



TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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- NEXT MEETING -

2nd Wednesday, September 13th, 2023

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

Business 12:15pm, Speaker 12:45pm

Venue: Mountain View Community Center,

Menu: Catering is BACK! See article inside.

PROGRAM

Supervisor Joe Simitian:

Bridging the Divide — Hope for the Future



Supervisor Joe Simitian will share his thoughts, based on his own experiences, on why he believes there is a way to push through and past our current political & cultural polarization.

Simitian represents the Fifth District which includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, portions of San Jose and unincorporated communities in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He was

elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2012 and reelected in 2016 and 2020. He previously served in the California State Senate and State Assembly. Stay up to date on news and events happening in District Five by signing up for Supervisor Simitian's monthly newsletter: <https://district5.sccgov.org/newsletter>.

Peter Wong

The Big Sir says...

In September, on the first Monday, we celebrate Labor Day which pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. Many died bringing about safer work environments, fair wages, and child labor laws. Workers earned this day of remembrance and celebration.

I have several business items you need to be aware of.



Firstly, our next meeting will be on September 13, second Wednesday of the month. We have scheduled this meeting date as our host facility has reserved the third Wednesday for their own meeting. Mark your calendars, September 13, 2nd Wednesday.

Secondly, our August survey results indicate that the majority of members who submitted an opinion want to go with a buffet style luncheon as we had at the Elks Lodge (see survey details in a separate article in this newsletter.) We have qualified several caterers and selected Eisenhauer's for the September meeting. They will serve a special sampler spread of hot, cold, and vegetarian items at a very reasonable price. If we like this caterer, we can stay with them or use another that have been qualified.

Again, as we did at the Elks Lodge, we will all use the caterer and will no longer have a "bring your own" option. Why must everyone transition to use the caterer? It is simple business math; we need to comply to a minimum order so the caterer can provide a best value price for his service. If we have fewer participants, then the caterer either must raise the per plate price or not provide the service. We ask very little of our members and as the majority voted for this service, please work with us, and try it out.

Finally, we are going to start two ad hoc committees. The first is the planning and execution of our Holiday party. This event is always enjoyable and a good event to close out the year. We are looking for volunteers to lead and serve on a committee helping organize and execute to make it an event to remember. Contact Peter Wong if you can help. The second is starting an initiative to focus on and recruit younger members to our organization. If you have contacts with your company's Human Relations Department, you could be a significant contributor to our future efforts. Or, if you are one of our younger members, we could use your insight and help.

Remember, this entire organization only works when every member is willing to step up and pitch in to help!

Is this the September to remember? If our catering experience is a good one, maybe!

Ron

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Congratulations to Bill Zonner and Bob Jones who have attained 'Senior Sir' status, having surpassed 90 years of age!! They will be recognized by Ron at our September meeting.
- Step up and volunteer to help organize the Holiday Party (contact Peter Wong) or to work on recruiting younger members (contact Ron)
- Andy Danver has given us some great photos from the Summer Picnic, at the back of this edition!
- We have a new 'Trading Post' section in the newsletter. Check it out and give Pat OConnor or Ben Gikis feedback on what you think!

SEPTEMBER 2023 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 305 Net Monthly Change: +1

We added one new member this month. There's room for more, we welcome new members so bring a friend or neighbor!

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

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS

Peter Barba (22)	Wayne Dexter (16)	Larry Dike (17)
Jacques Fossourier (11)	Art Hammar (18)	Bruce Karney (10)
Ron Lau (14)	Neil Miotto (13)	Pete Pierron (13)
Roger Potash (12)	Jon Saxe (17)	Ron Schoengold (10)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brian Beattie	Bob Booth	Gerry Cooley
Rick Crego	Tom Dehaan	Jim Dunaway
Gil Eakins	Mickey Ellingson	Chris Goodman
Jim Harvey	Bob Jones	Harold Kaye
Stu Kennedy	Ron Nakamoto	Bill Patterson
Herb Petersen	Pete Pierron	Greg Ross
Scott Rotondo	Tom Taboada	John Tucker
Van Van Hauser	James Yoshida	

