



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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**- NEXT MEETING -**

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

SIR Branch 35 Lunch Meeting 11:00am-1:30pm  
 Business 12:15pm, Speaker 12:45pm  
 Venue: Mountain View Community Center

**Program: Captain Tom Spink (Ret.)**

**A History of Moffett Field**



Moffett Field has served our great country, in peace and war, for nearly a century. Starting with the acquisition of 1,000 acres of land in the South Bay in 1931 and the construction of a Navy base for observation aircraft to today's Moffett Federal Airfield, the area remains vibrant and growing.

Tom will speak briefly about each of the eras of Moffett Field's history; LTA (Lighter Than Air) with the USS Macon, Army Air Corps training pilots prior to WWII, Blimps during WWII, Jets returning from Korea, Patrol planes during the Cold War and Vietnam, California Air National Guard, NASA and Google..

Captain Tom Spink, USN (Ret) is a native of Kansas City, Missouri and graduated from Kansas University ('68). He earned his Naval Flight Officer Wings of Gold in 1970, joined Patrol Squadron 46, then was an instructor in the training squadron, Patrol Squadron 31 in Hangar One at NAS Moffett Field.

In 1977 Tom retired from active duty and affiliated with Reserve Patrol Squadron 91 for 11 years, was Commanding Officer from 1986 to 1988. He later held various Reserve command and staff jobs in Alameda, CA, in Hawaii, and in Norfolk, VA. Tom has an MSc in Systems Management from USC, and his civilian employers included Singer-Link, Watkins Johnson, Precision Echo, and Lockheed Martin.

In 2022, he became the Chairman of the Board for the Moffett Field Museum. He and his wife Andrea live in Sunnyvale and Truckee, California, with a couple of rescue dogs.

Jerry Ososkie



***The Big Sir says...***

As I look forward to our Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon, I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to members that attended in April. With 116 members, guests and visitors, it was one of the larger gathering since we resumed the in-person meetings in early 2023. Let's see if we can regain the vigor we had before the pandemic. I invite members that

haven't attended a meeting to come and take the opportunity to reconnect and renew your friendships or even make new ones. I have feedback that the program is good and that the food is excellent. Come and join us!

As your Big Sir, my pledge is to serve our Branch and fulfill State SIR bylaws. One of the major milestones on the horizon is the 2025 nominations of officers, directors and chairmen of our branch. We have started this effort and you can volunteer or you may be selected to fulfill a position to support our Branch. Each of you has unique skills and when you serve, you will find that it makes a difference in the lives of fellow members. Please consider and embrace this new opportunity to share your experiences.

Whatever celebrations you partake of in May, Cinco de Mayo (May 5<sup>th</sup>), Mother's Day (May 12<sup>th</sup>) and Memorial Day (May 27<sup>th</sup>), may these festivities serve as reminders of the importance of joy in our lives. Let's carry the spirit of these celebrations forward, to make our branch a welcoming and vibrant place for all.

Peter Wong.

## SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Please note that May's luncheon gathering will happen on TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup>, a break with the normal, due to availability of our venue.
- The Bocce Ball activity is back up and running after a slow 2024 start. Two new volunteers have stepped up to lead the activity! Read what outgoing chairman John Richardson has to say in his update this month.
- John Tucker is starting a new 'Sports Car Activity Group' this month. Check out his introductory article!

## MAY 2024 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

**Active Members: 292 Net Monthly Change: +1**

A few members decided to resign end of March, so we exited March with 291 members. We had one new member join us in April. We always welcome new members so bring a friend or neighbor to the lunch as a guest to 'check us out'!!

Remember, you can search our member database at this link:

[SIR Branch 35 - Membership Directory \(wildapricot.org\)](http://wildapricot.org/SIR_Branch_35_-_Membership_Directory)

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

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

Andy Danver (14)	Fred Emmenegger (10)	Bill Hall (19)
Jerry Ososkie (14)	John Richardson (22)	John Rinehart (15)
Ron Stefani (13)	Gordy Tong (11)	Gary Waldeck (13)
Bill Young (21)		

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Larry Baugher	Roman Beyer	Fred Emmenegger
Bob Fisher	Jacques Fossourier	Gordon Frierson
Bob Garten	John Goldsborough	Joe Gruber
Ed Halk	Bill Hall	Peter Iovan
Klaus Jaeger	Bob King	Ron Lau
Jay Mark	Richard McGrath	Curt Neumann
Hank Pastorelli	Roger Potash	John Rittweger
Bob Roy	Marvin Schwartz	Marc Shaw
Augie Smith	Mike Su	Bob Sutis
Peter Thurston	Dan Zemanek	

## NEW MEMBERS

We had one new member join us in the past month!

