




TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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- NEXT MEETING -

3rd Wednesday, August 16, 2023

SIR Branch 35 Lunch Meeting 11:00am-1:30pm

Business 12:15pm, Speaker 12:45pm

Venue: Mountain View Community Center,

Menu: Remember to arrange your own lunch!

PROGRAM

Mark Cary: An American Volunteer in Ukraine



Mark Cary grew up in Pacific Grove California and graduated from Stevenson School in 1985. He joined the Marine Corps and served in the Presidential Honor Guard in Washington DC, and as an infantry squad leader with the 6th Marine Regiment.

In 1993, he graduated from James Madison University in Virginia with a degree in political science and economics, with an emphasis on Soviet and Eastern European Studies.

He joined the U. S. Border Patrol in 1994 and went on to serve on an intelligence team, and later commanded a special operations unit. He also served as the congressional liaison, and did a year on an officer exchange program with the US Coast Guard.

Mark retired in 2017 and started a small business teaching self-defense and firearms fundamentals.

Mark has made five trips to Ukraine since the Russian invasion on February 24, 2022. He works as an independent volunteer with a variety of humanitarian organizations and military units.

In today's presentation Mark Cary will discuss the current state of affairs in the Russo-Ukraine war, and his experiences during his five trips there since the war began.

Peter Wong

The Big Sir says...

The "Dog Days of Summer" are upon us. Did you know that this expression originated from the Romans who believed Sirius, the "Dog Star", rose and set with the sun, adding to the heat of the sun. They referred to this time as "dies caniculares", or "dog days". So, for our next luncheon, I would encourage you to wear your comfortable Hawaiian shirts to keep cool. Maybe we will have an award for the most "interesting" aloha outfit!



Our annual July Picnic is in the books. We had a great turnout with a final count of 194. That is one well attended picnic! I extend my thanks to the many volunteers under the leadership of Ben Gikis, Special Events & Activities Director, for helping make this annual outing an enjoyable and yummy event.

I have several business items to discuss.

The first is we have started the process to identify and nominate our Branch Officers for 2024. We have openings for the following positions: (1) Communications Director, (2) Activities Director, and (3) Little SIR. I remind all of you that we are an organization that is 100% operated by volunteers. If you have enjoyed the many benefits of this organization, isn't it time you volunteered to help us continue our excellent performance? Contact me to volunteer, if not for one of the officer positions, then perhaps with our holiday party.

The second item is we will continue to meet for the balance of the year at our Mountain View Community Center. The process we must comply with is to reserve our meeting dates on a quarterly basis. This process has worked well for us except for September whereby they blocked our requested date for their own needs. So, in September, we will be meeting on September 13, the second Wednesday of the month. I will reiterate this change next month but try to log this date on your calendar.

The third item is that I am considering bringing back the catered lunch. I have three caterers qualified to provide services starting at our September luncheon meeting. What worked best was our experience at the Elks Lodge whereby all attendees participated in either a hot meal, buffet style, or a cold plate. I would welcome your input as to whether you would be comfortable with moving to a catered lunch (at a reasonable price) or keeping things the same. Let me or one of the BEC Officers know.

The final item is I will be leading a “Young Guns” committee to map out and execute a plan to recruit younger members into our branch. If you wish to participate or have any ideas on how best to attract younger members (65 or less), let me know.

Living life is all about enjoying the journey from here to there. Volunteers experience joy and satisfaction when they engage vs. watching from afar as a bystander.

Ron

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- We are back to the Mountain View Community Center for our August meeting Wednesday the 16th (see map in this newsletter)

AUGUST 2023 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 304 Net Monthly Change: +3

We added three new members this month. Word is out, this is a cool, 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 \(wildapricot.org\)](https://www.wildapricot.org/SIR%20Branch%2035%20-%20Membership%20Directory)

NEW MEMBERS

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS

Terry Barnhart (16)	Larry Baugher (10)	John Brittain (19)
Terry Hayes (13)	Jim Lunt (11)	Richard Moll (17)
Tom Moulton (16)	Dave Squellati (16)	Milt Wehrman (16)
James Yoshida (11)		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jovy de Villa	Larry Dike	Herb Fischgrund
Wayne Grove	Sam Im	Ken Jones
Walt Joyce	Mike Kirst	Peter Meigs
Jim Miller	Dave Ogle	Jerry Ososkie
Dick Peacock	Glen Pedigo	Carl Plescia
Cliff Reinhardt	John Rinehart	Stan Scardino
Vern Schmidt	Dave Squellati	Todd Stewart
Mark Temme	Tim Topole	Dick Treakle
Pete Van Kuran	Ed White	

PICNIC STARS

This year’s summer picnic is in the books with a large attendance of 190+ members and guests. The warm summer weather and light breeze set the stage for a pleasant event.



