



TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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- NEXT MEETING -

Wednesday, June 19th, 2024

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

Business 12:15pm, Speaker 12:45pm

Venue: **Los Altos United Methodist Church**

**Program: Nelly Cotto, WellRive
Brian Schwatka, Stay or Go
Homeowner**

Challenging Choices - Senior Living Options

Have you ever considered downsizing as you approach your seniors' years, but didn't know how to proceed? If so, then our two speakers in June will help in answering some of those key questions in the planning process. They are Nelly Cotto of WellRive and Brian Schwatka who will discuss the options of how to best downsize and get ready to either move to a smaller home, or age in place. They will explore issues like: when to start considering moving into a senior living community, what kinds of senior communities are available and how much do they cost??



Nelly Cotto is the Regional Sales Director for WellRive's northern California region. As a Move Manager with WellRive, she worked directly with many clients in managing and executing their move; from downsizing to creating floor plans to assembling crews for the packing and

unpacking to clearing their house in preparation for sale, and more! She is passionate about assuring all seniors have an easier transition into their new life stage. She has extensive experience in business and marketing, planning & development, sales, public

speaking, management, and customer relations. Nelly is also a published author and life coach.



Brian Schwatka's passion is to help homeowners make the best decisions for their future whether they are staying or going. He educates his clients through webinars, online classes, educational videos and personal consultations. He helps homeowners decide IF they should stay or go, then WHERE they could go. This analysis and education gives the homeowner clarity, and confidence. Finally, he continues to assist homeowners in selling their homes, saving them time, money and frustration. Brian has been a top producing Realtor, Certified Seniors Advisor (CSA) and a Transition Specialist since 2004.

Jerry Ososkie



The Big Sir says...

As we approach Summer I invite all members to come and enjoy our next luncheon on Wednesday June 19th at the Los Altos United Methodist Church.

Summer brings warm weather, long days, and is a season that encourages getting out, socializing, exploring, and enjoying the warmth.

So, get out of the house, meet members you haven't seen in a while, try one of the many activities our branch has to offer. You will find when spending time with positive, cheerful people from our branch, it'll rub off on you and your days will be brighter. The important thing is to leave the house and enjoy what summer brings.

At our May Luncheon, with 121 members, guests and visitors, we are slowly inching toward pre-pandemic attendance. I hope summer brings more of you out. I would also encourage members to invite guests where they can enjoy a catered lunch, an interesting speaker and companionship with fellow retirees. Let's regain the vigor we had before the pandemic. Come and join us.

The 2025 nominations of officers, directors and chairman of our branch are almost complete. For those candidates on the fence about volunteering, please embrace this new opportunity to serve and share your experiences. Join the team to keep our branch energized and relevant.

Last but not the least, I want to thank and acknowledge members that provide feedback on our program and things that can be improved. Together we can achieve the goal to enhance our lives through physical, mental and social engagement.

Peter Wong.

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Please note that June's luncheon gathering will happen at Los Altos United Methodist Church, a break with the normal.
- The SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic will take place on Wednesday July 17th from 10:30am to 2:00pm (BBQ 11:30am to 1:00pm), at Blackberry Farms in Cupertino. See the flyer in this edition of Trail Tips!
- Our own Bill Nix is honored by the Royal Society of London, see an article by Joe Hauser
- See our special featured article by John Rittweger, honoring Jim Schlatter, founding member of SIR Branch 35 Golf Club
- It is time for Service Award nominations. See Ron's article for more information.
- A calendar of the coming month's activities is at the back of this newsletter. Print it out and stick it up on your refrigerator!

JUNE 2024 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 293 Net Monthly Change: +1

We had two new members join us in May. We always welcome new members so bring a friend or neighbor to the lunch as a guest to 'check us out', it's on us!!

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))

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

How long have you been a member? These members are celebrating more than 10 years with SIR Branch 35 this month!

Joe Cioni (12)	Gerry Cooley (17)	Dick Costa (10)
Doug Ericsson (11)	John Gerich (21)	John Goldsborough (20)
Ken Jones (15)	Bill Monroe (14)	Ken Newton Jr. (20)
Herb Petersen (17)	Joe Scheid (10)	David Skurnick (16)
Jack Wu (18)		

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Henry Chik	Joe Enos	John Galli
John Gerich	Art Hammar	Carl Hellman
Mike Humphries	Jay Jonekait	Howard Kalt
Don Lintz	John Lucero	John Manning
Don Mattson	Richard Moll	Bill Moniz
Nick Smyth	Paul Suchma	Gordy Tong
Hal Toppel	Greg Unangst	Chris Weberg
Dick Wilson	John Wong	

NEW MEMBERS

We had two new members join us in the past month!

