



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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- NEXT MEETING -

3rd Wednesday, October 18th, 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!

PROGRAM

(our own) J. Campbell Scott:

Climate Change: How do we know it is us?



In 1824 a French scientist and expert in heat flow concluded that the earth is much warmer than he expected. He suggested that there is something in the atmosphere that slows its rate of cooling, but he didn't know what it might be. By the end of the 19th century the "something" had been identified as carbon dioxide and the relevant science was known well enough to allow a Swedish scientist to calculate the warming that it causes.

This talk will highlight the scientists who solved the mystery, presenting their contributions in lay terms. The story continues, the heroes who gathered clues to support the prosecution and the villains supporting the defense who sought to spread doubt and confusion.

J. Campbell Scott is a retired research scientist and educator. After retiring he was trained by former Vice President Al Gore and his team at the Climate Reality Project (CRP). He is a member of Silicon Valley Chapter of CRP where he serves as director of the Speakers' Bureau

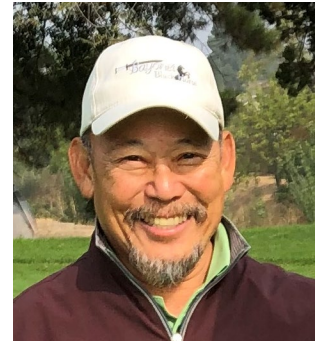
with the role of educating the public about issues relating to climate change.

Campbell received his BSc in physics from St. Andrews University in Scotland and his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. He taught physics at Cornell University before joining the IBM San Jose Research Laboratory (now IBM Research, Almaden). Dr. Scott has published more than 170 scientific papers and holds over 20 patents. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Peter Wong

The Big Sir says...

Labor Day signals the transition to shorter days and cooler nights as the trees prepare for winter, especially noticeable if you lived or visited the East Coast at this time. The Maple tree leaves transition to red, yellow and orange and the Oak leaves change to a reddish brown. The forest foliage is a wonder to see. Although not as prominent in the West, you can still see many of the tree leaves change color. Isn't it a glorious reminder of life in our autumn?



Our first catered luncheon was a big success. I received positive comments at our Wednesday meeting and the September Mini Survey results overwhelmingly validates that getting back to a catered luncheon is the way to go. (Survey results in this newsletter.) The brown bags were expedient at the time but isn't this more of the professional experience that you want to enjoy as you share the same meal at your table. We currently have three caterers qualified to serve lunch, so our plan is to introduce the other two during this fourth quarter after which we can choose.

We are making progress with staffing our Branch Officer positions for 2024. Our last slot is the Little SIR (Vice President) position. This, of course is an important position as one of the primary tasks is to find and schedule our luncheon speakers for the year. That challenge for 2024, is well on its way as our current Little SIR has overachieved and scheduled speakers for the first half of the year on a number of interesting topics. Our branch is blessed with members who regularly refer candidates and the Little SIR is always supported by the entire BEC in making his task a team effort.

I for one, do not subscribe to the notion that our members are selfish and come to enjoy the many benefits of our organization that are provided to them by others without giving back. Who would want to belong to that kind of a group? Please volunteer. Step up and help us out. While we do not pay our officers, we do recognize them for their work and there is a lot of personal satisfaction in knowing you contributed to keeping this the best branch in the State. Alternatively,

we do have other tasks big and small you can volunteer for, if not the Little SIR. Contact me and I'll get you on our "Willing to Help Out" list. Do you care about your branch? Step up and help.

Ron



SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BEV OPS - We are providing beverages at the meetings for our members. Until we get a full-service caterer or another option for beverages, we will continue this activity. HOWEVER, WE NEED HELP. Ken Jones and Ben Gikis are managing the operation, but we need at least 1 more person at each meeting to manage the drinks table, take care of donations, etc. This would be a great opportunity for a new member to meet a lot of the members! Contact Ben or Ken if you would like to help!
- Please consider volunteering for the Branch officer position 'Little SIR' (Vice President). This, of course is an important position as one of the primary tasks is to find and schedule our luncheon speakers for the year.

