncheon meeting for July will be replaced by our Annual Picnic at Blackberry Farm, so there will be NO MEETING at Mountain View Community Center..

JUNE 2023 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER


Active Members: 301 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://SIR Branch 35 - Membership Directory (wildapricot.org))

NEW MEMBERS

	<p>Bill Zonner Ward Way, Woodside</p>	<p>650-888-4041 billzonner@gmail.com Zonner Inc, National Starch & Chemical, Chemsaar Inc.</p>
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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS

Ron Grace (23)	Klaus Jaeger (22)	Amie Satterlee (23)
Fred Shigemoto (21)		

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ken Allen	Hank Bottino	John Brown
Al Bush	Bob Cain	Bob Caldwell
Joe Cioni	Ken Cornwell	Jim Davis
Justin Go	Joe Hauser	Armond King
Chris Leach	Richard Lowenthal	Michael Maurier
Mike McHenry	Brad Metheany III	Jody Michael
Bill Monroe	Carl Moyer	Jim Narva
Bart Nelson	Ken Newton Jr.	Rich Pattisson
Skip Ross	Jon Saxe	Fred Shigemoto
Tom Smith	Man Tran	Ian Wall
Lou Wolner	Peter Wong	Bill Zonner

In Memoriam

John H. Lemes, a member of Branch 35 since 2011.
We've lost a friend, he will be missed. R.I.P.

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 June meeting we read "The Maid" by Nita Prose. It is a mystery story about a maid in a luxury hotel who discovers a guest dead in his room. She is the prime suspect. She is a sweet soul, somewhere on the autism spectrum and OCD. She loves to clean and get everything perfect again.

Most of us liked it, and some loved it, for its charming character and engaging plot, as long as we suspended disbelief and accepted somewhat unlikely twists.

For the July meeting, we will read and discuss "Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases" (NF) by Paul Holes ..

BIKING

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2nd TUESDAY - July 13th, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcomed; helmets required and face masks optional but read latest CDC guidance below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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 trail was temporarily closed because of flooding and downed trees from heavy rains earlier this year. 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 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.

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

WINE FINDERS

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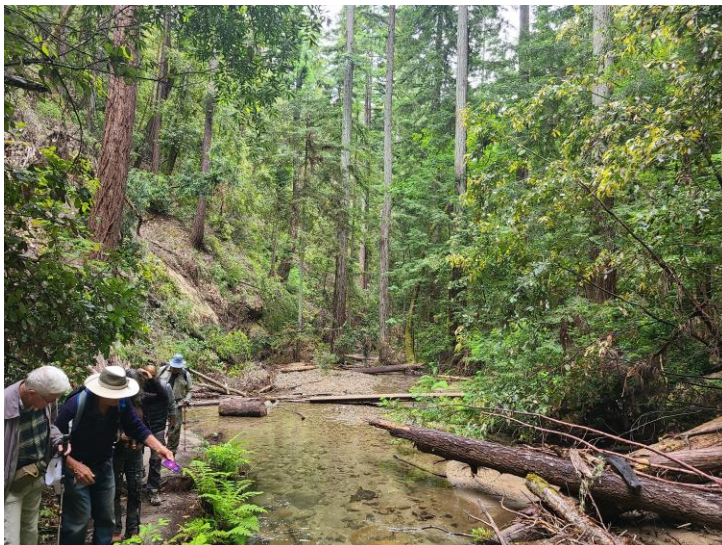
This activity is for couples who want to have fun and meet new people. We gather at the home of a host couple to blind taste, grade wines and share appetizers. Contact either Alan or Russ to join or for more information.

HIKING

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Twenty Two hikers took part in our hike on the Fall Creek and Lime Kiln loop. It was nice to see several new hikers join our group. We had good weather and everyone had a good time as we hiked along the banks of Fall Creek, amongst giant Redwoods and had lunch at the ruins of the Lime Kiln built in the late 1880's. We then returned to the trailhead and retired to the Humble Sea Tavern in Downtown Felton for more talk and camaraderie.