CATERED LUNCHEON FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

August 16 Mini Survey Results

- 81 of 106 responded: 76%
- #1 Catered lunch on Sept 13 @ \$28
 - 52% (41) Yes to catering at \$28
 - 28% (22) No
 - 20% (16) Too expensive
 - Some marked Yes and Too expensive and No and Too expensive
- #2 Offer hot and cold lunch option
 - 72% (47) Hot Plate
 - 28% (18) Cold Plate
- #3 Use buffet lines and all participate as we did at Elks
 - 85% (61) Yes
 - 15% (11) No
- #4 If you DON'T prefer a catered lunch, would you keep things as is?
 - 63% (37) Yes
 - 37% (22) No
- #5 Mediterranean Home Cooking 46%, Eisenhower 34%, Saltalk 20%
 - Mediterranean is not available for September so we will go with Eisenhower

Isn't it time we moved back to a professional luncheon which starts with some social time with your buddies, followed by an appealing lunch, and concluded with a formal business agenda? What has been missing in our short time at the Mountain View Community Center has been the appealing lunch spread. While "bring your own" has been convenient, the paper bags, plastic container, and late Saltalk deliveries detracts from the professional organization that we are. There is no shared experience with brown bag lunches. Can you imagine sitting at your dinner table with your wife and children all producing a brown bag? How is that a shared experience?

I'm glad that the majority of members that responded to our August Mini Survey wants to transition back to a catered lunch as we had at the Elks Lodge. So, for our September meeting we have contracted with Eisenhower's Catering and Events for a catered lunch.

Eisenhower is an established catering service from the local area that has an excellent track record as you can view on Yelp. They have served some big corporations e.g., Google, Apple, Stanford University, VMware, and the City of Sunnyvale to name a few. In fact, your fellow member, Milt Wehrman recommended them from his Rotary Club Cupertino experience.

You will find their September menu in a separate article in this newsletter. When you register to attend our meeting, you will be prompted to prepay \$28 for your luncheon. Please click the "Not attending" button if you don't wish to attend. This stops you from receiving further reminder emails.

Remember, when you travel, one of the highlights is the joy of dining on something new and delighting in the shared experience with those around the table. Well, look forward to our September luncheon which will be like a travel experience to Italy and Eastern Europe. "Appetitoso" (Italian for appetizing.)

Afterwards, we will issue another Mini Survey to see how the caterer performed, the quality of the meal, and any other comments or suggestions you may have for next time. Based on that feedback, we will decide on what and possibly who to use for October.

Ron, Big Sir

FOLLOWUP FOR LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER, MARK CARY

"The Current State of Affairs in the Russo – Ukraine War"

Many members that attended Mark's presentation at our August luncheon have asked how to offer help to the people of Ukraine. While SIR does not endorse or support charities, individual members are welcome to support organizations that help those in need.

Here are the organizations and contact information that Mark has provided, titled "How You Can Help."

Donations sent to Mark Cary are currently being used to directly support his contacts at the front with de-mining, providing winter gear, Tania's school project and combat medical gear.

- Desertrat40@protonmail.com
- **Venmo:** Mark-Cary-7
- **Paypal:** desertrat40@protonmail.com

If you want to donate to Mark and want a tax donation, you can alternatively donate to

- Congregation Beth Israel, 5716 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93923
You must write "Ukraine Relief" and "RDF" or "Rabbi Discretionary Fund" on the check. That is critical.