Thanks to the early crew of volunteers Paul Schutz, Andy Danver, and Peter Wong, we were able to set up promptly starting at 10am helping Ben and Ken Jones unload and position all the picnic provisions. Peter Thurston,

Jim Narva, Gerry Feeney, Bob Fisher, and Don Mattson helped set up the table coverings. Don, one of our “Seniors” (over 90) was also bouncing around assisting Ben on various tasks. Larry Low and Gerry Cooley helped set up the salad and condiment area. Ken and Ron Nakamoto started setting up the charcoal and cleaning the BBQ grills. Dave Ogle, Mike Su and a new member, Jovy de Villa helped set up the drinks area. Richard Blackborow, assisted by Don Fiedler, again volunteered to bring his sound system for background music and a microphone for any announcements. Ron Schoengold took the time to prepare, marinate and precook all the ribs and chicken which he stored in three five-gallon containers. We all need to extend our thanks for all his preparation time as he continues to service his ailing wife. Finally, Andy Danver, set up the SIR banner, name badge pick up station, and check in station.

Just think, we would not be able to conduct such an affordable event, with lots of great food, in such a pleasant location without the dedication of our volunteers. Special thanks to Andy’s wife Jean who takes the time to go around and takes pictures of our many members and activities.

As the charcoals blazed, the BBQ teams of Dave Squellati, Darryl Monda, Jerry Ososkie, assisted by Ken and Nancy Jones, started cooking on one grill. The second team of Ron Nakamoto and Aidan Stroot (Ron’s grandson) started cooking the chicken and ribs. The line started early but the chefs kept up with plenty of food on the serving trays.

As the picnic tables filled, the group banter filled the air often drowning out the music. Soon, Dave Squellati started the Cornhole game, Ben Kuckens hosted the Chess activity and Leland Chan announced the Bingo game. It was an enjoyable time for all with some good food and enjoyable conversations.

Ben and I would like to thank the members that stayed and helped pack and load the cars and clean up the area. Until next year!

Ron

We will have PHOTOS by Andy and Jean Danver in our next edition!

BOOK SWAP

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See our [web page](#)



The book swap can be found at the August 16th luncheon meeting. Bring a favorite book to share and grab one that catches your eye. There is always lots of variety to stimulate new interests!

BOOK CLUBSee our [web page](#)

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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 July meeting we read "Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases" by Paul Holes. The author was a criminalist in Contra Costa County. The group was nearly unanimous that the book spent too much time on the author's personal life, but they also felt the content about the science and technology a criminalist uses to help solve cases was very interesting. There were many insights into some of the most notorious Bay Area cases like Scott Peterson, Jaycee Dugard, and the Golden State Killer (GSK). The author was a major contributor to identifying GSK. Some gory parts required a strong stomach to read.

For our August meeting, we will read and discuss "The Big Picture" (NF) by Sean Carroll.

BIKINGSee our [web page](#)

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2nd THURSDAY - August 10th, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcomed. Rain cancels the ride. Helmets required and face masks optional but read latest CDC guidance below:

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

**San Lorenzo Bay Trail Ride**

Ride: The ride starts from San Lorenzo passing by the Oakland International Airport to the breathtaking Bay Farm Island in Alameda. It is a very scenic, bay front trail that's paved and level (including 1-2 miles of quiet residential streets and 2-3 miles of Alameda city streets securely barricaded from all traffic, about 22 miles round trip. We will stop in Alameda for lunch and then ride back to our starting point.



San Francisco Cityscape from Bay Farm Island

The trail can get a bay breeze so bring light windbreaker or vest. This ride is much like the Foster City Bay Trail/Oracle Redwood Shores ride, but on the East Bay.