Name	City	Former Employer(s)
Venicio Navarro	Santa Clara	Hewlett Packard
Bernard Soules	Cupertino	Lockheed Martin, Sandia National Labs.

In Memoriam



John Richardson was a longtime member of SIR Branch 35 and served as Little Sir in 2010 and Big Sir in 2011. He was passionate about bocce ball, and served as co-chairman of the bocce ball activity for 10 years. John is survived by his wife Alice and his 5 children, with many grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held later in June. SIR friends are welcome. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Alice, his family and friends. He will be missed!

Ron Nakamoto did a member profile about John and it appeared in the [August 2019 edition of Trail Tips](#). Follow the link and have a look.

BOOK SWAP

See our [web page](#)

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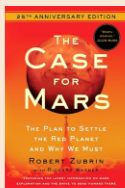


The book swap will be in business at our next monthly luncheon. Bring a book you enjoyed for sharing, grab something that piques your interest!

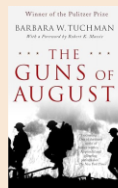
BOOK CLUBSee our [web page](#)JERRY BELDEN
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We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1:30 till 3pm at the Los Altos United Methodist Church.

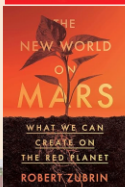
The Book Club is an activity where most months of the year, all members read the same book and then meet to discuss it. However, for the May meeting, each member read a book of their own choosing, and at the meeting provided a short overview of their book and a recommendation if they felt it was a worthwhile read. Here are the books that we read:



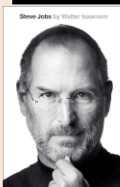
'The Case For Mars' by Robert Zubrin was recommended by Frank Crossman



'The Guns Of August' by Barbara Tuchman was recommended by Larry Wray



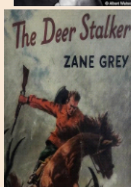
'The New World On Mars' by Robert Zubrin was recommended by Frank Crossman



'Steve Jobs' and 'Elon Musk' by Walter Isaacson were recommended by Jean Mordo



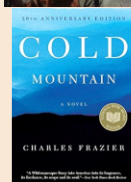
'Purified: How Recycled Sewage Is Transforming Our Water' by Peter Annin was recommended by Russ Atkinson



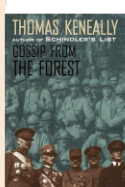
'The Deer Stalker' by Zane Grey was recommended by Jerry Belden



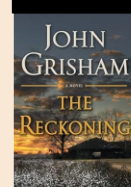
'Rising Out Of Hatred' by Eli Saslow was recommended by Don Gladstone



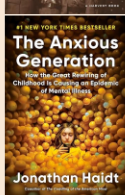
'Cold Mountain' by Charles Frazier was recommended by David Skumick



'Gossip From The Forest' by Thomas Keneally was NOT recommended by Rob Roy



'The Reckoning: A Novel' by John Grisham was recommended by Bill Blockie



'The Anxious Generation: How The Great Rewiring Of Childhood Is Causing An...' by Jonathan Haidt was recommended by Lou Wohlner



'Last Buckaroo' by Mackey Hedges was recommended by Jim DeLong

The book we are reading for June is "The Iliad" by Gareth Hinds.

Jerry

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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.

Picnic Wine Tasting:

At the July 17th picnic you will have the opportunity to taste and identify six wines and win a prize. You will be given a one ounce taste of each numbered wine. The entry form will have the names of the wines. All you need to do is match the wine with its number. All picnic attendees are eligible.

The contest will end when we run out of wine or run out of time. One winner will be selected from those correctly identifying the wine and will receive a bottle of fine wine.

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David Arata has reserved the air museum at Moffett for a meeting on Wednesday, June 5th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This will be an "open air" session to discuss topics you bring to the meeting. The participant survey taken two weeks ago indicated many members would be unable to attend a June session.

Andy

BIKINGSee our [web page](#)GORDON TONG
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Wives and guests welcomed; helmets required and face masks optional.

Foster City Bay Trail

Ride: We will ride the scenic and picturesque Foster City Bay Trail from the Oracle Corporate Headquarters to the Poplar Creek Golf Course at Coyote Point. There is another 4-mile extension that would take us to the very Southern edge of the SF International Airport for a total round trip of 22 miles. The trail is paved and level with no further trail construction or detours. We can decide on whether to ride the 4-mile extension on the day of the ride. There

are lunch options along the trail. It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.