SEPTEMBER 2023 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 306 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://wildapricot.org)

NEW MEMBERS

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS

Leonard Chan (10)	Harv Dixon (22)	Gil Eakins (11)
John Faucett (10)	Buck Kendrick (25)	Peter Lau (10)
Bob Moss (17)	Dave O'Hara (13)	Norm Pass (14)
Dick Peacock (27)	Steve Pomeroy (14)	Karl Reseck (25)
Darryl Walker (13)		

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Doug Anderson	Clod Barrera	Alvin Begun
Howard Bull	Vern Dale	Harv Dixon
Del Hanson	Mike Jacobson	Jack Joos
Norm Kitching	Mark Levi	Art Liberman
Shaun Millard	Darrell Monda	Pete Moulds
Shum Mukherjee	Bill Nix	Dave O'Hara
Norm Pass	Campbell Scott	Bob Shaw
David Skurnick	Frank Verlot	Larry Wall
Chip Williams	Walt Wilson	

In Memoriam

Ken Sauer, long-time Senior SIR, joined SIR after a distinguished career in Lockheed, was an active golfer. **Foster Kinney**, SIR Representative Area 13. Dedicated to SIR and supported the Branches through thick and thin. We've lost two friends, they will be missed. R.I.P.

CATERED LUNCHEON SURVEY FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING

<p>Rate the quality of the food served at today's lunch</p> <p><u>73</u> Very good <u>23</u> Good <u>1</u> So-so <u> </u> Poor</p> <p>Did you feel the meal's price was reasonable?</p> <p><u>73</u> Yes <u>22</u> Sort of <u>2</u> No</p> <p>Which did you have?</p> <p><u>43</u> Hot <u>1</u> Cold <u>53</u>Both</p>	<p>Rate the quality of the presentation of the meal, e.g., table layout, cutlery, ease of serving, etc.</p> <p><u>95</u> Good <u>2</u> So-so <u> </u> Poor</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Did calling up tables help keep lines short? Yes <u>89</u> No <u>1</u></p> <p>Do you want to use the same caterer in October or try a different one?</p> <p><u>78</u> Use the same caterer <u>10</u> Try another one <u>4</u> No opinion <u>5</u> Go back to "Bring Your Own"</p> <p>Comments: 97 of 117 responses (83%) 41 comments</p>
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Ron's interpretation: "The September Mini Survey results overwhelmingly validate that getting back to a catered luncheon is the way to go".

THE TRADING POST

To post something here, send email to our Trail Tips Editor	Pat O'Connor Sir35TrailTips@outlook.com
	<i>If you want to Arrange, Swap, Communicate, Sell or Find something, bring it here!</i>
Description	Who to contact
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.	Ben Gikis gikisben@yahoo.com
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.	Ben Gikis gikisben@yahoo.com
AKAI 3000D reel-to-reel Tape Deck, In "mint condition" (e.g., never used), purchased in 1968.	Augie Smith 408-455-8373

BOOK SWAP

See our [web page](#)

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The book swap can be found at the October 18th 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 September meeting we read "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. Huck Finn has an incredible adventure rafting down the Mississippi River. One of Huck's objectives is to take Tom Sawyer's family slave, Jim, and help him get to a non-slavery state to become a free man. Huck and Jim have numerous unexpected, but exciting adventures along the river by the time the story ends. Everyone very much enjoyed the book, and we had a lively discussion about Mark Twain's approach and portrayal of life in those times.

For our October meeting, we will read and discuss "Eagles Cry" (F) by David Nevin.

BIKING

See our [web page](#)

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2nd THURSDAY – October 12th, 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>



Half Moon Bay Coastal Trail.

Ride: This is one of the **best** bike rides in the Bay Area! We will ride a paved, flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6 miles from Poplar beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point, just past the town of Princeton. There is an optional ride to Mavericks Beach (1.5 miles) where surfing competitions take place and then on to the infamous Moss Beach Distillery (3 miles) on 140 Beach Way, HMB. There are several lunch options along our ride. We can either eat indoors or outdoors overlooking the beautiful Pacific Ocean. This adds about 4.5 miles for a total 22 miles with no inclines. We can decide on what ride options once we arrive at Pillar Point.