Directions: From Silicon Valley take I-880 heading North, exit on Hesperian Blvd (about 20 miles from Mt View/Palo Alto) turning left on to Hesperian Blvd, then right on Grant Avenue and turn right into the trail parking lot (near the end of Grant Avenue). Plug Into your car GPS: 2561 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo. This will direct you to the building next to the Hayward Regional Parking Lot (park here).

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

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WINE FINDERSSee our [web page](#)

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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.

CHESSSee our [web page](#)

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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.

BRIDGESee our [web page](#)

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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

HIKING

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Our July SIRs hike took us to the Resolution Trail in El Corte De Madera Creek Open Space Preserve in the Santa Cruz mountains. The trail was mostly in the shade and the weather was in the 70's, unlike the temperature in the valley. We stopped for lunch on a hill with a view of the mountains and the ocean and after the hike we gathered for a debriefing at Alice's Restaurant in Woodside.



SIR hiking group at the Resolution Trail

This month we will be hiking on Friday, August 25, 2023. As I get more information on the expected weather I will send out a notice on the location of the next hike to those on the hiking group list. If you have a suggestion for a hike let me know or if you would like to be added to the Hiking Group list send me an email. We normally hike on the 4th Friday of the month with locations in the local foothills, the Santa Cruz mountains or down by the coast. Remember to bring water, a trail lunch, hiking shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. We will find a place to eat along the trail. Bring your spouse, significant other or friend. This is a friendly group and we encourage you to join the fun.

John Tucker

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AUGUST'S SPECIAL DAYS

- 7th Purple Heart Day
- 12th International Youth Day
- 19th IAAF World Championships (Athletics - start)
- 20th Women's World Cup (Soccer - finish)
- 26th Women's Equality Day
- 27th MTV Video Music Awards
- 28th US Open (Tennis - start)



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.



Sir Branch 35 Bocce players on the courts at the Los Altos Community Center.

(Photo courtesy of Billy Hustace for the Community Center)

Part of what is special about playing Bocce is being able to share the experience with a diverse group of fellow Sirs using this excellent new facility. With cooperation from the weather, our recent turnouts have been good!

BOWLING

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

Following are the results of the Summer Session. The fall Session, with all new teams, starts on August 1st. Over the years the Homestead Bowl has increased our rates three times, the last time being in July. While it is still reasonable, it cuts into our weekly and 'end of session' prize money. Starting immediately, the weekly charge will be \$18 per person. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

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

SEASON HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	575 - Larry Low	1st	245 - Arnie Satterlee
2nd	554 - Joe Enos	2nd	211 - Ron Nakamoto
3rd	527 - Jay Jonekait (TIE)	3rd	209 - Perry Brown
3rd	527 - Jerry Ososkie (TIE)		
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	718 - Stan Barkey	1st	277 - Marc Haberman
2nd	685 - Doug Anderson	2nd	273 - Jim Holman
3rd		3rd	261 - Darryl Walker

LAST WEEK'S TOP SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	527 - Jerry Ososkie	1st	207 - Bob Taggart
2nd	515 - Larry Low	2nd	193 - Jay Jonekait
3rd	494 - Joe Enos	3rd	175 - Stan Barkey
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	643 - Bob Taggart	1st	235 - Bob Garten
2nd	610 - Ken Allen	2nd	214 - Brian Lin
3rd	584 - Ruth Ososkie	3rd	212 - Rick McColloch

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Fixtures for the Coming Month

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday August 11				
Shoreline (SHL)	Wed Sep 6	9:30	\$39	
McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / Petersen				
Dublin Ranch (DRN) (Cart)	Thu Sep 7	9:30	\$41	
Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net / ** Need ATC **				
Eagle Ridge (ERG) (Cart)	Mon Sep 11	10:00	\$74	
Tournament: Team scramble Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandelayne(at)comcast.net / Holman				
Los Lagos (LLS)	Thu Sep 14	10:00	\$35	
Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net / ** Need ATC **				
Callippe Preserve (CPR) (Cart)	Mon Sep 18	10:04	\$57	
Double Points Barkey 408-996-3133 stanbarkey(at)gmail.com / Wilson				
SIR State Tournament - RENO	9/5 - 9/8	see website		
At Toiyabe and Wolf Run (details at state website) https://sirgolf.org/				
Coyote Creek - T (CCT) (Cart,Range)	Thu Sep 21	9:35	\$90	
Asrat 650-454-0167 mack_asrat@yahoo.com / ** Need ATC **				
Spring Hills	Mon Sep 25	10:00	\$40	
Gikis 650-948-9523 gikisben@yahoo.com / ** Need ATC **				
The Villages (VLG) (Cart,Range)	Thu Sep 28	11:30	\$73	
O'Meara 408-506-4714 omearatimo(at)gmail.com / Squellati				