Foster City Bay Trail

Driving Directions: Take I-101 North towards SF and exit at Marine Parkway / Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordy Tong or Hank Bottino (details above).

Gordy

HIKING

See our [web page](#)

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Eighteen of our 21 hikers.

We had 21 hikers on our trip to Heritage Grove in Sam McDonald County Park on Friday, May 24. The weather was in the 50's which was a little nippy, but everyone had a good time. We hiked approximately 5.3 miles. Our age spread was from the late 50's to the late 80's..., SIR's are a very sturdy group!



Mere fallen trees won't stop this SIR pack!

After the hike we retired to Alice's Restaurant for refreshments and our traditional toast - "Nobody Died"! Thanks to Bart Nelson for sharing his photos.

Our next hike will be Friday, June 28th. Come join us! If you would like to get on the mailing list for the Hiking Group contact John Tucker.

JUNE'S SPECIAL DAYS



- 4th National Cheese Day
- 6th D-Day Anniversary
- 6^{th++} NBA Finals (Basketball)
- 8th World Oceans Day
- 13^{th++} US Open at Pinehurst (Golf)
- 14th Flag Day
- 14^{th++} Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton
- 15^{th++} 24 Hours of Le Mans (Motor racing)
- 16th Fathers Day
- 16th Tony Awards
- 19th Juneteenth Celebration
- 20th Summer Solstice, First Day of Summer
- 27th Presidential Debate (?)
- 27^{th++} Mother Lode Fair, Sonora
- 29^{th++} Tour de France (Cycling)

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John

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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.



Ben and Friends playing chess at L.A.C.C.

Come along and give it a try!

Ben

BRIDGESee our [web page](#)MARK LEVI
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SIR Bridge Group in action! From left to right; Jack Tooley, Fred Emmenegger, Les Fisher and Mark Levi

The Bridge Club is regularly meeting at the Los Altos Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We play from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Join us for a fun afternoon of bridge and good conversation. We are looking for additional players of any experience level.

Mark

BOCCE BALLSee our [web page](#)RICHARD OEHLBERG
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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.

Join the SIRS Branch 35 Bocce Ball Players and interact with a great group of SIRS Branch 35 Bocce Ball People. The courts are in good shape now.

"We are privileged to play on the courts by agreement with the Los Altos Community Center if we maintain the court surfaces each Friday morning before play. This means that each of us who plays will have to take turns coming early (say 9:30 am) to clean off debris, redistribute pushed up oyster shell flour at the ends of the two courts, and brush down all court surfaces with the provided court brush. We will start play as soon as our maintenance work is done at 10AM at the latest is the plan.

Richard

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We have reached the half way point of the Spring Session. 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 - SPRING SESSION HALFWAY - JUNE 2024

1st Place --	Doug Anderson, Peter Wong, Joe Enos
2nd Place - Tie --	Jim Narva, Darryl Walker, Chris Weber, Larry Low
2nd Place - Tie --	Bob Feigelson, Ruth Ososkie, Jerry Ososkie, Scott Hiller
2nd Place - Tie --	Larry Mailbaum, Jim Holman, Bob Taggart, Don Haythronewhite
5th Place --	Man Tran, Alan Gaudie, Perry Brown
6th Place - Tie --	Ranney Thayer, Ron Nakamoto, Arnie Satterlee, Bob Garten
6th Place - Tie --	Les Fisher, Fred Emmenegger, Ken Allen, Marc Haberman
8th Place --	Brian Lin, Harold Kay, Stan Barkey, Jay Jonekait

SEASON HIGH SCORES

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	604 - Larry Low	1st	225 - Ranney Thayer
2nd	564 - Perry Brown	2nd	221 - Scott Hiller
3rd	554 - Joe Enos	3rd	186 - D. Haythronewhite
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	706 - Chris Weberg	1st	267 - Bob Garten
2nd	682 - Darryl Walker	2nd	244 - Marc Haberman
3rd	659 - Jim Holman	3rd	237 - Peter Wong

LAST WEEK HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	564 - Perry Brown	1st	203 - Joe Enos
2nd	471 - Amie Satterlee	2nd	168 - Bob Garten
3rd	461 - Man Tran	3rd	151 - Darryl Walker
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	676 - Marc Haberman	1st	229 - Ruth Ososkie
2nd	613 - Bob Feigelson	2nd	221 - Alan Gaudie
3rd	597 - Doug Anderson	3rd	201 - Larry Mailbaum

Doug

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Mack Asrat Has the Round of the Month

Mack Asrat had a great day at Moffett Field on May 9. Not only did he have the Round of the Month for May (7.6 strokes under) he also earned Low Gross honors with his 79 from the forward tees. Well done, Mack!