Other organizations to whom you could donate include:

- Dream Ukraine USA (is still pending a final 501-3c from the IRS but Mark expects that to come through soon) 3420 E. Shea Blvd, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ 85028
- RAZOM for Ukraine (501-3c registered)
<http://www.razomforukraine.com>
- United24 (Official fundraising platform of Ukraine)
<http://U24.gov.ua>
- Ukraine House DC Foundation (501-3c)
<https://www.Ukrainehouse.us>

BOOK SWAP

See our [web page](#)

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The book swap can be found at the September 13th 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 CLUB

See 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 August meeting we read selected chapters from Sean Carroll's "The Big Picture: On the Origins of Life, Meaning and the Universe Itself." The author describes himself as a poetic naturalist. One who believes only in the natural world that is effectively described at various scales by theories, models and even stories. One member of the book club called it a "Tour de Force" in that the

author includes chapters as stand-alone essays on the big bang, quantum mechanics, the origins of life and consciousness, Bayesian Inferencing and the scientific method and finishes with discussion of mortality and morality. Most book club members found one or more topics of personal interest in "The Big Picture."

For our September meeting, we will read and discuss "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" (F) by Mark Twain.

BIKING

See our [web page](#)

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2nd THURSDAY – September 14th, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcomed. Helmets are required and face masks optional but please read the latest CDC guidance below:

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



Guadalupe River Trail – Alviso to Downtown San Jose.

Ride: We will begin the ride at the trailhead near the Alviso Educational Center parking lot (free parking, drinking fountain and restrooms) at 2040 Gold Street in Alviso. We will follow the scenic, paved trail from Alviso past Mineta San Jose International Airport and to the San Jose Market Center on Coleman Avenue where we will eat lunch at the Panera Bread (503 Coleman Avenue, San Jose). We will ride back on the same route for a round trip of approximately 18 miles. This trail was closed earlier this year due to the heavy rains & flooding causing trail closures underneath streets, expressways and freeways.

Directions: Take Highway 101 South to Highway 237 Eastbound (towards Alviso and Milpitas). Go 2.5 miles and exit on "Lafayette and Great America Parkway." At the intersection, turn left on Lafayette and then immediately into the right turn lane. The next traffic light intersection is "Gold St. Connector" so turn right. Go about .25 mile to another traffic light which is Gold Street so turn left. Go about .25 mile until you see a yellow traffic sign "Narrow Bridge Ahead". Turn right into the Alviso Educational Center parking lot..

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).

Gordy

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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](#)BEN KUCKENS 650-400-0353
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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](#)MARK LEVI 650-305-9132
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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.

HIKINGSee our [web page](#)JOHN TUCKER 408-655-5435
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The August SIR Hike was on the Razorback Ridge Trail to Lost Trail with an add on to the top of Windy Hill. Fifteen SIR members and guests hiked approximately 6.5 miles and climb roughly 1000 feet. We started off in deep fog which was a change from the heat we have had lately. We hiked to the top of Windy Hill with the hope that we would have a view of the Bay Area but the view was blocked by the fog. Eventually the sun came out on the return trip and we had a good view of the South Bay and Stanford. The after hike debriefing took place at Alices's Restaurant.

*SIR hiking group posing for us at Windy Hill*

The September hike will be on Friday, September 22, 2023. As we get closer to that date and have a better idea of what the weather may be I will send out a notification to those on the Branch 35 Hiking mailing list. If you have a suggestion for a future hike or would like to be added to Hiking Group roster send me an email. We normally hike on the 4th Friday of the month. Remember to bring water, a trail lunch (which we will stop and eat along the way), hiking footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. Bring your spouse, significant other or friend and join us.

John Tucker

SEPTEMBER'S SPECIAL DAYSPAT O'CONNOR
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(Written in his cell, November 15, 1915, on the eve of his execution)

My will is easy to decide,
For there is nothing to divide,
My kin don't need to fuss and moan—
"Moss does not cling to rolling stone."
My body? Ah, if I could choose,
I would to ash it reduce,
And let the merry breezes blow
My dust to where some flowers grow.
Perhaps some fading flower then
Would come to life and bloom again.
This is my last and final will,
Good luck to all of you,
—JOE HILL