McGrath Has His First Hole in One

Rich McGrath used a pitching wedge to score a hole in one on the short 5th hole at Corica Park on July 10. He writes: “I have golfed since I was 8 years old, played 4 years on the varsity in high school and 2 years in college. I’ve played for 66 years, and this is my first hole in one! My dad, a quality golfer, had 8 of them. He often gave me a hard time about my “zero for a lifetime” hole-in-one prowess. I wish he was still here to enjoy my first ace with me.” Richard will receive the \$200 cash prize for his ace.

Kalsi’s Great Outing Earns Round of the Month Honors

Balbir Kalsi had a fantastic day Aug. 3 at the challenging Callippe Preserve course. His net 63 was 8.8 strokes under. It was the best round any Branch 35 golfer has had so far this year. He shot nine strokes better than any other Branch 35 golfer that day, won the Nicklaus flight by 10 strokes, and came within a stroke of tying Richard McGrath for low gross!

The Rules Corner

The Situation: A golfer was preparing to tee off. Just as he started his downswing, the ball fell off the tee and rolled a couple inches away. He couldn't stop his swing and missed the ball entirely. This leads to two questions. (1) does the swing count as a stroke? (2) if it does count as a stroke, may he re-tee the ball for his next stroke or must he "play it as it lays" on the ground?

The Ruling: Was the player trying to hit the ball on his downswing or, having seen the ball drop off the tee, was he intentionally trying NOT to hit it? In the former case it's a stroke; in the latter, no stroke.

As to the second question: you can always tee the ball in the teeing area. For example, if a player's tee shot hits a tree and bounces back into the teeing area, he can re-tee it. He can do so anywhere in the teeing area, not just where the ball came to rest.

Another Situation: After reading Joe's answer, I asked: “Your answer reminds me of a situation I saw once. The golfer was taking practice swings for a pitch shot and accidentally hit the ball with the toe of his club, sending it many yards in an unintended direction. He counted it as a stroke, and played it from where it landed, but should he have replaced the ball where it had lain with no penalty because he was not trying to hit it?”

The Ruling: Joe replied: In that case, the ball was in play and should be treated as having been accidentally moved. He should have assessed himself one penalty stroke and replaced the ball where it lay before he struck it. This is the same penalty that applies whenever a player accidentally moves his 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
Semi	Baylands	Taboada & Gerich def. Jonekait & Lau	4 & 2	\$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.)

** No cash prize awarded for matches played outside of scheduled Branch 35 tournaments

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
1	Lake Chabot	Ben Gikis def. Mack Asrat	7 & 5	\$10
1	Spring Valley	Peter Wong def. Herb Petersen	2 & 1	\$10
1	Spring Valley	Larry Low def. Dave Squellati	3 & 1	\$10
1	Shoreline	Paul Lesti def. Ken Cornwell	2 & 1	**
1	Corica Park	Alex Bush def. Bob Garten	3 & 1	\$10
1	Coyote Creek – V	Walt Joyce def. Shaun Millard	3 & 2	\$10
1	Coyote Creek – V	Joe Cioni def. Balbir Kalsi	3 & 1	\$10
1	Laguna Seca	Jim Thorne def. Marc Haberman	1 up	\$10
2	Coyote Creek – V	John Rittwegger def. Jay Jonekait	2 up	\$10
2	Callippe Preserve	Alex Bush def. Don Mattson	1 up	\$10
2	Callippe Preserve	Ben Gikis def. Stan Scardino	2 & 1	\$10

Tilden Park			Par 70		June 29, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Ken Cornwell	70	\$17	Balbir Kalsi	69	\$17	
Chris Weberg	72	\$10	Man Tran	70	\$10	
John Gerich	73	\$5	Ben Gikis	70	\$5	
Low Gross (forward tees): Balbir Kalsi 92						
Low Gross (back tees): Alex Bush 86						