Fixtures for the following month – sign up now!

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday June 14 for the following			
Moffett Field (MFD)	Mon Jul 1	9:30	\$51
Schutz 408-313-6852 pschutz3@comcast.com / Squellati			
Las Positas (LPS)	Wed Jul 3	10:00	\$60
Barkey 408-996-3133 stanbarkey@gmail.com / Wilson			
Corica Park South (CCS)	Mon Jul 8	9:30	\$75
Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfr@aol.com / **Need ATC**			
Crystal Springs (CSP)	Thu Jul 11	9:30	\$66
Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / **Need ATC**			
Lake Chabot (LCH)	Mon Jul 15	10:00	\$45
Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / **Need ATC**			
Laguna Seca (LGS)	Thu Jul 18	10:00	\$70
O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatim@gmail.com / **Need ATC**			
Coyote Creek - T (CCT)	Mon Jul 22	9:30	\$100
Nakamoto 408-440-2330 ronandela@comcast.net / **Need ATC**			
Los Lagos (LLS)	Thu Jul 25	9:27	\$36
O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatim@gmail.com / **Need ATC**			
Baylands (BAY)	Mon Jul 29	9:50	\$70
Miles 408-528-5473 Impomi@yahoo.com / Barkey			

Our Guys Dominated at 2-Day State Golf Tournament

More than 130 men and ten women played at the State SIR Golf Tournament April 24-25 in Wine Country. They enjoyed cool, rain-free weather while playing Chardonnay on Wednesday and Eagle Vines on Thursday. Our own **Ben Gikis**, the State Golf Chairman, did an outstanding job running the event and getting a huge turnout. He was ably assisted by **Don Mattson**, (State Golf Treasurer), **John Rittweger** and John's wife **Lori**.

Branch 35 members played very well and took home top prizes. The foursome of **Jones**, **Mattson**, **Gikis** and **Nakamoto** won the 2-best ball competition at the Chardonnay course and the team of **Gerich**, **Taboada**, **Jonekait** and **Jim Schlatter** (former Branch 35 member) came in fourth there.

Ken Jones was the top money winner over the two days, and

Don Mattson, **Ben Gikis** and **Ron Nakamoto** finished in a 3-way tie for second place in the money race.

Richard McGrath (net 69), **Alex Bush** (net 72) and **Jim Thorne** (net 73) finished second, fifth and ninth respectively in Flight 1 (for the lowest handicap players) at the par 72 Chardonnay course. **Nakamoto** (net 67) won Flight 3 and **Jones** (net 72) placed third. **Gerich** (net 71) placed fourth and **Paul Schutz** (net 74) placed ninth in Flight 4.

Branch 35 players also did well in the scramble at Eagle Vines. The team of **Jones**, **Schlatter**, **Gerich** and **Taboada** finished fifth out of 34 teams and **McGrath**, **Nakamoto**, **Mattson** and **Gikis** finished eighth.

Branch 35 held its traditional group dinner Wednesday night at Filippi's Pizza Grotto. Approximately twenty players and wives attended. Wine and conversation flowed freely!

Reports from Team Matches

This year 17 teams are competing for the Four Ball Match Play trophy. On April 28, past champions **Ken Jones** and **Ben Gikis** played **Ron Nakamoto** and **Tim O'Meara** at the beautiful but challenging Callippe Preserve. Ken and Ben started strong and got to three up, but Ron and Tim fought back and after the 15th Ken and Ben were starting to sweat – they were only one up with three to play.

The turning point came on the 16th, a par 3. Tim hit his tee shot within 4 inches of the cup. Ben hit short of the green, but pitched to four feet. If Ben sank his putt he would birdie to tie the hole because he was getting a stroke ... and he made it!

So, Ben and Ken took their one up lead to the 17th. Ken nailed his second shot on that tough par 4; it cleared the hazard and landed on the front of the green. His bogey (net par) won the hole and the match. Ken and Ben move on to a quarter-final match against the formidable duo of Joe Cioni and Larry Low.

Reports from Individual Matches

This year's Individual Match Play Tournament has had an unusual number of matches that ended in ties, but not every match is a close one. On May 9 at Moffett Field **Brad Metheany** faced off against **Jay Jonekait**. Brad got 8 handicap strokes, including a stroke on each of the first three holes. Jay started strong, parring and winning the first two holes. On the third he chipped in for birdie to go 3 up.