The next SIR hike will be Friday, July 28th. We will meet again to hike a Bay Area Trail in the 4-6 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 and old friends. Bring your spouse, significant other or a friend and join us. Remember to bring a hat, layer your clothing and pack a trail lunch which we will eat approximately half way along our planned route. Hikes normally occur on the 4th Friday of the month.

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

Photos by John Tucker and Campbell Scott

John Tucker

BOOK SWAP

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The book swap will not be present at the Annual Picnic. It will resume at our August luncheon meeting.

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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BOCCE BALL

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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.

The weather is excellent, the court surface is good, and player attendance generally fills the two courts. The Los Altos Parks & Recreation Director reports that the Cafe RFP for beverages and packaged snacks, etc. should be issued by the Los Altos Council soon with responses from prospective vendors expected in about one month. Cafe operation will be started sometime later. We now host a few (~3) players from nearby Sir Branch 5 (Southern Peninsula) as guests.

BRIDGE

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The Bridge group is active and playing at the Los Altos Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at noon. Just drop in and play or let me know you're coming so we can plan a bit.

Mark

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

Two weeks remaining in the Summer Session, plus the sweeps - and no bowling on July 4th. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

STANDINGS - WEEK 14 - SUMMER 2023	
1st PLACE -- Ken Allen, Doug Anderson, Alan Gaudie, Joe Enos	
2nd PLACE -- Harold Kaye, Jim Holman, Arnie Satterlee	
3rd PLACE -- Ranney Thayer, Stan Barkey, Marc Haberman	
4th PLACE -- Bob Feigelson, Ruth Ososkie, Jerry Ososkie, Ron Nakamoto	
5th PLACE -- Norm Hackford, Gerry Cooley, Darryl Walker, Don Haythronwhite	
6th PLACE -- Les Fisher, Peter Wong, Perry Brown	
7th PLACE -- Rick McColloch, Bob Taggart, Jay Jonekait	
8th PLACE -- Brian Lin, Fred Emmenegger, Larry Low	

SEASON HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	575 - Larry Low	1st	245 - Arnie Satterlee
2nd	545 - Joe Enos	2nd	211 - Ron Nakamoto
3rd	527 - Jay Jonekait	3rd	203 - D. Haythronwhite
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	718 - Stan Barkey	1st	277 - Marc M
2nd	685 - Doug Anderson	2nd	273 - Jim Holman
3rd	661 - Bob Garten - TIE	3rd	261 Darryl Walker
3rd	661 - Perry Brown - TIE		

LAST WEEK'S TOP SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	513 - D. Haythronwhite	1st	183 - Arnie Satterlee
2nd	449 - Larry Low	2nd	177 - Joe Enos
3rd	444 - Jay Jonekait	3rd	175 - Stan Barkey
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	643 - Bob Taggart	1st	242 - Brian Lin
2nd	632 - Doug Anderson	2nd	233 - Gerry Cooley
3rd	590 - Alan Gaudie	3rd	224 - Fred Emmenegger

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Fixtures for the Coming Month

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday July 14			
Callippe Preserve (CPR) (Cart)	Thu Aug 3	10:04	\$57
	Schutz 408-313-6852 pschutz(at)comcast.net / O'Brien		
Santa Teresa (SNT) (Cart)	Mon Aug 7	10:00	\$76
	Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandelaine(at)comcast.net / Asrat		
Wente Vineyards (WNT) (Cart)	Thu Aug 10	10:00	\$89
Double Points	Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1(at)gmail.com ** Need TC **		
Corica Park South (CCS)	Mon Aug 14	10:00	\$75
	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net ** Need TC **		
Moffett Field (MFD)	Thu Aug 17	9:30	\$48
	Methery 408-375-7854 brad_metheary(at)fuhsd.org / P Wong		
Crazy Horse (Cart)	Mon Aug 21	9:00	\$70
	** Need TC ** / ** Need ATC **		
San Jose Muni (SJM)	Thu Aug 24	10:00	\$47
	** Need TC ** / ** Need ATC **		
DeLaveaga (DLV)	Mon Aug 28	9:30	\$61
Scramble	O'Meara 408-506-4714 omearatimo(at)gmail.com / Squellati		
Cinnabar Hills (CBH) (Cart)	Thu Aug 31	8:30	\$90
	Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandelaine(at)comcast.net / Miles		