Spring Valley			Par 70			July 5, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Les Miles	63	\$24	Man Tran	65	\$17			
Ron Nakamoto	65	\$18	Joe Enos	66	\$10			
Dick Wilson	67	\$12	Balbir Kalsi	67	\$5			
Tom Taboada	69	\$8						
Inside Putter Length: Ron Nakamoto (2" on #7) \$15								
Low Gross (forward tees): Man Tran and Balbir Kalsi tied at 84								
Low Gross (back tees): Les Miles 78								
Poppy Ridge			Par 72			July 6, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Nick Smyth	70	\$24	Jim Narva	67	\$17			
Richard McGrath	72	\$18	Peter Wong	71	\$10			
Chris Weberg	73	\$12	Man Tran	71	\$5			
Joe Cioni	75	\$8						
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 79								
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 81								
Corica Park South			Par 72			July 10, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Nick Smyth	73	\$18	Larry Wall	71	\$17			
Richard McGrath	73	\$12	Man Tran	75	\$10			
John Rittweger	79	\$7						
Inside Putter Length: Richard McGrath Hole in One on #5 (\$200)								
Low Gross (forward tees): 78 Richard McGrath								
Low Gross (back tees): 83 Nick Smyth								
Coyote Creek Valley			Par 72			July 13, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
R. Nakamoto	70	\$18	R. Pattison	67	\$18	Gerald Cooley	74	\$18
Chris Weberg	70	\$14	Dick Wilson	72	\$14	Man Tran	75	\$12
Tom Taboada	73	\$10	D. Squellati	74	\$10	Don Mattson	78	\$7
Low Gross (forward tees): Dave Squellati 91								
Low Gross (back tees): Chris Weberg 83								
Baylands A-B-C-D			Par 72			July 20, 2023		
Team				Score		Prize		
Les Miles, Bob Garten, Joe Enos, Larry Baugher				128		\$18 @		
Paul Lesti, Dave Squellati, Man Tran, Alvin Begun				135		\$14 @		
Nick Smyth, Balbir Kalsi, Larry Wall, Dave Ogle				137		\$10 @		
Low Gross: Paul Lesti and Jim Thorne tied with 81								

Las Positas			Par 72			July 24, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Jerry Ososkie	73	\$22	Larry Wall	67	\$22			
Marc Haberman	74	\$16	Ben Gikis	68	\$16			
Bob Garten	77	\$12	Man Tran	74	\$12			
Ken Jones	77	\$7	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$7			
Low Gross (forward tees): Larry Wall 89								
Low Gross (back tees): Bob Garten 92								
Laguna Seca			Par 71			July 27, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Brad Metheany	75	\$21	Wendell Stephens	78	\$15			
John Gerich	78	\$16	Don Mattson	80	\$7			
Richard McGrath	80	\$10						
Dick Wilson	81	\$5						
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 90								
Seascope			Par 71			July 31, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Larry Low	71	\$20	William Nix	64	\$20	Balbir Kalsi	71	\$18
Bob Garten	71	\$15	Jerry Ososkie	73	\$15	Joe Enos	72	\$14
Nick Smyth	74	\$10	M. Haberman	75	\$10	Man Tran	73	\$10
Walt Joyce	77	\$5	Stan Scardino	77	\$5			
Inside Putter Length: Bob Garten (2" 10" on #8) \$15								
Low Gross (forward tees): Larry Low 85								
Low Gross (back tees): Nick Smyth 87								
Callippe Preserve			Par 72			Aug. 3, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Jay Jonekait	73	\$20	Dick Wilson	79	\$20	Balbir Kalsi	63	\$17
R. McGrath	75	\$15	R. Nakamoto	80	\$15	Gerald Cooley	73	\$10
Nick Smyth	75	\$10	Ken Jones	82	\$10			
J. Rittweger	78	\$5	Shaun Millard	82	\$5			
Inside Putter Length: JT Tompane (13th), Richard Pattison (13th), Walt Joyce (4th) \$15								
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 83								
Low Gross (back tees): Alex Bush 84								