That was disheartening for Brad, but he rallied to sink a putt from fifty feet for a par to tie on the fourth hole. Jay, nominally a bogey golfer, was one under after 4 holes. He kept up his outstanding play over the next five holes, winning all of them. He was 8 up after 9 and had carded a 38, just one over par.

Jay clinched the match on the 10th green when Brad conceded his par putt and congratulated him for having the round of his life. Jay reported that he had been having balance issues on the last three holes, so after he won the match he retired, skipping the last eight holes.

May's Golf Results:

2024 Individual Match Play Tournament Results

(If a name is in red it means the player's "over/under" score was -2.0 or better.)

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
2	San Jose Muni	Mack Asrat def. Tim O'Meara	2 & 1	\$10
2	San Jose Muni	Ron Nakamoto def. Paul Schutz	4 & 3	\$10
1	Moffett Field	Jay Jonekait def. Brad Metheany	9 & 8	\$10
2	Moffett Field	Richard McGrath tied Peter Wong	AS	--
1	Crow Canyon	Alex Bush def. Jim Thorne	2 up	\$10

2024 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
1	Callippe Preserve	Gikis & Jones def. O'Meara & Nakamoto	2 & 1	10GC@
1	Callippe Preserve	McGrath & Bush def. Cornwell & Joyce	2 & 1	10GC@
1	San Jose Muni	Squellati & Metheany vs. Petersen & Wilson	6 & 4	See ●
1	Crystal Springs	Hall & Karney def. Taboada & Gerich	4 & 2	\$20@
1	Crystal Springs	Weberg & Kalsi def. Miles & Garten	2 & 1	\$10@

● \$20 + \$14 Poplar Creek gift card each because of two previous all-square results

Callippe Preserve			Par 72			April 29, 2024		
Palmer Ftt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Ftt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Ftt.	Net	\$
Larry Low	70	18GC	B. Metheany	68	18GC	Dave Dardis	64	18GC
Jeff Allmon	74	15GC	Bob Garten	69	15GC	Balbir Kalsi	70	15GC
Chris	74	12GC	H. Petersen	72	12GC	Peter Wong	71	12GC
Jay Jonekait	74	\$6	S. Scardino	73	\$6	Sam lm	74	\$6
Inside Putter Length: Tim O'Meara 4" on #16 (\$15)								
Low Gross (forward tees): Larry Low 81								
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 83								

San Jose Muni			Par 72			May 2, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Bob Garten	68	\$25	Milt Wehrman	67	\$21			
Scott Hiller	70	\$20	George O'Brien	68	\$16			
Ken Jones	71	\$15	Peter Wong	73	\$10			
Tom Taboada	73	\$10	Man Tran	73	\$5			
Richard Pattisson	74	\$7						
Low Gross (forward tees): Jay Jonekait 88 (Mack Asrat also shot 88 in a match)								
Low Gross (back tees): Scott Hiller 84								

Redwood Canyon			Par 71			May 6, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Chris Weberg	73	\$21	Sam lm	68	\$18			
Scott Hiller	75	\$16	Peter Lau	70	\$14			
Jay Jonekait	75	\$10	Don Mattson	76	\$10			
Ken Jones	76	\$5						
Low Gross (forward tees): Sam lm and Chris Weberg tied at 85								
Low Gross (back tees): Alex Bush 94								

Moffett Field			Par 72			May 9, 2024		
Palmer Ftt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Ftt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Ftt.	Net	\$
Mack Asrat	64	\$18	Dave Squellati	69	\$18	Jim Narva	71	\$24
J. Rittweger	70	\$14	John Gerich	74	\$14	W. Stephens	72	\$18
Joe Cioni	73	\$10	Bruce Karney	75	\$10	Balbir Kalsi	73	\$12
						Ben Gikis	74	\$8
Shot his age: Joe Cioni , age 84, shot 82								
Low Gross (forward tees): Mack Asrat 79 (Richard McGrath shot 77 in a match)								
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 87								

Crystal Springs			Par 72			May 13, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
John Rittweger	72	\$25	Man Tran	70	\$17			
Brad Metheany	73	\$19	Don Mattson	76	\$10			
Stan Scardino	74	\$14	Peter Wong	78	\$5			
Richard McGrath	77	\$9						
Walt Joyce	80	\$6						
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 86								
Low Gross (back tees): Walt Joyce 91								

Pacific Grove			Par 70		May 16, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Jim Thorne	68	\$22	Peter Wong	69	\$18	
Les Miles	69	\$16	Larry Wall	70	\$12	
Stan Barkey	69	\$12	Jim Narva	73	\$7	
Peter Daley	70	\$7				
Low Gross (forward tees): Les Miles 85						
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 76						