John Ray Fires the Round of the Month

The best round of the month came on May 31 when John Ray carded an outstanding score: 6.6 strokes under at Poppy Ridge. His net 65 allowed him to win his flight by 3 strokes and puts him in the lead for "Round of the Year" honors.

How to Choose the Golf Ball that's Right for You

It's difficult to perceive the things that distinguish one brand of ball from another. Yet each brand offers six to twelve varieties of ball, and price points vary by a factor of 3 from cheapest to most expensive. Important objective differences between balls include: compression ("softness"), # of layers (from 2 to 5), and cover material (urethane or ionomer), and number of dimples.

How a golf ball performs depends on both its construction and how the ball is struck – what speed, what angle, what club path.

Each vendor's web site offers a ball selector you can use to get recommendations for the variety that best fits your game and desired performance outcomes. Here are three links. You can easily Google other brands.

- Titleist <https://www.titleist.com/golf-ball-fitting-tool>
- Bridgestone <https://www.bridgestonegolf.com/en-us/find-my-ball/ball-selector-tool>
- Callaway: <https://www.callawaygolf.com/custom-fitting/online-ball-selector/>

According to a family member who is a Titleist sales rep, Titleist's ball selector focuses on greenside performance over distance because golfers can lower their scores most easily when their approach shots deliver predictable and consistent results. He also mentioned that modern golf balls don't "go bad" due to simply aging, nor do they perform differently if you play the same ball for 36 holes or more. You only need to stop using a ball if it is visibly scuffed, because that can affect distance, spin, and feel.

JULY'S SPECIAL DAYS

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- 1st Tour de France Start (cycling)
- 1st Canada Day
- 3rd Wimbledon Start (tennis)
- 4th Independence Day
- 10th World Cup Start (women's soccer)
- 14th Bastille Day (France)
- 20th British Open Start (golf)
- 23rd Tour de France Start (women's cycling)
- 27th Armistice Day, Korean War

McGrath Qualifies Near the Top

At the NCGA Senior Net Qualifying Round at Baylands on May 25, Richard McGrath finished in a tie for second place out of 52 contestants. He easily qualified for the Finals, but, unfortunately, had to withdraw due to injury.

The Rules Corner

Rules Quiz from Last 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 near it 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?

Here are 3 possible answers, but only one is correct. Can you guess which one?

- 2 minutes (because in the case of multiple balls hit to the same area the "3 minute rule" is all the time allowed for searching that area, no matter how many balls he has hit there.)
- 3 minutes (because the search time is 3 minutes per ball, and it resets to 3 once he finds either of the two balls)
- 5 minutes (because he gets 3 minutes for each ball, for a total of 6, and has only used 1 minute so far)

The Ruling: When both the original and provisional balls are hit into the same area, then three minutes of search time is allowed for both balls. If they were hit to different areas, it would be three minutes each. Under no circumstance does a player have any leftover time to apply to a second search. In this situation the player has two minutes remaining to find the original ball.