MOVIES

MOVIES

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Our Movies group will NOT meet in August. The next Zoom meeting will be September 19th at 3 PM. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



Barbie. The ubiquitous doll wants to become human and has to learn some lessons along the way. I was prepared to dislike this film, but after a moving soliloquy by Gloria (America Ferrera) on the plight of women the film won me over. Writer/Director Greta Gerwig has crafted a charmer. The first part of the movie is Barbie (Margot Robbie) and Ken (Ryan Gosling) living their perfectly tedious lives in their plastic world of

Barbie Land. Barbie has a moment and is intrigued by the Real World and what it might offer. The Real World has its problems that Barbie tries to fix. She realizes the problems are what it means to be human and accepts them. The film has a good, strong message that

it makes with good humor. Good film to enjoy with family and discuss its significance. Rated PG-13 for suggestive references and brief language. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

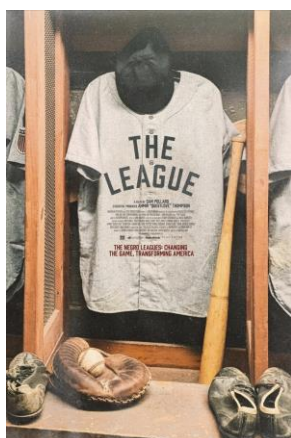


Oppenheimer. The film is finally here, and it is better than the previews, much better. Should sweep the Oscars and rate as one the best films of all time. The film is much more than the building of the first Atom Bomb. It is an in depth look at a truly remarkable character, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and the times in which he lived. His scientific brilliance is undisputable, but this film highlights his humanity by stripping away his almost cult status and letting us see his real nature. The political intrigue that he is caught in is beyond his training as a scientist. The building of the bomb and its test detonation have never been as well presented. The anticipation of the shock waves is chilling. We saw the film in IMAX so the whole theatre shook. This is a must see and in IMAX if you can. Rated R for some sexuality, nudity, and language. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Deadloch. Take a small town in Tasmania, Deadloch; fill it with lesbians, add in a serial killer with bodies popping up everywhere and you have this remarkable comic thriller. Dulcie is a frustrated police sergeant dealing with Cath, her overly needy spouse, and a supercilious boss while she tries to catch the killer. Dulcie is

assigned a foul-mouthed detective/inspector from Darwin who repeatedly outdoes herself with vulgarity. She truly sets a new standard for invective. Folks are dropping dead, mostly men, all over town having been mutilated and strangled. The series has eight episodes with each installment escalating the mayhem. This may sound awfully gruesome; it is and very funny too. Check it out on Amazon Prime Video. Not rated but would be R for violence, language, and sexual content.



The League. This documentary looks at the history of the Negro Baseball Leagues from 1920 until their demise in the 1950s. The vehicle of baseball is used to highlight the history of racism in the USA from post Civil War until now. We all know the story of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier, but his leaving the Negro League had a profound effect on the League and in turn the black communities that supported the League. Robinson and the players that followed him drained the talent from the League without compensation. Using archival footage and interviews with former Negro League players, umpires, and executives the scourge of racism is laid bare and made palpable. This is a must see. Available on Amazon Prime Video. Rated PG.

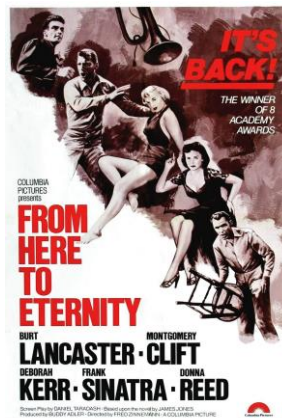
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MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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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: From Here to Eternity

Released on August 5, 1953, this film was one of the most popular films of its time. Nominated in 13 categories, winning in 8 to include Best Picture, Director, Adapted Screenplay, Best Supporting Actor to Frank Sinatra as Maggio, Best Supporting Actress to Donna Reed, as Lorene.