Rancho Solano			Par 72		May 20, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
John Rittweger	67	\$18	Jim Narva	69	\$17	
Jay Jonekait	69	\$14	Peter Wong	71	\$10	
Larry Low	74	\$10	Joe Enos	77	\$5	
Low Gross (forward tees): Peter Wong and Man Tran tied at 96						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 82						

Shoreline ABCD Scramble			Par 72		May 23, 2024	
Team	Score	Prize				
Chris Weberg, John Gerich, Tim O'Meara, Ron Grace	56	\$18@				
Richard McGrath, Peter Lau, Larry Wall, Jerry. Ososkie	57	\$13@				
John Rittweger, Balbir Kalsi, [missing "C" player], Richard Pattisson	57	\$10@				

Bruce

SPORTS CAR GROUP

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Our first Sports Car group Fun Run will be Wednesday, June 5, 2024. We will start on Sand Hill Road and drive on Highways 84 and 1 to the Cascade Restaurant for lunch south of Pescadero. We will be traveling on well maintained curvy roads through the forest and farm lands and along the Pacific Ocean.

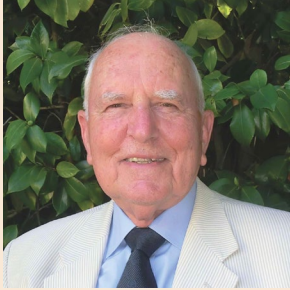


The goal of the Sports Car group is to drive our cars on curvy roads to some interesting place, get together with like-minded SIR members and have FUN. Activities normally happen on the first Wednesday of the month. Information and directions will be sent out in the month before the event. Feel free to bring your spouse or a friend with you. Don't have a sports car but want to be part of this group anyway? Contact John to get added to the mailing list, there will be many activities that don't require owning a sports car.

John

BILL NIX**ELECTED TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF LONDON**

BY JOE HAUSER



Bill Nix, of SIR Branch 35, has been elected to join the Royal Society of London. Bill is an emeritus professor at Stanford university in the department of Material Science and Engineering. Bill has been involved with the study of the mechanical properties

of materials for nearly fifty years. His early work was on high temperature creep and fracture of metals focusing on techniques for measuring internal back stress in deforming metals and featuring the modeling of differential deformation and cavity growth processes. He has developed many of the techniques that are now used in the study of thin film mechanical properties. There is also a lecture series at Stanford named after Bill.

Some of the many honors bestowed on Bill include honorary doctorates from Northwestern University, University of Illinois and Colorado School of mines, and numerous awards including the Heyn Medal from the German Society of Material Sciences, the Monie A. Ferst Award and the Albert Sauveur Achievement Award.

Congratulations, Bill!

Joe



Honoree Jim Schlatter and SIR State Chairman Ben Gikis prepare to tee off at the 14th hole

This year the tournament was scheduled for May 20th at Rancho Solano Golf Course in Fairfield. The course is challenging, but fair and well maintained. Eighteen golfers ventured up north to play a round with Jim. It was spectacular day on a grand venue. After all the putts were drained, Jim bought a round for all at the bar. If you missed it be sure to join us for the event next year.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
BRANCH MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS
 BY RON NAKAMOTO

It is that time in the year when we take a few moments to show our appreciation and recognize members that have volunteered to help our fellow members and/or have helped with branch operations.

This is an open nomination period. Please either: (1) Send me an email nominating a fellow member along with a short statement as to what or why you are nominating the member. My email address is ron.nakamoto@yahoo.com; or (2) you can fill out a brief form that will be available at our next luncheon meeting. The two categories and criteria for nominations are:

1. Distinguished Service Award

- Been a member for three years or more.
- Clearly earned it through exceptional and extraordinary service.
 - Must be a Board member for two or more years.
 - Can be an Activity or task lead for three or more years.
- Steps forward whenever the need arises.

SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE
THE 2024 JIM SCHLATTER REUNION TOURNAMENT

BY JOHN RITTWEGER



Jim Schlatter was a founding member of the SIR 35 Golf Club. He was a driving force behind what is probably the premier club in SIRS today and maybe in all the Bay Area. Several years back he moved to Napa, but remains in the SIR family. To show our appreciation for

his contributions to SIR 35, we hold a north bay tournament each year in his name.

Volunteers to lead at least two or more special projects to undertake a task that results in a positive outcome that benefits the branch.

- Regularly volunteers to help or mentor others.
- Would be recognized by his peers to have earned it.

2. I'm Doing My Part (DMP) Award.

- Have contributed to the success of the Branch.
- Regular volunteers should qualify for this recognition award.