Directions: Take I-280 North approximately 15 miles to Highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on Highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot, near the port-a-johns. If you park in that lot, there is an hourly parking fee that you have to prepay. There is also neighborhood street parking on side streets off of Poplar St. If you park on the neighborhood streets, please pay attention to ALL posted parking signs. Driving time is about 40 minutes. It may be windy and/or cold, so bring a wind breaker or vest.

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

WINE FINDERS

See 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](#)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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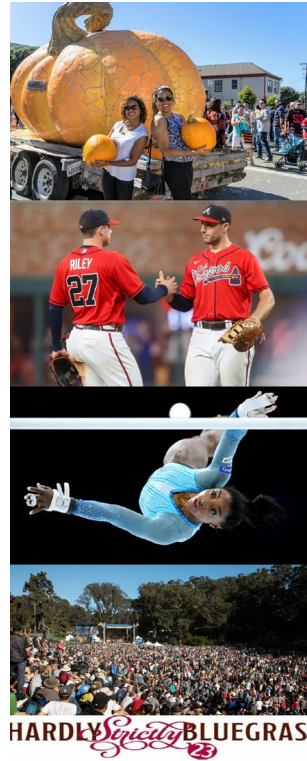
Our September hike was on a modified version of the Timberview and Gordon Mill Trail in the El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve off of Skyline Blvd. We had 13 hikers join.



SIR hiking group in El Corte de Madera Creek O.S.P.

Our October SIR Branch 35 Hike will be on Friday, October 27, 2023. As I get more information on the expected weather I will send out a notice on the location to those on the hiking group list. If you would like to be added to the list please send me an email. We normally hike on the 4th Friday of every month with a location in the local foothills, the Santa Cruz mountains or out on the coast. Remember to bring water, a trail lunch, appropriate 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 a friend and enjoy the outdoors with a friendly group of hikers.

John Tucker

OCTOBER'S SPECIAL DAYSPAT O'CONNOR
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- October – National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- +1st Ryder Cup (Golf)
- +1st Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, San Francisco
- 4th + Fresno County Fair
- 7th+ MLB Division Series (Baseball)
- +8th Gymnastics World Championships
- 14th Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival
- 20th+ Pan American Games (Olympic sports)
- 27th+ MLB World Series (Baseball)
- 28th Rugby World Cup Final
- 31st Halloween

HARDLY Strictly BLUEGRASS

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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.

Why are so many Sir members coming to play Bocce Ball? Several of our more regular attendees were asked, what is your first reaction, why do you play Bocce with our Sir group? The responses were:

- For social reasons,
- Because I am involved in another Branch Activity with a fellow Sir and we like doing this together,
- For developing playing skill and camaraderie, but mostly for the latter.

So the key common reason seems to be essentially for the fellowship benefit! The competition or skill attributes are not the primary basis for attracting players to the courts. We do have fun playing together.



Sir Branch 35 Bocce players looking sharp!

Photo courtesy of Billy Hustace, www.billyhustace.com, for the Los Altos Community Center

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

Our Fall Session has reached the 'halfway' point in a very competitive four months. There are only six games difference between first and last place. We bowl every Tuesday (1:00 PM for a couple hours) at Homestead Bowl in Cupertino. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

STANDINGS - FALL WEEK 8 - 2023	
1st Place --	Les Fisher, Gerry Cooley, Jim Narva, Larry Low
2nd Place - Tie --	Brian Lin, Bob Taggart, Joe Enos
2nd Place - Tie --	Ruth Ososkie, Rick McColloch, Jerry Ososkie, Marc Haberman
4th Place - Tie --	Doug Anderson, Daryl Walker, Stan Barkey, Bob Garten
4th Place - Tie --	Ranney Thayer, Jim Holman, Perry Brown
6th Place - Tie --	Harold Kaye, Peter Wong, Jay Jonekait
6th Place - Tie --	Fred Emmenegger, Ken Allen, Don Haythronwhite
6th Place - Tie --	Alan Gaudie, Armie Satterlee, Ron Nakamoto