Name	City	Former Employer(s)
Joe Sordi	Los Gatos	IBM

## 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!

Tim

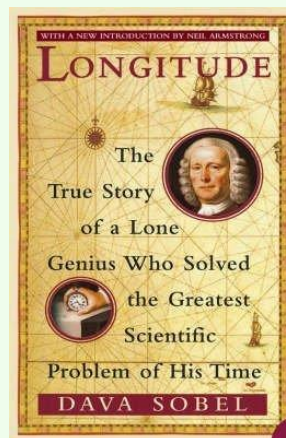
## BOOK CLUB

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The Book Club is an activity where most months of the year, all members read the same book and then meet to discuss it.



**Longitude: The True Story of A Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time**, by Dava Sobel. It tells the story of the 18th-century contest to find a precise way to locate a ship at sea. The clockmaker who built the first timepiece that could do so competed for a prize that would be worth more than a million dollars today. He had to battle with astronomers who had an alternative method as well as scheming politicians. Book Club members gave the book good reviews.

There is no chosen book for May as each member can select their own book to read and provide a short summary to the group at our next meeting.

Jerry

## 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.

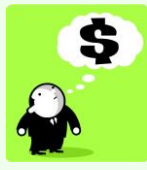
Alan



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The SIR Branch 35 Personal Finance Group will meet on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 2:30 in the Moffett Field Museum. Our current eMail distribution list has 25 members and attendance at our sessions ranges from 8 to 17. Agenda for May 1<sup>st</sup>:

### Thanks to:

- Dave Arata/Andy Danver/Bob Booth for securing, & checking the meeting location
- Henry Chik for leading the April discussion on Nvidia's AI Conference

### News of Interest:

- "4 Ways to Lock in Yields Above 5%"—Wall Street Journal 2/28/24 [link]
- "Why the Stockmarket is Disappearing"—The Economist 4/18/24 [link]

### Interesting Reads:

- "Humans Need Not Apply: A Guide to Wealth and Work in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" by Jerry Kaplan: recognized futurist & AI expert, serial entrepreneur, innovator
- Others?

### "Era of No-Brainer 5% Return on Cash is Ending...Maybe"—Howard Kalt

- "CD or Treasury? Five Factors to Consider"—Chas Schwab 9/27/23 [link]
- "Do Bond Ladders Really Work?"—Wall Street Journal 4/5/24 [link]
- Tentative Auction Schedule of U.S. Treasuries [link]
- Fidelity New Issue CD Offerings

### Stocks to Watch:

Discuss one stock you've been following

### Future Topics/Speakers:

- Review of September survey results re areas of interest
- 2 sessions tentatively set for Fall—Medicare & Year-End Tax Planning

### Discussion:

- Future meeting location [Andy Danver + your ideas]
- Should July 3rd meeting be moved because of holiday?
- Meeting Frequency: is monthly too often?

Andy



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See our [web page](#)

### Next ride: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:00am

Wives and guests welcomed; helmets required and face masks optional.

### Brisbane Bayshore Trail

**Ride:** We will ride the nearly flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles starting from the parking lot next to the Sangamo Therapeutics Building, 7000 Marina Blvd. in Brisbane (a historical and architectural award winning office building) just south of SF. We will have lunch at a local sandwich shop just off the trail. We will ride back for a total of about 15 miles. This not a long ride but very scenic along the Brisbane, Sierra Point and Oyster Point Marinas. This ride can be breezy so bring a windbreaker or vest.

The following are the GPS coordinates:

GPS 37.676521,-122.382464



Brisbane: the white path is the biking route we'll be riding.

**Driving Directions:** Take I-101 North past SFO to Sierra Point Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point Blvd exit). At the first intersection, stop, and turn right. At the next intersection, stop and turn left on Marina Blvd. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the Sangamo Therapeutics office (it looks like a big cruise ship) on the left side. Turn left at the next road with the Public Parking sign and proceed .25 mile towards the boat docking area. There should be many parking spaces available.