Joe Hill, Labor Leader and writer, executed in 1915 in Utah

- Aug 28th - Sept 10th US Open (Tennis)
- 4th Labor Day
- 7th National beer lovers' day
- 8th - Oct 28th World Cup (Rugby)
- 9th - 10th Mare Island Dock of Bay Music Festival
- 11th Patriot Day (9/11 Day)
- 22nd - 24th Monterey Jazz Fest.
- 23rd Autumn Equinox (Fall)
- 28th US Open (Tennis - start)
- 29th - Oct 1st Ryder Cup (Golf)
- 29th - Oct 1st Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Fest., San Francisco

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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 show how it's done!
(Photo courtesy of Billy Hustace, www.billyhustace.com)

Part of the fun of playing Bocce Ball is that individual players are encouraging each other in their efforts, and particularly when a good shot is made. Over time (and its been about 8 years now since Bocce became this Branch's activity), the following phases and shout outs have become familiar:

- 'On its way to heaven' (a favorite of the late Freddie Schwalbach)
- 'You have your A game today'
- 'That's a 4 bagger!' (4 like balls closest to the Pallino ball)
- 'Are they touching?' If the thrown ball and the Pallino are touching, this is known as a "Baci" or kiss and gets 2 points if the balls are not later knocked apart
- 'This one will separate the men from the boys' (On the serve, placement of the Pallino at the far end of the court, next/near the wall but not touching it)
- 'Outstanding shot!' (often called out from the opposing team when the thrower really messes up)

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

On August 22, all teams were in their first game of bowling when the Homestead Bowl lost its power. We waited for a short time with

no change and then we left, so the Fall Session will be extended for a week. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

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

SEASON HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	542 - Joe Enos	1st	198 - Jay Jonekait
2nd	525 - Larry Low	2nd	192 - Bob Garten
3rd	499 - Bob Taggart	3rd	173 - Stan Barkey
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	664 - Ken Allen	1st	238 - Marc Haberman
2nd	658 - D. Haythronwhite	2nd	237 - Alan Gaudie
3rd	628 - Jim Holman	3rd	236 - Brian Lin

LAST WEEK'S HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	542 - Joe Enos	1st	198 - Jay Jonekait
2nd	488 - D. Haythronwhite	2nd	191 - Bob Garten
3rd	450 - Larry Low	3rd	159 - Ranney Thayer
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	637 - Bob Taggart	1st	237 - Marc Haberman
2nd	630 - Alan Gaudie	2nd	236 - Brian Lin
3rd	618 - Ruth Ososkie	3rd	221 - Doug Anderson

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See our [web page](#)

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Fixtures for the Coming Month

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday Sept 15			
Spring Valley (SPV)	Mon Oct 2	10:00	\$48
4 Man 1 Best Ball ** NEED TC ** / Feeny			
Chuck Corica South (CCS)	Thu Oct 5	10:00	\$75
Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr@aol.com / Enos			
Moffett Field (MFD)	Mon Oct 9	9:30	\$46
Metheny 408-375-7854 brad_metheny@fuhd.org / P Wong			
Crystal Springs (CSP)	Thu Oct 12	10:00	\$61
** NEED TC ** / ** Need ATC **			
Baylands (BAY)	Mon Oct 16	9:00	\$64
Club Championship DBL PTS	Miles 408-528-5473 Impomi@yahoo.com / Newton		
Baylands (BAY)	Thu Oct 19	9:00	\$64
Club Championship DBL PTS	Miles 408-528-5473 Impomi@yahoo.com / Newton		
Baylands (BAY)	Mon Oct 23	10:10	\$64
Club Championship DBL PTS	Miles 408-528-5473 Impomi@yahoo.com / Newton		
San Jose Muni (SJM)	Thu Oct 26	10:00	\$42
Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / ** Need ATC **			
Boulder Ridge (BRG)	Mon Oct 30	10:00	\$85
Joint w/ Monterey Bay Seniors Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandelaine@comcast.net / Squellati			