SEASON HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	583 - Marc Haberman	1st	232 - Jay Jonekait
2nd	561 - Larry Low	2nd	216 - Joe Enos
3rd	518 - Stan Barkey	3rd	209 - Perry Brown
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	695 - Ruth Ososkie	1st	266 - Bob Taggart
2nd	680 - Brian Lin	2nd	261 - Rick McColloch
3rd	676 - Ron Nakamoto	3rd	247 - Gerry Cooley

LAST WEEK'S HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	583 - Marc Haberman	1st	232 - Jay Jonekait
2nd	561 - Larry Low	2nd	177 - Bob Garten
3rd	477 - Stan Barkey	3rd	165 - Ken Allen
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	663 - Jerry Ososkie	1st	258 - Perry Brown
2nd	644 - Jim Narva	2nd	236 - Brian Lin
3rd	639 - Fred Emmenegger	3rd	224 - Harold Kaye

GOLF
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Fixtures for the Coming Month

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday Oct 13			
Spring Valley (SPV)		Thu Nov 2	10:00 \$46 ** NEED TC ** / ** Need ATC **
Poppy Ridge (PPR)		Mon Nov 6	10:00 \$65 Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net / ** Need ATC **
Bayview		Thu Nov 9	10:00 \$60
Scramble		Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / ** Need ATC **	
Blackhorse (BBH)		Mon Nov 13	10:00 \$95 O'Meara 408-506-4714 omearatimo(at)gmail.com / ** Need ATC **
Wente Vineyards (WNT)		Thu Nov 16	10:00 \$89 McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath(at)yahoo.com / Garten
Moffett Field (MFD)		Mon Nov 20	9:30 \$48 ** Need TC ** / ** Need ATC **
Crazy Horse (CHR)		Mon Nov 27	9:00 \$70 ** Need TC ** / ** Need ATC **
Deep Cliff (DCL1)		Thu Nov 30	10:30 \$39
Eclectic 1		Squellati 408-245-3787 dsqueaky(at)pacbel.net / Hall	

O'Meara Captures Round of the Month Honors

The turnout was light at Spring Hills on Sept. 25, but **Tim O'Meara** had the round of his dreams. He shot 94 (gross) / 65 (net) and was 6.4 strokes "under" -- 8 strokes better than the next-best net score. Well done, Tim! Keep it up in October!

Lesti is Now an NCGA Tournament Official

Paul Lesti has completed all the steps, including an all-day seminar at NCGA headquarters and two ride-along training sessions, to become an NCGA Tournament Official. The other three Branch 35 members who are NCGA Tournament Officials are **Joe Cioni**, **Stan Scardino**, and **Ken Cornwell**.

Paul recently volunteered at the Carmel Cup at Pebble Beach. A few days later he played Pebble for the first time in 40 years and carded 41 on the back nine. (His front nine score must remain confidential.) Congratulations on your achievement, Paul!

How to Impress Your Grandson

Joe Cioni sends this report: "Today, September 10, is National Grandparents Day. While playing with my son and grandson today at Poplar Creek, I made a hole in one on the 17th hole. A thrill for the whole family. My 7th ace."

Cioni & McGrath Near the Top in NCGA Senior Series

The NCGA says you are a senior when you turn 55, so Joe (age 84) and Richard (age 74) are competing against some guys young enough to be their sons in the NCGA Senior Series. Richard and Joe placed 3rd in the tournament at Moffett Field on Aug. 28. Joe shot gross 80, Rich shot gross 77, and their combined net score of 145 was just one over par. Before they teed off, Rich told Joe "We're going to need to shoot our ages to win." Walking off the 18th green, Joe said "Well, I did my part, what happened to you?"

As of mid-September, they were in sixth place in the yearlong "Senior Team" category. A two-man scramble at Spanos Park on Sept. 28 was the last tournament before the Championship.