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

Gordy





# HIKING

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At the start of our Alpine Pond and Horseshoe Lake adventure.

Twelve SIR members and friends turned out for an overcast start to our Friday, April 26 hike. It warmed up and cleared up as we went along.



Along the way - Horseshoe Lake.

After the hike we gathered at Alice's Restaurant in Skylonda for a beer or food. It turned out to be a fun day with good people. Come join us next time. The next hike will be Friday, May 24, 2024.



The Debriefing at Alice's Restaurant.

If you would like to get on the mailing list for the Hiking Group contact John Tucker.



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# MAY'S SPECIAL DAYS



- 1<sup>st</sup> May Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> National College Decisions
- 3<sup>rd</sup> World Press Freedom Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby
- 5<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Remembrance
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco De Mayo
- 7<sup>th</sup> National Teachers Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> American Country Music Awards
- 16<sup>th</sup> Contra Costa County Fair
- 20<sup>th</sup> French Open Tennis start
- 26<sup>th</sup> Monaco Grand Prix (F1)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Indy 500
- 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> UN Peacekeepers Day

# CHESS

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The Chess group meets on Wednesdays 9am to 1pm at the Los Altos Civic Center, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, in the senior center room. All are welcome to come and play non-competitive friendly games of chess (no time clocks). All levels of players are welcome. Ben and a few others are available to play on many other days, dates and times are flexible. If interested, contact me.



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

Come along and give it a try!

Ben





# BRIDGE

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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 BALL

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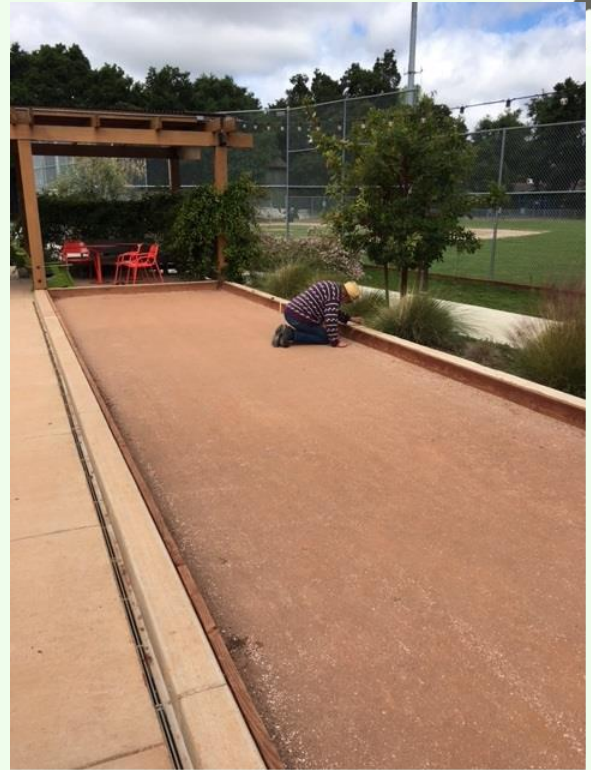
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**Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Guests are welcome.**

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.

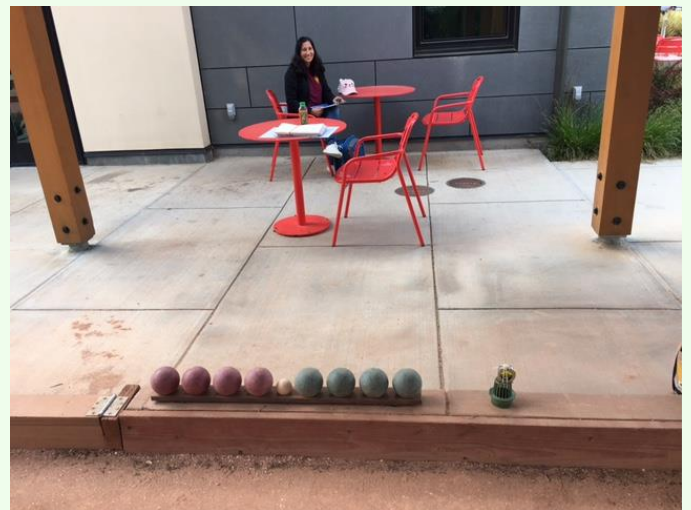
**Change in Bocce Activity Leadership:** After approximately 10 years of providing “support” for the Bocce Activity, now is a good time for new leadership to be responsible for this valuable and enjoyable activity. My responsibility ends Tuesday, April 30. I am pleased to announce that Richard Oehlberg and Mike Maurier have stepped forward and volunteered to co-chair the Bocce Activity going forward. Let’s wish them well as they take up the reins and breathe new life into it!