Special Report: State Team Golf Championship - Ron Nakamoto

The team of Richard McGrath, Ron Nakamoto, Ken Jones, and Ben Gikis almost made it to the prize payout. Our Branch team competed with 54 other teams over a two-day tournament, scramble format on the very nice Haggin Oaks Golf Course in Sacramento. The course played tough with its long holes and undulating greens. The hot weather only added to the challenge to "go low". The team was able to score five birdies in spite of the lengthy holes such as

#12, a par 3, 192 yards hole. McGrath scored several birdies and certainly saved the team a few times as the last putter in to score a par. Ken provided a good advantage with his long drives from the forward tees. Ben contributed with a long putt for birdie and Ron helped with a putt to save par. Unfortunately, the team suffered several bogies and came in "three under" which was not good enough to be "in the money". All in all, a great experience on a challenging course amongst SIR members from many other branches!
Ron

Bad Shot, Good Cause!



I took this photo at the fence on the right side of the 3rd fairway at Pacific Grove. If you slice your tee shot into adjacent back yards you can buy a replacement and the funds go to charity. The Monterey Peninsula (MP) Meals on Wheels building is conveniently located just beyond the 5th green.

Petersen has the 'Round of the Month' Honors

This month's best round was turned in by Herb Petersen on Aug. 17 at Moffett Field. He shot a net 66, which was 5.6 strokes under. Congrats on your outstanding round, Herb!

The Rules Corner

The Situation: In the 2023 Evian Championship (an LPGA Major), a competitor's ball was plugged just below the lip of a fairway bunker. She chose to call it unplayable and take a drop. Apparently unfamiliar with the rule about unplayable lies in bunkers, she dropped the ball in the fairway 10 yards behind the bunker and hit her approach from there. She was informed after the shot that she had incurred a 2-stroke penalty for dropping outside of the bunker. It would have been only a 1 stroke penalty if she had dropped in the bunker. This month's question is: if she had realized her mistake after dropping in the fairway, but before hitting the ball, could she have picked it up and re-dropped back in the bunker to save herself the second penalty stroke?

The Ruling: Yes, she could have re-dropped. The relevant rule is "14.5 Player May Correct Mistake Before Ball is Played"

When a player has substituted another ball for the original ball when not allowed under the Rules or the player's ball in play was replaced, dropped or placed (1) in a wrong way, (2) in a wrong place or (3) by

using a procedure that did not apply:

- The player may correct the mistake without penalty
- But this is allowed only before the ball is played

Bruce

Golf Results

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
2	Wente	Joe Cioni def. Walt Joyce (their first match ended in a draw, hence the \$20 prize)	2 & 1	\$20
2	Shoreline	Les Miles def. Paul Lesti	1 up	**
2	Moffett Field	Man Tran def. Brad Metheany	2 & 1	\$10
2	Moffett Field	Larry Low def. Dick Wilson	4 & 3	\$10
2	Moffett Field	Jim Thome def. Paul Schutz	1 up	\$10
3	Crazy Horse Ranch	Man Tran def. Peter Wong	2 up	\$10

Santa Teresa			Par 71			Aug. 7, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Ron Lau	66	\$24	John Gerich	67	\$24	Man Tran	67	\$18
Rich McGrath	69	\$18	R. Pattison	68	\$18	Gerald Cooley	69	\$12
M. Haberman	69	\$12	Stan Scardino	75	\$12	Milt Wehrman	72	\$7
Chris Weberg	70	\$8	Jerry Ososkie	76	\$8			
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 76								

Wente Vineyards			Par 72			Aug. 10, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Rich McGrath	70	\$18	Ken Jones	71	\$18	Man Tran	72	\$12
Paul Lesti	71	\$14	Jay Jonekait	72	\$14	Balbir Kalsi	76	\$5
Alex Bush	74	\$10	D. Squellati	72	\$10			
Inside Putter Length: Ken Cornwell on the 16 th (\$15)								
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 79								
Low Gross (back tees): Alex Bush 83								

Corica Park South			Par 72			Aug. 14, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Larry Baugher	68	\$25	Jim Narva	67	\$15			
Jay Jonekait	71	\$19	Man Tran	72	\$7			
Ron Grace	72	\$14						
John Gerich	76	\$9						
Low Gross (forward tees): Man Tran 91								
Low Gross (back tees): Jay Jonekait 85								