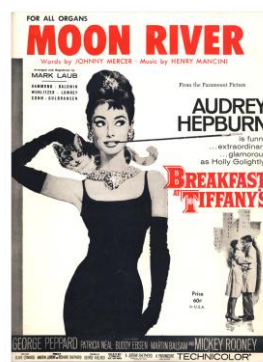
The story goes that Frank got his role through mob connections. This story was circulated by Novelist Mario Puzo, who would later author “The Godfather” and wrote the character of Johnny Fontaine, clearly a pseudonym for Frank Sinatra. The real story is Frank begged for a screen test through a blizzard of telegrams to Harry Cohn, head of Columbia Pictures, while his recent girlfriend, Ava Gardner, appealed to his wife Joan Cohn. Frank, whose career was in a slump at this time, probably from his notorious affair with Ava, knew the part would be a career saver. Cohn finally relented if Frank would agree to a salary of just \$8,000.

Other interesting movie making tidbits:

- As soon as Harry Cohn bought the rights to the novel for \$82,000, many of the top actors began maneuvering for the part they wanted.
- Cohn wanted Humphrey Bogart for the role as Sgt. Warden, but he was already 53 at this time and looked his age. It was Zinnemann, the Director, who fought to cast Burt Lancaster for the part.
- Joan Crawford was up for the lead female role but her many demands to include being filmed by her own cameraman led the studio to take a chance on Deborah Kerr. This was three years before she did “The King and I”.
- The famous lovemaking scene with Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr on the beach isn’t in the book.

Here is a link to the 2010 trailer for the re-release of the movie.

<https://youtu.be/NiTje59-yhk>



Music: Moon River

The song was written by Johnny Mercer and composed by Henry Mancini. Mercer wrote the lyrics about a real river near his house in Savannah, Georgia. The river was called Back River but was officially renamed Moon River in honor of the song. The song was written for Audrey Hepburn as part of the 1961 movie “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”. Audrey played the lead role as New York socialite Holly Golightly,

the eccentric party girl.

The original story was written by Truman Capote and published as a novella. As Capote says, “The main reason I wrote about Holly, outside of the fact that I liked her so much, was that she was such a

symbol of all these girls who come to New York and spin in the sun for a moment like May flies and then disappear,” he said. “I wanted to rescue one girl from that anonymity and preserve her for prosperity.”

When the movie rights were sold, Truman wanted Marilyn Monroe for the part and complained that the elegant and wholesome Hepburn was a terrible miscast. He didn't get his way.

Another bit of movie history is George Peppard was not the choice of Director Blake Edwards to be cast as Paul Varjack, opposite Audrey. He wanted Steve McQueen or Tony Curtis and went as far as to beg on his knees to not cast Peppard. As it turns out, he was right as Peppard's cold and combative personality conflicted with Edwards and turned off Patricia Neal and Audrey Hepburn. One of the producers is quoted to say, “I must say there wasn't a human being that Audrey Hepburn didn't have a kind word for except George. She didn't like him at all. She thought he was pompous. When she wasn't around, he referred to her as “The Happy Nun.”

The movie grossed \$14M (\$142M equivalent today) and was an instant commercial success. It was nominated for five academy awards winning two, for Best Original Score and Best Original Song. Audrey was nominated for an academy award for Best Actress but lost out to Sophia Loren for “Two Women”.

Here is a movie clip from “Breakfast at Tiffany's” where Audrey sings “Moon River”.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uirBWk-qd9A>

Here is a special montage of movie clips of Audrey in Sabrina and Funny Face, dancing with Fred Astaire with the song Moon River, sung in the backdrop. It's one of the most mesmerizing, couple dances choreographed by Fred Astaire and Eugene Loring. We know Fred could dance, but Audrey? Yes, she did her own dancing, calling upon her childhood ballet training. She was an actress that could act, sing, dance, and had a good humanitarian heart, how special was she?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73CSB08Y3is>