**Court Status:** Both courts have now been restored to playing condition, but both need to be treated with the roller to smooth and level the surfaces so as to eliminate “breaks” as the ball progresses down the court (sudden turns of the rolling ball, some even at right angles, for example). Court 1 was cleaned and smoothed by Sir Peter Thurston and Guest Ed Austin. Court 2 was cleaned and smoothed by Sir Bill Young. Note the photo below where Bill is carefully removing all weeds and cleaning the side of the court — nearly an hours’ worth of court cleaning, overall.



**Diligent and careful court surface cleaning by Sir Bill Young**

**More Good News:** The “Cafe” which has been planned for some time, and which will be right next to the Bocce Courts and inside the Los Altos Community Center (LACC), will be provided by Ada’s Café. You can get a foretaste of what is in store for us (beverages and pastries) by checking out her operation at 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (650-327-2327). I did and it was a blessing!



**So nice to have an interested spectator watching us as we prepare to play**

John





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

The Spring Session of SIR Bowling Group started on April 9th. If you have been considering bowling - or are new to SIR - this is an excellent time to start. 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.

There are no standings updates this month, please check back next month.

Doug

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## Fixtures for the Coming Month

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday May 10 for the following			
Spring Valley (SPV)	Mon Jun 3	10:00	\$48
4MM2BB	Lau 408-730-9115 <a href="mailto:ronwjau@gmail.com">ronwjau@gmail.com</a> / **Need ATC**		
Seascape (SCP)	Thu Jun 6	10:00	\$75
	Garten 408-253-5860 <a href="mailto:xonon1@comcast.net">xonon1@comcast.net</a> / Squellatti		
Presidio (PRS)	Mon Jun 10	10:00	\$100
	Cioni 650-393-5711 <a href="mailto:jacioni@yahoo.com">jacioni@yahoo.com</a> / **Need ATC**		
Metropolitan (MET)	Thu Jun 13	9:30	\$49
	Cioni 650-393-5711 <a href="mailto:jacioni@yahoo.com">jacioni@yahoo.com</a> / **Need ATC**		
Wente Vineyards (WNT)	Mon Jun 17	10:00	\$95
	McGrath 408-307-8056 <a href="mailto:richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com">richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com</a> / **Need ATC**		
Sunnyvale (SVL)	Thu Jun 20	9:30	\$39
	Stephens 408-489-1759 <a href="mailto:wendellstephens@mac.com">wendellstephens@mac.com</a> / **Need ATC**		
Boulder Ridge (BRGS)	Mon Jun 24	10:00	\$85
	Nakamoto 408-440-2330 <a href="mailto:ronandela@comcast.net">ronandela@comcast.net</a> / **Need ATC**		
Tilden (TLD)	Thu Jun 27	10:00	\$53
	Weberg 408-205-9120 <a href="mailto:cweberg1@gmail.com">cweberg1@gmail.com</a> / **Need ATC**		

## Nakamoto Has the Round of the Month

Ron Nakamoto had an outstanding round on April 1 at Boulder Ridge. He recorded the low gross and low net in a field that also included Manetta, McGrath and Joyce. Those guys' handicap indexes were 9 or more strokes lower than Ron's. Ron shot 9.2 strokes under, which is not just the Round of the Month for April; it also has a good chance to be the Round of the Year!