Moffett Field			Par 72			Aug. 17, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Herb Petersen	66	\$25	John Ray	67	\$18			
John Gerich	70	\$20	Peter Wong	68	\$12			
Paul Lesti	72	\$15	Gerald Cooley	72	\$7			
John Rittweger	72	\$10						
Richard Pattison	75	\$7						
Low Gross (forward tees): Paul Lesti 82								
Low Gross (back tees): John Gerich 96								

Crazy Horse Ranch			Par 72 Wh, 70 Rd			Aug. 21, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
John Gerich	67	\$25	John Ray	70	\$12			
Herb Petersen	70	\$20	Tim O'Meara	77	\$5			
Nick Smyth	71	\$15						
Brad Metheany	73	\$10						
Les Miles	74	\$7						
Low Gross (forward tees): Les Miles 89								
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 84								

San Jose Muni			Par 72 BI 70 Slv			Aug. 24, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
J. Rittweger	67	\$18	Dave Squellati	71	\$18	Man Tran	67	\$22
Larry Low	69	\$14	Dick Wilson	71	\$14	Gerald Cooley	71	\$16
Bob Garten	70	\$10	John Gerich	71	\$10	W. Stephens	72	\$12
Ken Jones	73	\$5	M. Haberman	74	\$5	Larry Wall	72	\$7
Low Gross (forward tees): John Rittweger 79								
Low Gross (back tees): Bob Garten 88								

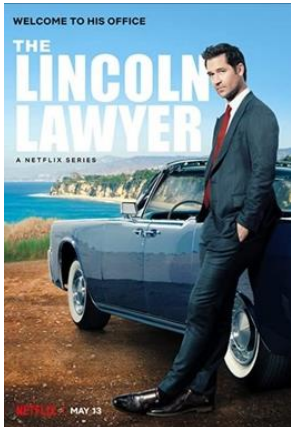
MOVIES

MOVIES

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Our Movies group will meet on Zoom on September 19th at 3 PM. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



The Lincoln Lawyer. Season 2 of The Lincoln Lawyer is now streaming on Netflix. Mickey Haller (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) is a Los Angeles criminal defense lawyer who practices on the edge. He likes Lincoln Continentals and has a classic 1960s convertible and a new Navigator. He has a loyal staff including an ex-wife, Lorna (Becki Newton). He takes on a new client who is charged with murder and might be guilty. He spars with the Judge and the DA as he works hard to protect his

client and get at the truth – even if the truth is awkward. The show spans 10 episodes and each one will leave you hanging and wanting more. Good candidate for a binge watch. Rated TV MA for language. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Blue Beetle. This DC Comic superhero flick is mostly funny bits sandwiched between long and boring action sequences. Jaime Reyes (Xolo Maridueñato) is just home after graduating college, when a blue scarab chooses him to be its synergetic host. The scarab gives Jamie superpowers and an impenetrable suit of armor. His crazy Hispanic family doesn't understand why Jaime was chosen. He becomes Blue Beetle and has to battle evil all caused by Susan Sarandon. The film plays off of stereotypes and then twists. Uncle George is a lowrider but a brilliant

computer programmer. Kindly grandmother is really a machine-gun toting revolutionary. At over 2 hours the film is just too long. Rated PG-13 for sequences of action and violence, language, and some suggestive references. In Theatres.



The Beanie Bubble. This documentary looks at the phenomenon of the late 1990s when a simple plush toy, a Beanie Baby, becomes such a hot commodity that they became investments. Demand was high and the mercurial owner of the toy company, Ty Inc., cleverly manipulated supply, to greatly enhance the value of "retired" lines of the toy. Ty Warner was assisted by three women to make a huge fortune in Beanie Babies but left them all with bupkis. This story is told from their viewpoint and the lessons they learned. The American Dream is there but hucksters abound too – so protect yourself. Not rated but would be PG-13 for language. Available on Amazon Prime Video.