Unfortunately, results from Spanos Park were not available in time to be included in this issue of Trail Tips.

The Rules Corner

The Situation (#1): Two players are on the green on the 2nd hole at Shoreline, which is notorious for its steep slope on the left side. Player A's putt misses the hole and rolls all the way off the green into the fringe. Player B's putt follows a similar trajectory and strikes A's ball. If this happened to balls lying on the green, A would receive a 2-stroke penalty, but is there any penalty in this case?

The Situation (#2): Player C's ball lies 50 feet from the hole. Player D's ball is 40 feet closer to the pin. C doesn't ask D to mark his ball because it is a couple of feet on the downhill side of his intended line. C pulls his putt badly and sees that it may hit D's ball. He yells "pick up your ball" to D, and D complies, lifting the ball a few inches so it will not be struck as C's wayward putt rolls past. He immediately replaces his ball as close as he can to the spot from which he lifted it. What penalty, if any, applies in this situation?

The Ruling: In Situation #1, there is no penalty because the balls were in the general area when they collided. In Situation #2, Player D gets a one stroke penalty for moving a ball that is in play without marking it first.

Bruce

Golf Results

Why are Some Names Printed in Red?

Achievements in red are **outstanding results** in a Branch 35 tournament that should be applauded by all our golfing members. There are four ways to join the red brigade: (1) if your "over/under" is -2.0 or better; (2) if your tee shot on a Par 3 is within a putter length of the hole; (3) if you eagle a hole; or (4) if you shoot your age or better on a course rated 66 or higher. The cash prizes are \$15 for IPL, \$25 for eagle, \$200 for a hole-in-one and \$200 for the very first time you shoot your age or better in a SIR tournament and \$25 for each subsequent occurrence, but no more than one cash prize per calendar year. State SIR also provides a "SIR Feather" trophy to golfers who shoot their age or better. It is a two-inch wooden feather with a metal backing with the name, age, golf course and date etched on back and the score of the round etched on the front. The trophy is awarded only once per golfer per year, no matter how many times he shoots his age or better.

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	Eagle Ridge	Cioni & Low def. Scardino & Schutz	4 & 3	\$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
Quarter Final	Spring Hills	Les Miles def. Ben Gikis	3 & 2	\$10
Quarter Final	Callippe Preserve	Larry Low def. Man Tran	2 & 1	\$10

DeLaveaga (Scramble)		Par 70	Aug. 28, 2023	
Team		Score	Prize	
Millard, Taboada, Baugher, Grace		49	\$17 @	
Rittweger, Squellati, Karney, Ogle		51	\$10 @	
Garten, Hall, Metheany		54	\$5 @	
Low Gross: Team of Millard, Taboada, Baugher, Grace 68				

Cinnabar Hills						Par 72	Aug. 31, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Paul Lesti	73	\$20	Paul Schutz	75	\$20	Joe Enos	72	\$17	
Les Miles	75	\$15	Herb Petersen	75	\$15	Don Mattson	75	\$10	
Rich McGrath	76	\$10	Ken Cornwell	76	\$10	Man Tran	77	\$5	
Jay Jonekait	77	\$5	Larry Baugher	77	\$5				
Low Gross (forward tees): Jay Jonekait 89									
Low Gross (back tees): Paul Lesti 82									

Shoreline			Par 72	Sept. 6, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Joe Cioni	71	\$25	Milt Wehrman	72	\$18	
Richard McGrath	73	\$19	Wendell Stephens	74	\$14	
Ron Nakamoto	73	\$14	Man Tran	74	\$10	
Jim Thorne	74	\$9				
Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 84, shot 80						
Low Gross (forward tees): Jim Thorne 77						
Low Gross (back tees): Chris Weberg 94						

Dublin Ranch			Par 63	Sept. 7, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Peter Lau	61	\$25	George O'Brien	61	\$17	
Richard McGrath	66	\$19	Joe Enos	63	\$10	
Chris Weberg	68	\$14	Man Tran	66	\$5	
Bob Garten	68	\$9				
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 75						