## Do You Wish There Were Fewer Canada Geese? No Joke!

The owner of a grocery store I shop at is an avid hunter. He told me that there's a special short hunting season for Canada Geese in late September and early October to reduce their



overpopulation. The bag limit is 10 large geese. Learn more here: <https://calwaterfowl.org/regulations>

## Rules Corner

**The Situation:** While we're on the subject of geese, let's say you're playing a match at Shoreline. You and your opponent each have a course handicap of 18. On the fourth hole, a par 3 over a pond, you play first and your ball lands six feet from the pin. Your opponent isn't as fortunate and hits into the pond. He gives his next shot a bath too. With his third swing his ball finally lands on the green about forty feet from the hole. Lying 5, he concedes the hole. As you pick up your ball, you realize that you don't know if you should record your score as a 2 or a 3. And what about your opponent? Should he write down 6, 7, or 8?

**The Ruling:** In match play when a player doesn't complete a hole, the score he records for handicap purposes should be the lower of Net Double Bogey (NDB) or the most likely score he would have achieved if he had holed out. Because neither you nor your opponent completed the hole, both of you must apply that rule.

The Most Likely Score is defined as "a reasonable assessment made by you of the score you are most likely to make from that spot more than half the time." (See Rule II-3.3 at <https://rules.usga.org/rules-of-handicapping/> )

1. If the ball is on the green within 5' of the hole, add 1 stroke.
2. If the ball is 5' to 60' from the hole, add 2 or 3 strokes depending on the position of the ball, difficulty of the green and your ability.
3. If the ball lies more than 20 yards from the hole, add 3 or 4 strokes depending on the same factors as above.

Applying the rule to the situation, you would record a 3. Your opponent would record a 6 because of the net double bogey (NDB) limit. (Double bogey is 5. Your opponent and you each get one handicap stroke, so the NDB limit is 6.)

What if your opponent had hit only one ball in the water and was on the green, lying 3 and 40 feet from the pin when he conceded? In that case he could give himself a score of either 5 or 6, depending on whether he thought it was more likely that he would need two or three putts to hole out.

## April'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
1	Seascape	Alex Bush vs. Jim Thorne	AS	--
1	Canyon Lakes	Larry Low def. Walt Joyce	3 & 1	\$10
1	Canyon Lakes	Richard McGrath def. John Ray	4 & 3	\$10
1	Villages	Peter Wong def. Dave Squellati	2 & 1	\$10
1	Villages	Les Miles def. Stan Scardino	1 up	\$10
1	Villages	Tim O'Meara def. John Rittweger	4 & 3	\$10
2	Villages	<b>Tom Taboada</b> def. Don Mattson	5 & 4	\$10
2	Spring Valley	Paul Lesti def. Marc Haberman	3 & 1	\$10



# SPORTS CAR GROUP

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The SIR Branch 35 Sports Car Activity Group is off and running. Start Your Engines! So far 14 members have signed up. The goal of the group is to drive your car, get together with like-minded SIR members and have Fun. Activities will include getting together in interesting places for breakfast or lunch, visiting local museums and other cultural attractions (mostly auto related), going to Cars and Coffee events, car shows and concours d'elegance and driving curvy roads through interesting scenery. The Bay Area has an incredible collection of places to go and interesting back roads to travel.



Current events in the planning stage include traveling Highway 84 to Pescadero to have lunch at Duarte's Tavern then home by Pescadero Creek Road. This is a road with lots of curves, farms, fields and redwoods - a perfect example of backroad travel. Other examples - The Blackhawk Auto Museum, the Academy of Art University Auto Museum, the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden (most of the way on Highway 9, curvy and scenic), the Canepa Auto Restoration Museum in Scotts Valley (by way of Highway 35) and a possible trip to Laguna Seca Raceway. If any of this sounds interesting sign up now to be added to the mailing list.

Don't have a sports car or a sporty car but want to be a part of this group? Get added to the mailing list, there will be many activities that don't require owning a sports car.

John

**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	Boulder Ridge	Cioni & <b>Low</b> def. Thorne & Daley	2 & 1	\$10@
1	Seascape	Squellati & Metheany vs. Petersen & Wilson	AS	--
1	Seascape	Pattison & Haberman def. Hiller & Jonekait	3 & 1	\$10@
1	Santa Teresa	Hall & Karney vs. Taboada & Gerich	AS	--
1	Santa Teresa	Weberg & Kalsi def. Rittweger & Enos	4 & 3	\$10@
1	Spring Valley	<b>Scardino</b> & <b>Schutz</b> def. Jonekait & Hiller	1 up	\$10@