Short Comings. This is a fun and engaging local indie film. Set primarily in Berkeley, CA. it is the story of young Asian Americans trying to find themselves in today's world of hyperconnectivity. Ben lives in Berkeley with his girlfriend, Miko. Ben operates a cinema art house and Miko works for an Asian American film festival. Ben is Japanese and is obsessed with bosomy blondes. He hangs out with Alice who is a conflicted lesbian. Miko moves to New

York and Ben is lost without her. Ben pines for Miko but she has moved on now with a very tall, Caucasian guy in NYC. All of this explodes into a whirlwind of clever dialogue as they all try to sort out their roles in modern society. The snappy dialogue makes this one to see. The cast is amazing as they navigate a storm of relationships and situations. Rated R for language throughout, sexual material and brief nudity. In Theatres.

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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: A Star is Born (1954)

The original version of the movie first came out in 1937 and was rumored to be based on the real-life relationship between Barbara Stanwick and Frank Fay. Frank was an American vaudeville comedian, film, and stage actor. He was an influential star at the time he met and married Barbara Stanwick, an unknown but aspiring actress. Their troubled marriage mimicked the rise of the wife's career while the husband's took a sharp decline. Fay was notorious for his bigotry, alcoholism, and was a wife-beater. Robert Carson wrote the original screenplay and won the Academy Award for Best Story.

The 1954 version, starred Judy Garland, and James Mason. Judy had not made a movie since 1950 and the movie was promoted as her comeback. She was nominated for Best Actress but lost to Grace Kelly for "The Country Girl".

A few movie facts:

- George Cukor directed the first version in 1937.
- Sid Luft, Producer asked George to direct with his wife Judy Garland in the lead role.
- Cukor wanted Cary Grant who declined for personal reasons but also because he had heard that Judy was unreliable.
- The director went through a host of candidates until finally settling on James Mason.
- This was the first Warner Brothers movie shot in Cinemascope.
- The film ended up costing more than \$5 million to produce, a record at that time.
- The original version that Cukor settled on was 182 minutes but while in India scouting locations for a new movie, the executives at Warner Brothers cut the movie to 154 minutes losing several major musical numbers and crucial dramatic scenes. Cukor called it "very painful to watch".

Official original movie trailer for "A Star is Born."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNI1pv6Sm44>



Music: Sixteen Tons

This song was written and sung by Merle Travis, the Country Western guitarist and songwriter in 1947. It is based on the experiences of his coal mining family. His brother, John, wrote him a letter about the death of Ernie Pyle, war correspondent, who had just been killed covering combat reporting

with the 77th Infantry Division at Iwo Jima in the Pacific. John wrote that, he likened Pyle's job to that of a coal miner, writing: "It's like working in the coal mines. You load sixteen tons and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt." He also incorporated

something his father said about using "scrips" which were credit vouchers that could only be used at the company general store. He said, "I can't afford to die. I owe my soul to the general store." This inspired the lyrics: "Saint Peter don't you call me, 'cause I can't go, I owe my soul to the company store."

Tennessee Ernie Ford was busy with his daytime TV show which ran from 1956-1961. He was the likeable singer, comedian, and entertainer sponsored by the Ford Motor company. His homespun catch phrase "Bless Their Little Pea Pickin' Hearts" says it all. As he rushed to record "Sixteen Tons" the producer asked, "What tempo do you want it in?" He snapped his fingers to give him the tempo and the producer said to "Leave that in." The rest is history as it became the fastest selling single at Capitol Records. The title refers to a real practice of initiating new miners by having them haul sixteen tons as compared to the typical eight or ten, on their first day. Within four months the song had sold over four million copies.