Golf Results

2023 Team Match Play Tournament Results					
(If a name is in red it means the player's "over/under" score was -2.0 or better.)					
Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize	
2	Sharp Park	Taboada & Gerich def. Tran and P. Wong	5 & 4	\$10@	
2	Seascape	Jonekait & R. Lau def. Squellati & Baugher	5 & 3	\$10@	
2	Presidio	Low & Cioni def. Petersen & Grace	1 up	\$10@	

2023 Individual Match Play Tournament Results					
(If a name is in red it means the player's "over/under" score was -2.0 or better.)					
Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize	
1	Presidio	Les Miles def. Richard Pattison	5 & 3	\$10	
1	Presidio	Paul Schutz def. Stan Barkey	1 up	\$10	
1	Metropolitan	Don Mattson def. Larry Baugher	4 & 3	\$10	
1	Sunnyvale	John Rittweger def. Ron Nakamoto	4 & 3	\$10	

Poppy Ridge								
Palmer Flt. 1			Par 72			May 31, 2023		
Net	\$		Net	\$		Net	\$	
Jay Jonekait	73	\$20	R. Nakamoto	68	\$20	John Ray	65	\$18
Bob Garten	73	\$15	Stan Barkey	71	\$15	Jim Narva	68	\$14
Jim Thorne	73	\$10	D. Squellati	72	\$10	G. O'Brien	73	\$10
Larry Low	77	\$5	Jerry Ososkie	73	\$5			

Inside Putter Length: Jay Jonekait (2 inches on Merlot #8) \$15
 Low Gross (forward tees): Bob Garten and Jay Jonekait tied at 85
 Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 75

Sharp Park			Par 72		June 1, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Shaun Millard	74	\$17	John Ray	74	\$18	
Jay Jonekait	74	\$10	Larry Wall	74	\$14	
			Tim O'Meara	75	\$10	

Low Gross: Jay Jonekait 88

Wente Vineyards ABCD Scramble			Par 72		June 5, 2023	
Team	Score	Prize				
Low, Scardino, Petersen, Gikis	56	\$18 @				
Miles, Garten, O'Meara, Baugher	57	\$12 @				
McGrath, Nakamoto, Gerich Pattison	57	\$7 @				

Seascape			Par 71		June 8, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Bob Garten	72	\$24	Balbir Kalsi	68	\$18	
John Gerich	73	\$18	Peter Wong	72	\$14	
Herb Petersen	74	\$12	Joe Ens	73	\$10	
Marc Haberman	75	\$8	Ben Gikis	76	\$5	

Low Gross (forward tees): Chris Weberg 87
 Low Gross (back tees): Bob Garten 90

Presidio			Par 72Blue 70Red		June 12, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
John Rittweger	75	\$21	Wendell Stephens	70	\$18	
Walt Joyce	76	\$16	Ben Gikis	70	\$14	
Jay Jonekait	78	\$10	Joe Glynn	70	\$10	
Stan Scardino	79	\$5				

Inside Putter Length: Wendell Stephens on #13 (\$15)
 Low Gross (forward tees): Larry Wall 98 (Les Miles 87 in match play)
 Low Gross (back tees): Walt Joyce 90

Lake Chabot			Par 71Wh 70Red		June 15, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
John Rittweger	72	\$18	Man Tran	73	\$18	
Peter Lau	73	\$14	Balbir Kalsi	73	\$12	
Ron Nakamoto	74	\$10	Peter Wong	74	\$7	

Low Gross (forward tees): Balbir Kalsi 91
 Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 85

Metropolitan						Par 72		June 19, 2023	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Larry Low	68	\$20	Ken Jones	69	\$20	Joe Enos	68	\$18	
Stan Scardino	74	\$15	William Nix	72	\$15	Ben Gikis	70	\$14	
Bob Garten	75	\$10	R. Nakamoto	73	\$10	Man Tran	72	\$10	
Ron Lau	77	\$5	Herb Petersen	76	\$5				

Low Gross (forward tees): Larry Low 80
 Low Gross (back tees): Alex Bush 84

Sunnyvale			Par 70		June 22, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Rich Pattison	67	\$24	Jim Narva	68	\$22	
Larry Low	68	\$18	Larry Wall	70	\$16	
Peter Lau	70	\$12	Ben Gikis	70	\$12	
Tom Taboada	71	\$8	Gerald Cooley	70	\$7	