Eagle Ridge (Scramble)		Par 72	Sept. 11, 2023	
Team		Score	Prize	
Walt Joyce, John Gerich, Don Mattson, blind draw		58	\$18@	
Richard McGrath, Herb Petersen, Stan Barkey, blind draw		58	\$12@	
Ron Lau, Bob Garten, Larry Baugher, Milt Wehrman		59	\$5@	
Low Gross: Team of McGrath, Petersen & Barkey 72				

Los Lagos						Par 68	Sept. 14, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Tom Taboada	63	\$21	D. Squellati	69	\$21	Man Tran	66	\$18	
Shaun Millard	68	\$16	Peter Lau	70	\$16	Milt Wehrman	69	\$14	
R. Nakamoto	70	\$10	B. Metheany	74	\$10	Jim Narva	74	\$10	
Larry Low	71	\$5	Dick Wilson	79	\$5				
Inside Putter Length: Chris Weberg on #2 (\$15)									
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 80									

Callippe Preserve						Par 72	Sept. 18, 2023		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$	
Chris Weberg	68	\$22	B. Metheany	67	\$22	Gerald Cooley	68	\$18	
R. McGrath	70	\$16	Peter Lau	75	\$16	Larry Wall	69	\$12	
Nick Smyth	70	\$11	Larry Baugher	75	\$11	Tim O'Meara	70	\$7	
J. Rittweger	74	\$6	Stan Scardino	75	\$6	Jim Narva	70	None	
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 77									
Low Gross (back tees): Nick Smyth 83									

Coyote Creek (Tourn'mnt Course)			Par 72	Sept. 21, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Marc Haberman	73	\$22	Man Tran	70	\$15	
Walt Joyce	76	\$16	Jim Narva	76	\$7	
Bob Garten	76	\$12				
Chris Weberg	76	\$7				
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 83						
Low Gross (back tees): Walt Joyce and Jim Thorne tied at 87						

Spring Hills			Par 71	Sept. 25, 2023		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Jay Jonekait	76	\$15	Tim O'Meara	65	\$18	
Marc Haberman	78	\$7	Larry Wall	73	\$12	
			Jim Narva	75	\$17	
Low Gross (forward tees): Tim O'Meara 94						
Low Gross (back tees): Chris Weberg 93						

MOVIES

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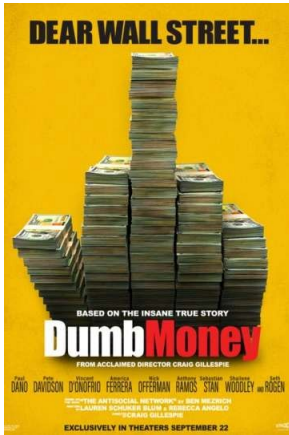
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Our Movies group will meet on Zoom on October 17th at 3 PM. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



A Million Miles Away. This biopic tells the heartwarming story of Astronaut Jose Hernandez. Jose is the son of hardworking farmworkers who leave Mexico for a better life. They arrive in Stockton, CA and through diligence achieve the American dream. Jose is an outstanding student who becomes an engineer. Since childhood he dreamed of being an astronaut. His skill and perseverance are rewarded when he is selected to be a mission specialist on a space shuttle flight. This is a

wonderful film about overcoming obstacles and respect for family and hard work. Rated PG. Good one to watch with the kids and grandkids. Streaming on Amazon Prime Video. It is Peggy's Pick.