Boulder Ridge			Par 72		April 1, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
<b>Ron Nakamoto</b>	<b>63</b>	\$25	<b>Tim O'Meara</b>	<b>67</b>	\$18	
<b>Jay Jonekait</b>	<b>69</b>	\$19	<b>Jim Narva</b>	<b>69</b>	\$14	
Russell Johnson	71	\$14	Dave Dardis	71	\$10	
Herb Petersen	73	\$9				
Bob Garten	75	\$5				
<b>Low Gross (forward tees):</b> Ron Nakamoto 84						
<b>Low Gross (back tees):</b> Robert Manetta 86						

Seascape			Par 71		April 8, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Bob Garten	75	\$18	Balbir Kalsi	71	\$17	
Richard McGrath	78	\$14	Dave Dardis	79	\$10	
Les Miles	81	\$10	Man Tran	83	\$5	
<b>Inside Putter Length:</b> Richard McGrath (\$15)						
<b>Low Gross (forward tees):</b> Richard McGrath 89						
<b>Low Gross (back tees):</b> Jim Thorne 87 in match play						

Canyon Lakes			Par 71		April 11, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Jim Thorne	75	\$21	Larry Wall	75	\$21	
Chris Weberg	76	\$16	Peter Lau	76	\$16	
John Rittweger	82	\$10	Sam Im	76	\$10	
Les Miles	83	\$5	Balbir Kalsi	78	\$5	
<b>Low Gross (forward tees):</b> Chris Weberg 88						
<b>Low Gross (back tees):</b> Jim Thorn 84						

Santa Teresa			Par 71		April 15, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
<b>Richard McGrath</b>	<b>67</b>	\$25	Dave Dardis	71	\$22	
<b>Les Miles</b>	<b>69</b>	\$19	Peter Wong	72	\$16	
Ron Nakamoto	70	\$14	Man Tran	72	\$12	
Richard Pattison	72	\$9	Jim Narva	74	\$7	
Bob Garten	72	\$5				
<b>Inside Putter Length:</b> <b>Dave Squellati</b> on #16 (\$15)						
<b>Low Gross (forward tees):</b> Richard McGrath 76						
<b>Low Gross (back tees):</b> Jeff Allmon 102 (Tom Taboada shot 95 in a match)						

Villages			Par 72		April 18, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
<b>John Gerich</b>	<b>66</b>	\$24	Balbir Kalsi	73	\$17	
<b>Bob Garten</b>	<b>68</b>	\$18	Man Tran	74	\$10	
<b>Chris Weberg</b>	<b>69</b>	\$12				
<b>Mack Asrat</b>	<b>70</b>	\$8				
<b>Shot his age:</b> <b>Joe Cioni, age 83, shot 82</b> (\$25)						
<b>Low Gross:</b> Robert Manetta 80						

Spring Valley			Par 70		April 22, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
<b>Les Miles</b>	<b>66</b>	\$25	<b>Balbir Kalsi</b>	<b>68</b>	\$24	
Larry Low	68	\$20	Tim O'Meara	71	\$18	
Jim Thorne	70	\$15	Larry Wall	73	\$12	
Brad Metheany	71	\$10	Don Mattson	73	\$8	
Stan Barkey	73	\$7				
<b>Low Gross (forward tees):</b> Jim Thorne 74						
<b>Low Gross (back tees):</b> Larry Low 80						



# MOVIES

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



**Wicked Little Letters** Who knew the English language lends itself to such creative vulgarity. Olivia Coleman as Edith and Jessie Buckley as Rose, make this movie special and a must see. It is set in Littlehampton UK in the post World War I era. Edith is an uptight spinster living with her elderly parents. She spouts Bible verses at every opportunity. Rose is a rowdy Irish immigrant who loves a pint with the guys in the local pub. She has quite

a mouth on her and is known for inventive invective. Edith begins to receive letters full of uproarious profanities. Rose is the presumed author and is charged with criminal libel and finds herself caught up in the English justice system. The town police dismiss Rose's protestation of innocence since she is a woman. They suppress conclusive evidence of her guiltlessness. The women of the town gather their own evidence and expose the real culprit. This is a fun romp, so seek it out. It's a true story that captivated the English press in the early 1920s. Rated R for language throughout and sexual material. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