Low Gross: Larry Low 82 (John Rittweger shot 81 in match play)

Boulder Ridge			Par 72		June 26, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Bob Garten	68	\$25	Jim Narva	70	\$18	
Tom Taboada	72	\$19	Ben Gikis	73	\$12	
John Rittweger	73	\$14	Gerald Cooley	73	\$7	
Ron Nakamoto	74	\$9				
Dave Squellati	75	\$5				

Inside Putter Length: John Rittweger on #2 (\$15)
 Low Gross (forward tees): Bob Garten 84
 Low Gross (back tees): Larry Low 91

BRANCH AWARDS PRESENTED AT OUR JUNE MEETING



*Awardees, from left to right:
Jerry Ososkie,
Dave Ogle,
Bruce Karney,
Alan Gaudie,
John Gerich,
Tom Taboada,
Ron Schoengold*

Our June luncheon meeting took on extra significance as Big SIR Ron Nakamoto presented our Branch Awards to deserving members who volunteered their time and efforts to “better our branch”. The Branch awards are comprised of two awards: (1) Distinguished Service Award (DSA), and (2) I’m Doing My Part Award (DMP).

An Award Committee, chaired by former Big SIR Andy Danver, convened in early May to evaluate candidate members deserving of recognition. Of our 300 members, the committee identified 76 candidates (25%) that volunteered in some capacity. Of that candidate list the committee discussed, ranked and weighted the most significant contributions and came to a recommended group of two DSA (1%) and nine DMP nominations (3%). The Awards Chair submitted the nominations to the Branch Executive Council who unanimously approved it.

The awardees were notified by formal letter and invited to attend the June awards presentation luncheon meeting. The awardees were seated at a special Awards table, provided a complimentary lunch and received their individual recitation, metal pin, and gift certificate at the luncheon.



Distinguished Service Award (DSA) Criteria

- Active member, more than three years
- Continuous exceptional service throughout his membership
- Stepped up to help his Branch succeed when asked
- Recognized as a major contributor to the Branch.



DSA for Tom Taboada for Golf Activity leadership, tournament workbook innovation, transition to new website, transition to new golf handicap system and golf “Stats Pack”. “Every org. needs a “go to” guy who keeps the ship on course. Tom has been that guy for SIR Branch 35 Golf.”



DSA for John Gerich for Golf Activity leadership with a tournament pairing sheet for 15 years; co-founded and later lead the Book Swap activity for thirteen years. “John is always willing to go the extra mile to help service our Branch needs.”



I'm Doing My Part Award (DMP) Criteria

- Active member, more than two years
- Volunteers to lead an activity, event, or task
- Individually contributes to the success of the Branch
- Eagerly steps forward where the need arises



DMP for Alan Gaudie for conceiving and starting the “Dining In” Activity, for conceiving and starting the “Wine Finders” Activity and for serving as the Treasurer for the Bowling Activity. “Alan is an active member, a doer, and a credit to this branch.”



DMP for Bruce Karney for serving as Communications Director, leading the transition to the MVCC, nominating local Environmental community speakers and leading the upgrade and transition of the branch website. “Bruce is a valuable, creative, leader for our Branch.”



DMP for Dave Ogle for leading the Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) since 2012, volunteer “Drinks Guy” for our picnic and for serving as the “Trophy’s Guy” for our Golf Activity. “Dave is a model active member who cares about his fellow members.”



DMP for Jerry Ososkie for serving as Branch Treasurer when the need arose, volunteer Golf Tournament Workbook Author, volunteer Bridge Activity lead, conceiving and leading the picnic “Tomato Contest Activity”. “Jerry is always willing to step up and is an excellent organizer.”



DMP for Ron Schoengold for serving as the Audio-Visual lead from 2015, serving as a member of the AV team during the Pandemic, volunteering to prepare and BBQ the (always tasty) ribs and chicken for our BBQ. “We are fortunate to have Ron as an active member of our branch.”