Here is his song sung on his show on October 18, 1956. Watch this one, it brings you right back to where you were at that time. Who said we haven't a time machine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1980WfKC0o>

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

THE TRADING POST

	<p><i>If you want to Arrange, Swap, Communicate, Sell or Find something, bring it here!</i></p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>Who to contact</p>
<p>Golf Travel--This year we are planning to go to Palm Springs the last week of January. We will have rooms at the Marriott Shadow Ridge available. Wives are welcome. Arrive Sunday, golf 3 or 4 days and depart Friday morning. Lots of fun, even for non-golfers.</p>	<p>Ben Gikis gikisben@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Chain Link fence panels - 6 foot high fence panels, various lengths (4, 6 8 and a couple longer ones). Previously used for dog runs and movable fencing.</p>	<p>Ben Gikis gikisben@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Free used electric lawn mower and electric weed eater. Both work great. Hand down from Joe Enos to me early this summer. Good for a smaller yard.</p>	<p>Ken Jones cruisingken@gmail.com 650-492-1461</p>
<p>AKAI 3000D reel-to-reel Tape Deck, In "mint condition" (e.g., never used), purchased in 1968.</p>	<p>Augie Smith 408-455-8373</p>

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE EXCURSION

A special report by Peter Wong

As we entered the month of August, a group of intrepid SIR 35 golfers embarked on a mountain road trip to South Lake Tahoe. Led by Ben Gikis, the group was comprised of Larry Low, Joe Enos, John Rittweger and Peter Wong. Two wives, Lori Rittweger and Ellie Wang also joined in the adventure.

The festivities kicked off at the Marriott Grand Residences upon the evening of arrival. The group enjoyed a dinner cooked at poolside by members of the party. The fare included cracker and cheese hors d'oeuvres, marinated skirt steak, shrimp, corn and salads. Wine also helped to enliven the social event. Some of the party accepted Peter's gracious invitation for a night cap.



The next 2 days included golfing at both the courses at Genoa Lakes Golf Course at a reasonable fare and with splendid weather. While the men chased the little white ball, the wives hiked the mountain, including a trip to see a waterfall. At night appetites were deliciously quenched at Thai and Italian restaurants. The trip was a good break from the hustle and bustle of the Bay Area. Be sure to join us on our next excursion

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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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SIR Branch 35 2023 Annual Picnic



SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MENU

Eisenhauer has proposed a sampler menu consisting of a variety of items. Whether you prefer a hot or cold lunch, this bountiful spread should be a treat for you. As a bonus, Dustin, the owner will be standing next to his presentation to describe his offerings and answer your questions.

Traditional Caesar Salad - Romaine lettuce, fresh-grated parmesan cheese, flat anchovies, croutons, Caesar dressing-vegetable oil, garlic, eggs, olive oil, lemon juice, and S&P.

Small Bites: Sherry-Braised Boneless Short Ribs - seared short ribs, baked slowly in root vegetables, spices, and beef stock served with a reduction of simmered broth.

Small Bites: Ricotta/Feta & Spinach Stuffed Shells -shell pasta, filled with spinach, ricotta and feta cheese, garlic, basil, Italian seasoning and baked in marinara sauce with a parmesan garnish VEGETARIAN.

Side: Oven-Roasted Vegetables – red bell pepper, yellow sweet onion, tomato wedge, portobello mushroom, zucchini, olive oil & garlic, balsamic vinegar, herbs, seasoning.

SMALL SANDWICHES--Focaccia Bites: Deluxe Chicken - Chicken breast, sliced provolone, bacon, green leaf lettuce, avocado, tomato and herb mayonnaise.

SMALL SANDWICHES--Focaccia Bites: Vegetarian Mediterranean Style - of roasted zucchini, bell pepper and tomato with baby spinach, fresh basil, kalamata olives and red pepper aioli spread VEGETARIAN.

Orecchiette Pasta Salad - with baby spinach, Swiss chard, chickpeas, cherry tomatoes, and crumbled ricotta cheese, garnished with lemon zest.

Soup: Garden Vegetable Minestrone Soup Cups (small cups/spoons).

Dessert: Gourmet Dessert Bites.

PARKING FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AND LUNCHEON

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.