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



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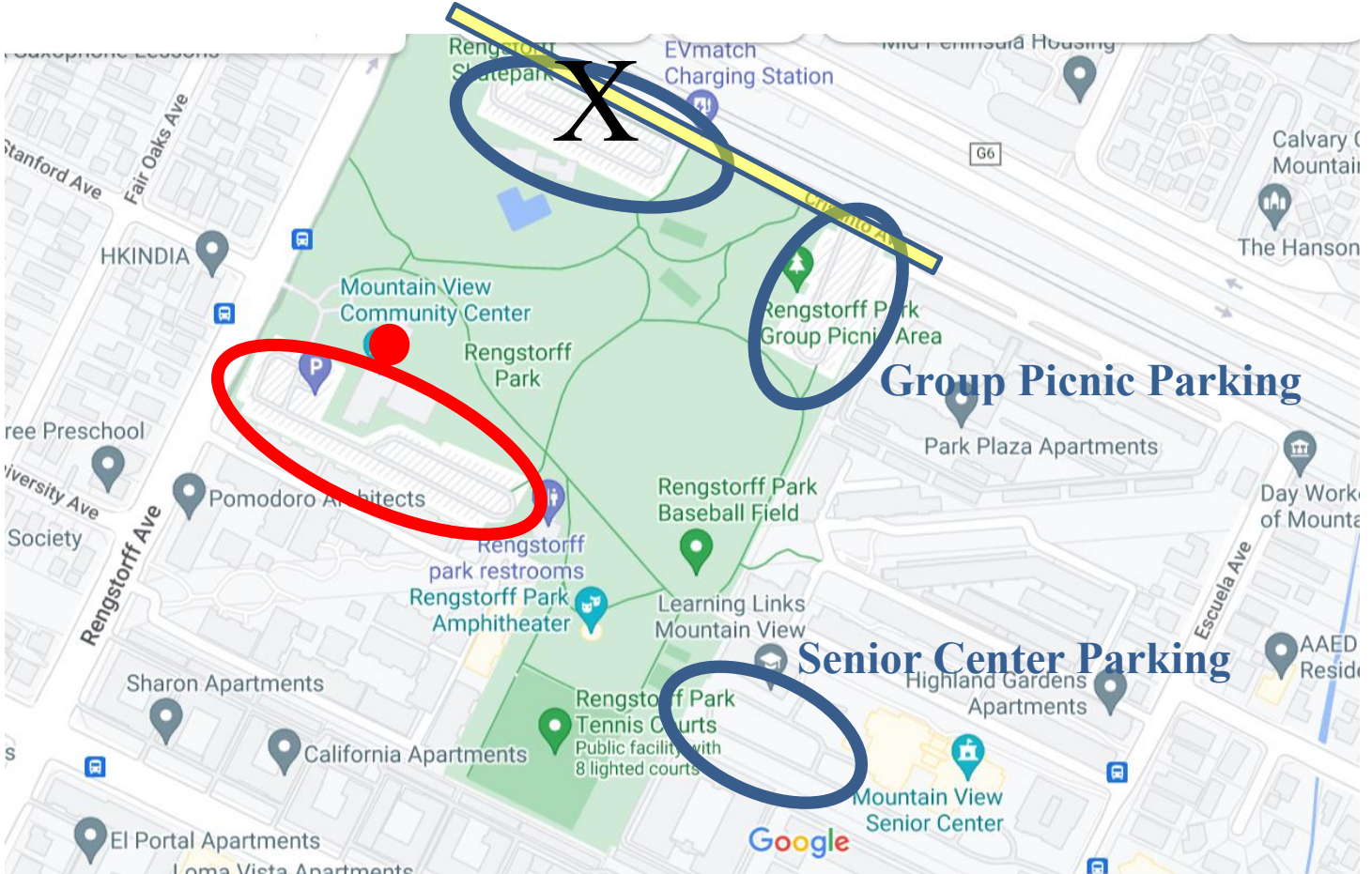
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PARKING FOR THE AUGUST MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Attention Healthy Guys

Mountain 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 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 - August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	2 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	3 Golf 10:04am Callippe Pr - \$57	4 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	5
6	7 Golf 10:00am Santa Teresa - \$76	8 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	9 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	10 Golf 10:00am Wente Vineyards - \$89 Biking 11:00am San Lorenzo Bay Trail Meet at Hayward Regional Shoreline Parking	11 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	12
13	14 Golf 10:00am Corica Park South - \$75	15 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	16 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Branch 35 Luncheon/Meeting 11:00am - 1:30pm Mtn. View Community Center	17 Golf 9:30am Moffett Field - \$48	18 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	19
20	21 Golf 9:00am Crazy Horse - \$70	22 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	23 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	24 Golf 10:00am San Jose Muni - \$47	25 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location & meetup TBC	26
27	28 Golf 9:30am DeLaveaga - \$61	29 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	30 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	31 Golf 8:30am Cinnabar Hills - \$90	1 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	2