DMP for Jerry Belden for serving as co-editor of the Membership Roster since 2015, Book Activity Chair since 2018 and Activities Director from 2020-2022. “Jerry is a fine example of someone that will step up and help when the need arises.”



DMP for John Ray for serving as the Branch webmaster since 2017, providing web security and QR code expertise, and assisting with the major branch website upgrade. “John is an active member with a can-do attitude and is always willing to help.”



DMP for David Skurnick for serving in the Trail Birds Activity since 2008, co-authoring the speaker parodies since 2018 and leading the activity since 2019. David ensures the Trail Birds are something the Branch can be proud of. “David is an active member whose contribution creates a unique program for our luncheons.”



DMP for Richard Blackborow for serving as the Technology Director and the Membership Database lead since 2020, serving as the Pandemic Zoom lead, supporting hybrid meetings when we could meet in person again, and supporting the transition to our new meeting facility at MVCC. “Richard is dedicated, creative, and an example of what a model member can be.”

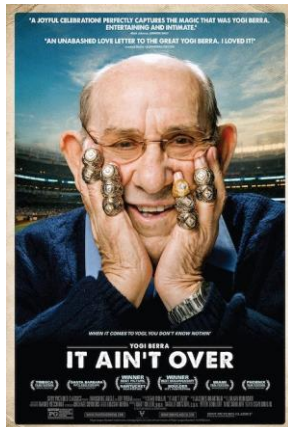
MOVIES

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Our Movies group meet on 3rd Tuesday of each month via Zoom. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan to be added to the invitee list.

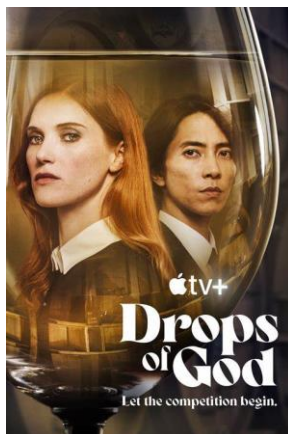


It Ain't Over. Baseball fans and lovers of a good story must see this documentary about Yogi Berra, the best baseball player of all time and arguably one of the greatest humans of all time. His granddaughter saw to it that this documentary was made when Yogi was overlooked as one of the greatest living baseball players of all time. He had more World Series rings than the honorees - combined; more MVP awards and better stats. Oh well, Yogi was always misunderstood. Even

his famous "Yogisms" were more accurate than derisive. The documentary delves into Yogi's family and personal life as we get to know him well. He was much more than the caricatures associated with him. He was a sports legend both on and off the field. This is one to see with the whole family. Available on Amazon Prime Video. Rated PG for smoking, some drug references, language and brief war images. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Transformers: Rise of the Beasts. They are back for another two hours of battles and car crashes. It's the good bots versus the bad bots - but this time there are some new ones, the Maximals, who help the AutoBots save earth. This gimmick is now over 30 years old and showing its age. It's time to retire the "bots" and come up with something new. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence, and language. In Theatres.



Drops of God. This eight part series on Apple TV+ explores different cultures and the world of wine snobbery. It will slowly get its hooks in to you as the action shifts among Japan, France and Italy. Alexandre Léger is a well known wine critic. His Guide is the wine bible to the world. He has just died at his Tokyo home. He leaves behind a daughter, Camille (Fleur Geffrier), who lives in Paris. She has not seen her father since she was a young child. When Léger's will is

read, she learns that her father has left her an amazing wine collection worth millions of dollars. But, there is a catch. To claim the inheritance, Camille must compete with a talented young Japanese oenologist, Issei. He was her father's protege. They are tested many ways to see who is worthy of the wine collection. The tests take them from Japan and France with a detour through Italy. The tests reveal their character as well as Léger's. Secrets are divulged as well as clever ways to game the perfidious tests. Check this one out. Geffrier is very reminiscent of Greta Garbo. Rated TV MA for language and sexual content. In Japanese, French and English with subtitles in English.