**The Long Game** It is 1955 in Del Rio, Texas, along the Rio Grande. The town is segregated, especially in the traditional world of golf. Five young Mexican American caddies love the game. They build a course of their own and rehab discarded clubs from the all Anglo country club. A country club member gets wind of what they are doing and sees they have real ability and talent. He turns them into a real golf team. They go on to win the Texas State High

School Championship. This is a good old-fashioned story of how the best overcome bias and prejudice. Even the bigots eventually see the light. This film is a wonderful experience that can be shared with the whole family. It is a true story. Rated PG for language, racial slurs, thematic material, some violence, and brief rude material. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



**We Grown Now** Growing up is hard to do, especially for two sixth grade boys living in the Cabrini-Green projects in Chicago. It is 1992 as drugs and gang violence take their toll on the local families. Best friends Malik and Eric are enjoying their youth together with exuberance. Their families work hard to provide a good life for them. But the dark side of Chicago undermines their good intentions. The boys have to face challenges

but find the strength in their friendship to move beyond the hardships of life in the projects. The two young actors do an amazing job. In ten years, they should make a follow-up film. This film should be seen by all young men. Rated PG for thematic material and language. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



**Mr. Bates vs. The Post Office** This the best of British TV drama. It is a true story that is still unfolding today. 550 innocent sub-postmasters were wrongly accused, some wrongfully convicted of theft, fraud, and false accounting. Their accounts did not balance, and they were liable for the shortfalls. Property was seized leaving the sub-postmasters bereft. All this was due to a computer glitch. It went on for over 10 years with the PO denying

anything was amiss and just running roughshod over the sub-postmasters. Mr. Bates was a victim of the PO's arrogance and pushed hard with the help of good lawyers to get a full measure of justice. This prosecution is considered the greatest miscarriage of justice in British legal history. After many years, the PO finally had to admit to a coverup and to pay substantial compensation. Check this out on Apple TV+ and PBS. Suitable for all ages. 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](#)

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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 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: "Mona Lisa" by Nat King Cole**

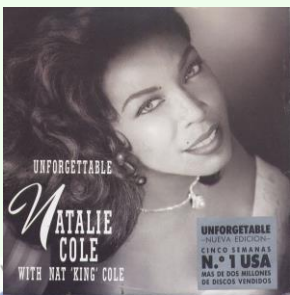
"Mona Lisa" was originally written by Ray Evans and Jay Livingston for the movie "Captain Carey, U.S.A.". They wrote the song for a blind accordion player to play the melody as a warning to the Resistance

Fighters when the Germans were in the area. As you would expect, the producers changed the title and canned the song. Ray and Jay subsequently pitched it to Nat King Cole, who liked it and recorded it on the back of his main song "The Greatest Inventor of Them All". The promotion for the song didn't even mention "Mona Lisa" but it was "Mona Lisa" that hit #1 on the Billboard chart in 1950 and stayed there for eight weeks. The song won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in 1950 as the theme song for guess what movie? The song travelled full circle back to "Captain Carey, U.S.A." with Alan Ladd. While the film was forgettable, the song has lasted through time and still invokes fond memories of times past. It certainly is characterized as a mood piece that puts you in a relaxed, reflective mood when you hear it.

A young musician, Nelson Riddle, did the song arrangement. It was a while before Nat realized that Nelson wrote the arrangement and commissioned him to do his next song, "Young Love". Riddle's talent for musical orchestration soon became the choice for top artists at Capitol Records like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Judy Garland, Peggy Lee, and Johnny Mathis to name a few. In 1952, Riddle did the arrangement for Nat's hit "Unforgettable".

Here is "Mona Lisa" by Nat King Cole.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIDX18XI16s>



**Music: "Unforgettable" by Nat King Cole and Natalie Cole**

You've probably heard the duet of Nat King Cole and Natalie Cole for the song "Unforgettable". The story of the recording of the song is, well ... unforgettable, as Nat King Cole died when Natalie was only 15 years old. Many years later, Natalie

graduated from the University of Massachusetts and immersed

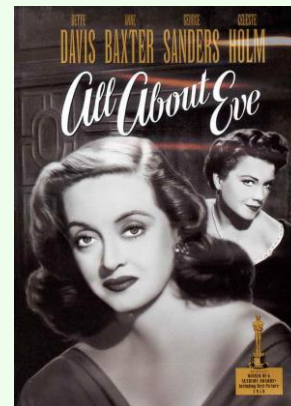
herself in her music earning nine Grammy's over her career, including "Best New Artist". When she performed in Las Vegas, she would sing alongside a video of Nat singing the song. That is where she got the idea to record a duet.