Awards Recognition Ceremony

- Scheduled for our August Luncheon Meeting.
- Reserved Awardee tables
- Step forward to be recognized ceremony

Ron

MOVIES

MOVIES

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See Jim's [web page](#)

Our Movies group will meet on Zoom on May 15th at 3 PM. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



Back to Black The music and the all too short life of Amy Winehouse are celebrated in this bio pic. The film chronicles her life from her early teens through her late twenties. Her drug addiction and alcoholism are portrayed with stark realism. Fortunately, her musical talent is also celebrated. Marisa Abela as Amy does an amazing job. It is as if Amy is resurrected with her unique talent intact. The film is choppy and its story hard to follow – a better editor could have saved the day. Rated R for drug use, language throughout, sexual content and nudity. In Theatres.



Maryland Two sisters, Becca and Rosaline, have grown apart over the years. Their mother dies unexpectedly on the Isle of Man. The fact that their mother had a second life on the Isle is a complete surprise. Mum had a lover, friends, a home

and a complete life unbeknownst to them and their father. Dealing with their mother's death draws them closer again. They learn to respect and then love one another again. This film is an all women

production that handles relationships and family crisis well. It is three episodes streaming on PBS and Amazon Prime Video. Not rated but would be TV MA for language. Check it out..



Ridley Alex Ridley (Adrian Dunbar) is a retired British detective. He has suffered a tragic event when he is enticed back as a consultant detective by his former protégée, Carol Farman. She needs help with difficult murder cases. There are four

two-hour episodes to enjoy. Not only is Ridley a formidable detective but he is an accomplished jazz pianist and vocalist. These are all quite watchable as the Brits seem to have a never-ending resource for inventive crime dramas. Not rated. Streaming on PBS. It is a Peggy's Pick..



Sight This is an inspirational portrayal of Dr. Ming Wang and the remarkable advances he made in the field of ophthalmology. Ming was a prodigy that had to survive the Cultural Revolution in China. The violence and mindlessness of The Cultural Revolution had a profound impact on him. This is a true story of how he left and came to America and became a pioneer in restorative eye surgery. He developed many techniques to restore sight to the

blind and continues to this day. This is a must see. Rated PG-13 for violence and thematic material. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick..

Jim



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/>

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 periods that we lived through. This monthly article hopes to spur those memorable moments in your life when you first saw the movie or heard the song from your youth. What were you doing ... in days of yore? Ron



Music: "Mrs. Robinson" Simon and Garfunkel 1968

Here are Simon and Garfunkel at their free concert on the Great Lawn in Central Park, New York Concert on September 19, 1981. There were well over 500,000 fans and attendees. Their opening song was "Mrs. Robinson".

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

The early history of the duo reminds one of the song, "The Long and Winding Road" by the Beatles. They first met in 1953 at Public School 164 in Queens, N.Y., when they appeared in the school play Alice in Wonderland. Simon was the White Rabbit and Garfunkel was the Cheshire Cat. They were classmates in Junior and High School. In their junior year of High School, they started performing under the name of "Tom and Jerry". They began writing their own songs in 1955 and recorded their first song, "Hey Schoolgirl", in 1957. The duo credit the Everly Brothers for their singing style in their early songs before they found their own style.

Their follow up efforts did not pan out so they went their separate ways, Simon enrolling at Queens College and Garfunkel at Columbia University. Post college, they got together and found some local prominence in the Greenwich Village folk music scene. They collaborated to produce a first album which flopped. Shortly after, Simon moved to the United Kingdom and performed at various provincial folk clubs in the London area.

Several years went by and in 1965, one of their songs in the first album began to receive some airplay in Boston. Tom Wilson, the duo's producer took "The Sounds of Silence" and dubbed electric guitars, bass and drums onto the original track and released it as a single. The dubbing turned the "folk" into a "folk-rock" song which climbed to the Top 40 and by New Year's Day of 1966, the song was number one. The duo went on to record a number of hits throughout the year and in 1967 contracted with Mike Nichols to work on the soundtrack for the movie "The Graduate". Simon was to write three new songs for the movie but by the time editing on the film was near complete, Simon had written only one. Simon was busy touring and did not have the time to complete his commitment and that the one song he had written he thought was not appropriate for the movie "... as it's a song about times past – about Mrs. Roosevelt and Joe DiMaggio

and stuff." Nichols desperate for a song for the movie, said, "Simon, it's now, about Mrs. Robinson, not Mrs. Roosevelt." The rest is history.