Past Lives. This Korean movie is a beautiful meditation on love. The acting is superb as the film looks at love from youthful infatuation to mature adult relationships. Nora (nee Na Young) and Hae Sung, are two adolescents in Korea who form a deep bond. Nora's family emigrates from South Korea to Canada and the two are separated. 20 years later, Nora is in NYC following her dream to be a playwright when she discovers that Hae Sung has been looking for her on Facebook. They

communicate electronically for quite some time when they finally meet again in person. They still carry the torch they had for one another years ago, but each has moved on. They still love one another and realize that they must let go to pursue their own destiny. In Korean with English Subtitles. Rated PG-13 for some strong language. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

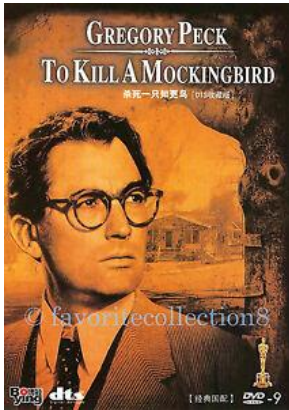
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MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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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: To Kill a Mockingbird

I'm sure everyone knows, and most have read "To Kill a Mockingbird", by Harper Lee, published in 1960. It won the Pulitzer Prize and has become a classic in American literature and required reading in high school.

Here are some behind the scenes facts about the author and novel.

- The plot and characters are loosely based on Lee's observations of her family, her neighbors and the event that occurred near her hometown of Monroeville, Alabama in 1936, when she was ten.
- The novel was adapted to a screenplay by Horton Foote in 1962 and made into a movie by director Robert Mulligan, winning eight Academy Awards in 1963 including Best Actor for Gregory Peck (one of my favorites) and Best Picture.
- Lee modeled the character Dill on Truman Capote. Like Dill, Capote lived next door during the summer and shared an impressive imagination, and a gift for fascinating stories. Capote called the two of them "apart people". In 1960, Capote and Lee travelled to Kansas together to investigate the multiple murders that was the basis for Capote's nonfiction novel "In Cold Blood".
- The original title was "Go Set a Watchman" which was changed to "Atticus" but Lee renamed it to its title to reflect that the story was more than a character portrait.

Here is a link to a few photos from the 1963 Academy Awards with some very familiar faces.

<https://www.oscars.org/oscars/ceremonies/1963?fid=7351>



Music: America the Beautiful – Ray Charles

The song was authored by Katharine Lee Bates, who was an English teacher and poet, born in 1859. After visiting Pike's Peak in Colorado, she was so awe-struck with that area of the country that she sat down and wrote a poem, describing the joys experienced by all

Americans.

The music was written in 1882 by composer Samuel Augustus Ward while on a ferryboat trip from Coney Island back to New York City. His tune, originally titled "Materna" was repurposed to the words

of the poem. The song resonated with Americans from all walks of life and spread in all group settings, from Sunday schools to civic readings, and in countless periodicals. While Bates was initially surprised by the poem's success, she later reflected that its enduring "hold as it has upon our people, is clearly due to the fact that Americans are at heart idealists, with a fundamental faith in human brotherhood."

Many famous renditions of the song have been sung across the decades.

Here is Ray Charles singing his soaring rendition of "America the Beautiful" at the second game of the World Series on October 28, 2001, just several weeks after the national tragedy of 9/11.

<https://andscape.com/features/ray-charles-america-the-beautiful-is-our-best-hope-for-bringing-us-together/>

Here is another version with Ray Charles's singing in the background as awe inspiring American panoramic visuals pass by in the foreground.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZYH8v42a2w>

Here is a link to the original poem copyrighted by Bates in 1895.

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/spotlight-primary-source/america-beautiful-1893>

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



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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

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