Enter, Al Schmitt, recording engineer extraordinaire. He was a legend in the studio recording business with dozens of awards as Best Engineer and over 150 gold and platinum albums to his credit. He undertook this special project and found that the original recording of "Unforgettable" was done on a three-track tape and the vocal portion was on the center track so he could isolate Nat's voice from the various instruments. By now, technology evolved to multi-track recordings so a voice track would be "mixed" in with multiple instrument tracks.

Al used a 24-track tape to record Natalie and a fifty-five-piece orchestra assembled for the recording. The result is a spine-tingling duet, backed by an orchestra conducted by Johnny Mandel's adaptation of Nelson Riddle's original arrangement. Several of the musicians were moved to tears, as was the lead singer, for as she would comment in the album's notes, the project was "... a labor of love for myself and everyone that has worked on it."

"Unforgettable ... With Love", released on June 11, 1991, hit #1 on the Billboard 200 and stayed there for the next five weeks. I first heard it on my rental car radio as I was driving in Washington D.C. on my way to a business meeting. It is one of those timeless moments in one's life. Where were you when you first heard Natalie and Nat? Here is their duet.

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



**Movie: "All About Eve" Bette Davis**

"Fasten your seatbelts, ...it's going to be a bumpy ride."

Filmed in 1950, Bette Davis should have won the Best Actress Oscar for her role as Margo Channing, the aging actress that felt sorry for and takes in Eve Harrington as her assistant. Eve, played by a young Anne Baxter, manipulates, and claws her way up to become an

understudy to Margo and later a lead actress in her own right. The script was based on a magazine story, "The Wisdom of Eve", Mary Orr wrote in a 1946 Cosmopolitan article. Joseph Mankiewicz (the father of Ben Mankiewicz, Host of "TCM Classics") took the article and wrote the script for the movie. The movie garnered 14 Academy Award nominations (tied later with "Titanic") for the most nominations, winning six, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay, and Best Actor.

The original actress selected to play Margo was Claudette Colbert, who, movie critics commented, would have contributed to a good movie but not a great one. "Colbert was a down-to-earth kind of actress. Margo Channing needed to be played by someone who was unafraid to GO BIG, and that, ladies, and gentlemen, is Miss Bette Davis." Such quotable statements like "We are busy



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little bees, full of stings, making honey day and night.” typify the script writing of Mankiewicz, which was later mimicked by others, for example, in the movie “Gladiator” when Emperor Commodus threatens to kill his own nephew Lucius if his sister does not disclose her schemes to him. “Tell me, what have you been doing, busy little bee ....”

Davis was nominated eight times for an Oscar, winning for “Dangerous” in 1935 and a second for “Jezebel” in 1938. Her career began to falter and suffered a big setback after her infamous clash with Jack Warner, CEO, Warner Brothers. Enter Mankiewicz, eight years later, with “All About Eve” who cast her for the role of a lifetime. It was a tour de force comeback, for which she won the Best Actress Award at “Festival de Cannes”, but lost the Oscar to Judy Holliday for “Born Yesterday”. She became the first woman to win the American Film Institute (AFI) Lifetime Achievement Award in 1977 and in 1999, was named the #2 female star of all time, behind Katharine Hepburn.



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Here is the original movie trailer for “All About Eve” released in 1950.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRjKPLH2OaQ>

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Personal Finance 1:00pm Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 9:30am San Jose Muni - \$49	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Golf 10:00am Redwood Canyon - \$47	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 10:00am Pacific Grove - \$67 Biking 11:00am Stevens Creek Trail Meet at Sleeper Ave. & Franklin Ave.	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Golf 9:30am Crystal Springs - \$66	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Branch 35 Luncheon/Meeting 11:00am - 1:30pm Mtn. View Community Center	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 9:30am Moffett Field - \$51	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Golf 10:02am Rancho Solano - \$56	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 9:30am Shoreline - \$44	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am TBC	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Golf 9:36am Bridges - \$69	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 9:30am Sharp Park - \$64	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	