Movie: "The Graduate", 1967

The movie was released on December 21, 1967, and immediately became a success, grossing \$105M. Adjusted for inflation, the film's gross was \$857M. Mike Nichols received the Academy Award for Best Director for the movie in 1968.

Everyone knows the plot and the actors and actresses involved in this memorable piece of our past, so here is some background on the

author and the making of the movie.

The screenplay was written by Calder Willingham and Buck Henry, based on the novel of the same title authored by Charles Webb. Webb was a young author and an eccentric humanist. He lived in poverty by choice for much of his life. Declining his father's inheritance, he sold the film rights for his book for a one-time payment of \$20,000. He later sold the movie rights for "The Marriage of a Young Stockbroker", bought an 11-room mansion in Massachusetts, and several weeks later, donated the home to the Audubon Society. He married Eve Rudd and 19 years later divorced her in protest over the institution of marriage, even as they remained a couple. Eve shaved her head and called herself "Fred" in solidarity with a California support group of the same name, that represented men who had low self-esteem. To top it all off, the couple removed their children from school so they could tutor them at home. As this act was illegal in California, they left the state, moving to New Jersey where they managed a nudist camp. Don't they sound like the typical California couple of the 60's?

Webb acknowledged that the Benjamin character was based on himself, and Mrs. Robinson's daughter was based on his wife, Eve (a.k.a. Fred). Jo Rudd, Eve's mother, vehemently denied that she was Mrs. Robinson and later Charles clarified that "My father was a doctor and had couples over to the house. There was a wife of one of the doctors who came over and at the sight of her my fantasy became super-charged."

Anne Bancroft was nominated for the Best Actress Oscar but lost to Katherine Hepburn for her role in "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" with Sidney Poitier and Spencer Tracy. She should have won it for her sizzling role as the unhappy married woman who seduces the son of her husband's business partner. Which character do you best remember, Anne or Katherine? Nuff said.

Here is the official trailer for "The Graduate".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRJYVe7_gxg

The trailer evokes many memories of the wild and ever changing 60's. Dustin Hoffman was just short of 30 when he

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Ron

auditioned for the role. He was asked to perform a love scene with Katherine Ross, having never done one, as he later said, “a girl like (Ross) would never go for a guy like me in a million years.” I think he was right. Mel Brooks had eyes on Hoffman for the Hitler-adoring Nazi named Liebkind in “The Producers” and when told of Hoffman’s upcoming audition for “The Graduate” was skeptical about Hoffman for the role saying “You’re a mutt. The minute they see you on film, they’ll say we got the wrong guy.” Another interesting casting tidbit is Mike Nichols considered Doris Day as his first choice for the role of Mrs. Robinson. What? Good thing that Doris promptly rejected the role, suggesting that it “offended her sense of values.” (Editors note: Thank goodness her values matched her on screen roles.)

As Paul Harvey is quoted as saying, “And now, ... you know the rest of the story.”



**** Registration starts June 3rd ****



SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic

Wednesday July 17th

10:30 to 2:00 (BBQ 11:30-1:00)

Blackberry Farm, Cupertino



Our 2024 Annual Summer Picnic at nearby Blackberry Farm is a real old-fashioned outdoor picnic, staffed by our own Branch 35 volunteers.

- BBQ'd Ribs, Chicken, Sausages, Hamburger, Hot Dog, Vegiburger (request only)
- Shrimp, Salads, Cherries, Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks
- Music, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Bingo and Wine Tasting contest
- A great location – Only 10 miles from the Mountain View Community Center
- Level terrain – A short walk from the parking lot (sorry, no cart rides this year)

All you can eat and drink for \$25/person
Register and pay by credit-card on our website
(Look for emails starting on June 3rd)

Please register by July 1st

During registration you will indicate which of the food choices you and your guests (up to 2) expect to eat.

Volunteers needed - contact Ben Gikis: gikisben@yahoo.com



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Death or illness of a fellow Sir should be reported to **Pat O'Connor**. He will express condolences of our Branch and communicate memorial announcements among the BEC and members via email.

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SIR Branch 35 Activities - June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Golf 10:00am Spring Valley - \$48		Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 10:00am Seascape - \$75	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
		Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Personal Finance 1:00pm Moffett Air Museum			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Golf 10:00am Presidio - \$100	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church	Golf 9:30am Metropolitan - \$49	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Golf 10:00am Wente Vineyard - \$95	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Branch 35 Luncheon/Meeting 11:00am - 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church	Golf 9:30am Sunnyvale - \$39 Biking 11:00am Foster City Bay Trail Parking Lot off Oracle Parkway	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Golf 10:00am Boulder Ridge - \$85	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 10:00am Tilden - \$53	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location TBC	