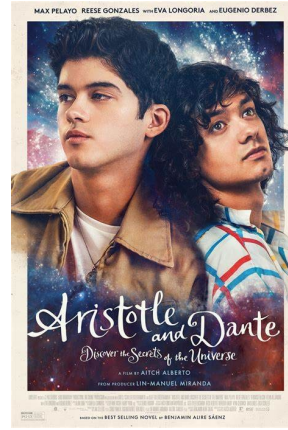
Dumb Money. This film is based on actual events when GameStop became the poster child for Wall Street shenanigans. Ordinary podcaster Keith Gill (Paul Dano) uses his social media presence to run up the value of GameStop's stock. Hedge Funds get wind of the action and go short, but the stock continues to increase in value due to small investors keeping their shares. All sorts of fall-out from these machinations causes grief for some but value to most. The film is fast paced as

texts and emails fly. People even talked on their cell phones. This is a fun romp through the intrigues of Wall Street. Rated R for pervasive language, sexual material, and drug use. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Golda. Helen Mirren turns in an Oscar worthy performance as Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir during the 1973 Yom Kippur war. The armed conflict lasted only three weeks but had a lasting effect on the Middle East. Syria from the north and Egypt from the South launched a coordinated surprise invasion of Israel to take back the lands they lost in the 1967 six-day war. Israel not only repelled the attacks but threatened Cairo and Damascus with bold and decisive maneuvers. The film

captures the extremely dramatic and historic responsibilities and decisions that Golda had to make. As she endlessly smokes cigarettes, she pushes her military advisors to never back down and to push for victory. The film's tension is real as we are drawn into the world and mind of Golda Meir. This is a must see. Rated PG-13 for thematic material and pervasive smoking. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe. This is a well-made Indie Movie that tackles difficult issues of ethnicity and sexual orientation. It is the summer of 1987 in El Paso, TX and two teenage boys meet in a swimming pool. Aristotle (Ari) (Max Pelayo) is a dark haired, handsome Latino from a traditional Mexican family. Dante (Reese Gonzales) is from an upscale Tex/Mex family. Dante sees that Ari can't swim and offers to teach him and does. They

are both outsiders who dream a lot about their place in the Universe. They become pals when Dante leaves for a year in Chicago with his family. Upon his return to El Paso their relationship is tested, falters, and then blossoms. The performances of the two young men are remarkable. Rated PG-13 for some strong violence, strong language, sexual material, teen drug/alcohol use, thematic elements, and smoking. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Fisk. This is an Australian Comedy series set in a law office in Melbourne. It is uproariously funny as Helen Tudor-Fisk navigates the world of a small law office and a stuffy court system. Fisk calls it as she sees it and does not care whose feathers she ruffles. Fisk had worked for a name firm, but now, due to a nasty divorce, she finds herself working for a sketchy, two-person law firm - one of whom is suspended from practice for ethical violations. She is

required to take on cases that no one else would take. Her clients never like her advice, even though it is solid. The banter among the office mates is quick paced and witty. The only issue with the series is that it is only six episodes on Netflix. Definitely check it out. Not rated but would be R for language. It is a Peggy's Pick. Note you will need to use closed captions and occasionally look up some Aussie slang.

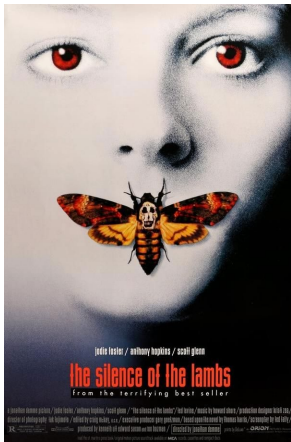
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MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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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: The Silence of the Lambs

I thought twice about flashing back to this psychological horror drama from 1991 but then again, that is what movies are about, telling you a story, not all of which are feel good experiences. The movie is based on the novel of the same title authored in 1988 by Thomas Harris. The novel was a sequel to his 1981 novel "Red Dragon", inspired by William Blake's painting "The Great Red Dragon and the Woman Clothed in Sun".

Filmmakers often blend real-life events to add to the believability of the story and its characters. For this story Ted Tally, screenwriter, created the Buffalo Bill character using Ted Bundy for his technique of luring victims into a van, while the idea of imprisoning women in a basement was taken from Gary Heidnik's crimes, and crafting a "woman suit" came from Ed Gein, who killed for the same purpose. Although it's Dr. Hannibal Lecter who is most memorable in this masterpiece, it's Buffalo Bill (Ted Levine) who provides a truly terrifying portrayal of the deranged serial killer.

A few movie facts:

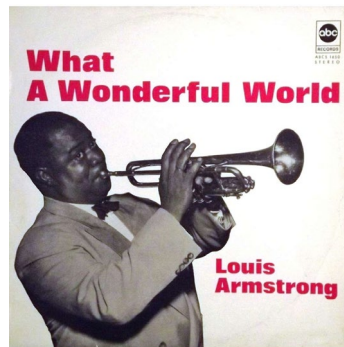
- Michele Pfeiffer turned down the role of Clarice because "... there was so much evil in that film. "I regret not being to work with Jonathan Demme (Director) again (Demme directed her in Marriage to the Mob) but the film's script was too malevolent."
- Jody Foster was the fourth choice to play Clarice. She campaigned for the role.
- Gene Hackman was sought to play Jack Crawford, the FBI Agent-in-Charge of the investigation but declined because he "... found the script too violent". (Editor's note: Huh?)
- Anthony Hopkins was offered the lead role after Sean Connery turned it down. Hopkins initially asked if this was a children's story when all he saw was the title. After reading the first ten pages of the script he said, "This is the best part I've ever read."
- "I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice Chianti." One of

the most quoted lines in film history, convincingly delivered with malevolent calmness by Sir Anthony Hopkins. The inside story is that a psychotic such as Hannibal would have been prescribed MAOIs (Monoamine oxidase inhibitors), which were used to treat various forms of depression. So, what are the three things you're not allowed to eat while on this medication? Liver, beans, and wine. As a psychiatrist, Lecter would have known this, so as well as making Clarice uncomfortable he was cracking a joke for his own amusement and hinting he had not been taking his medications.

- The movie went on to win the "Big Five" Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Adapted Screenplay", seven Oscars overall.

Here is the official trailer for "The Silence of the Lambs." Released on February 14, 1991:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6Mm8Sbe_o



Music: What a Wonderful World

Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong was born into poverty in the segregated city of New Orleans. His father abandoned the family and his youth was spent in a rough neighborhood known as "The Battlefield". He was given a cornet by the Karnofsky family who employed and fed him in his early life. Louis always wore the Star of David throughout his life in memory of the Jewish family that took care of him. Louis started his career as an inventive cornet player. He played on riverboats, steamboats, then to Chicago and finally to New York City to play with the Fletcher Henderson Orchestra, the top African American band of the time. He switched to the trumpet to blend in better with the other musicians in his section. He soon became a featured and musically influential band soloist and artist. By the 1950s he had become a national music icon appearing regularly in radio and television broadcasts and on film. You remember his many big hits when he burst onto the jazz scene in the 1920s with "Froggie Moore" and in 1929 and 1930 with "Ain't Misbehavin" and "I Ain't Got Nobody (And there's Nobody Cares for Me)". With a string of hits through the decades he recorded his biggest hit 35 years later with "Hello Dolly" in 1964.

Surprisingly, "What a Wonderful World" was recorded in 1967. The song writers, Bob Thiele and George Weiss wrote the song, motivated by the controversies of the Vietnam War and the social chaos of the Civil Rights Movement. The first line, "I See Trees of Green, Red Roses too" defines the song as one of hope and happiness in contrast to the turmoil of that period. "The Colors of the Rainbow, so Pretty in the Sky" was to show the storm about to clear and the rainbow was to signify happier times to come. Whether or not you accept the interpreted verses' meaning, you can still appreciate the melody and Louis's raspy vocals that combined to make this song a classic.

Here is some introductory narrative that Louis spoke to introduce the song acknowledging the turbulent times when it was released.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nGKqH26xlq>

Here is a utube recording with Louis singing this song. Both are worth the time to watch and listen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqhCQZaH4Vs>

Doesn't it transport you back to that time in your life?

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

SIR HAPPENINGS

Our State SIR Organization publishes a quarterly bulletin highlighting SIR events, branch activities and state-wide activities. It's called **SIR Happenings**, and you can read the latest issue [here](#)

<https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

PARKING FOR THE OCTOBER 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.

