



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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**- NEXT MEETING -**

***Our SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic on  
Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

SIR Branch 35 Picnic 10:30am-2:00pm

BBQ 11:30am - 1:00pm

Venue: **Blackberry Farm, Cupertino**

**Program:**

Our 2024 Annual Picnic will happen at Blackberry Farms in Cupertino, featuring

- BBQ'd ribs, chicken, sausages, hamburger, hot dog, veggiburger
- Shrimp, salads, cherries, beer, wine, 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



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

I hope everyone is as excited as I am for our Annual Summer BBQ! This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy our once a year outdoor event. You'll be treated with a delicious selection of BBQ favorites along with appetizers, and snacks. You will have a chance to connect with fellow members and their partners in a relaxed open air environment, make

other new friends, and enjoy our planned games. This year we have added a wine tasting contest and the best palate walks away with a nice bottle of wine.

We commemorate the Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup> as it marks the birth of the United States as an independent nation and represents the core values of freedom, democracy, and the pursuit of happiness. It is a day to reflect on our nation's history, sacrifices made by those who fought and to appreciate the liberties we enjoy.

In a small way I feel that July 4<sup>th</sup> also reflects our branch charter in the pursuit of happiness. "SIR exists to improve the lives of its members through fun activities and events while making friends for life". I look forward to celebrating with you and making this July picnic a memorable one.

See you all there!

Peter Wong.

**SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS**



- The SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic will take place on Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> 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!
- See our special featured article by Bruce Karney about a major disaster that occurred at Moffet Field in 1973. This was discussed briefly at our SIR Luncheon in May.
- 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!

## JULY 2024 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

**Active Members: 294 Net Monthly Change: +1**

We had one new member join us in June. 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))

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

How long have you been a member? We have just three members celebrating a 10+ year anniversary with SIR Branch 35 this month!

Ron Grace (24)	Klaus Jaeger (23)	Arnie Satterlee (24)
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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Ken Allen	Hank Bottino	John Brown
Al Bush	Bob Cain	Bob Caldwell
Joe Cioni	Ken Cornwell	Jim Davis
Justin Go	Joe Hauser	Armond King
Richard Lowenthal	Michael Maurier	Mike McHenry
Brad Metheny III	Jody Michael	Bill Monroe
Carl Moyer	Jim Narva	Bart Nelson
Ken Newton Jr.	Rich Pattison	Skip Ross
Jon Saxe	Tom Smith	Man Tran
Ian Wall	Lou Wolner	Peter Wong
Bill Zonner		

## NEW MEMBERS

We had just one new member join us in the past month. Welcome Rick!

Name	City	Former Employer(s)
Rick Wheat	Menlo Park	Cal. Advanced Imaging, Sequoia Hosp.

## BOOK SWAP

See our [web page](#)

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There will be no book swap this month as we will be at the picnic!

Tim

## BOOK CLUB

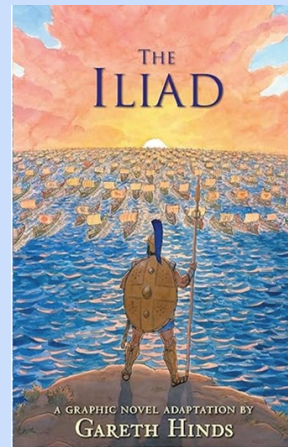
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We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1:30 till 3pm at the Los Altos United Methodist Church.

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



For our June meeting, members read the graphic novel adaptation of Homer's classic "The Iliad" created by the renowned illustrator Gareth Hinds. This format is a step well above the comic book Classics Illustrated version of the 1950s. It includes page-by-page author notes, cast of characters, and bibliography. Hinds' intent in creating graphic novels is to make the book more accessible to all ages and to those readers who might be facing a language barrier.

Homer's "The Iliad" is the oldest written book in Western literature. In The Iliad, Homer relates events that took place in the tenth and final year of the Greek war with the Trojans and their allies. The Greek Gods have each chosen the side they will support and at times appear on the battlefield as apparitions to confuse the human warriors and turn the tide of the battle. The events are centered on a feud between the Greek warrior Achilles and the leader of the Greek forces, King Agamemnon.

One of our book club members asked ChatGPT why the book is considered a classic. The top two reasons given were because of the accounting of the human costs of war, and the consequences of pride and hubris as seen in the behavior of the Greek warrior, Achilles, and his mistreatment of the body of the Trojan hero, Hector, whom he had killed with the aid of the goddess, Athena. The graphic format was received positively by half the book club members. The others felt it to be a bit too comic bookish. You may wish to decide for yourself by examining the Amazon URL <https://www.amazon.com/Iliad-Gareth-Hinds/dp/0763696633>.

Our July book selection is "Dark Ride - A Thriller" by Lou Berney  
Jerry

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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.

### Picnic Wine Tasting:

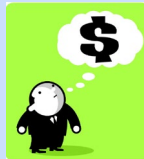
At the July 17th picnic you will have the opportunity to taste and identify six wines and win a prize. You will be given a one ounce taste of each numbered wine. The entry form will have the names of the wines. All you need to do is match the wine with its number. All picnic attendees are eligible.

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.

Alan

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There will be no meeting in July, so the next meeting will be August 7<sup>th</sup>, in the Moffett Field Museum.

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### Next ride: Third Thursday, 20th July 2024, 11:00am

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

### Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)

**Ride:** We will ride the scenic Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will ride past the golf course for another 4 miles to the Anderson Visitor Center at the end of trail, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel street parking for a total of 20 miles. For those who want a shorter ride, they can stop at the golf course and wait at the restaurant.

**Directions:** The Wyndham Garden Hotel is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/ 85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park along Rue Ferrari Rd (pls read street signs) and NOT in the hotel parking lot. The Hotel has changed its parking policy that only allows hotel guests to park in the lot.

Note: If the weather forecast in SSJ on 11th July 2024 is predicted to be hot, I will issue a ride change notice to switch the ride to a cooler location near the ocean or Bay waters. Please check your emails. If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordy Tong or Hank Bottino (details above).

Gordy

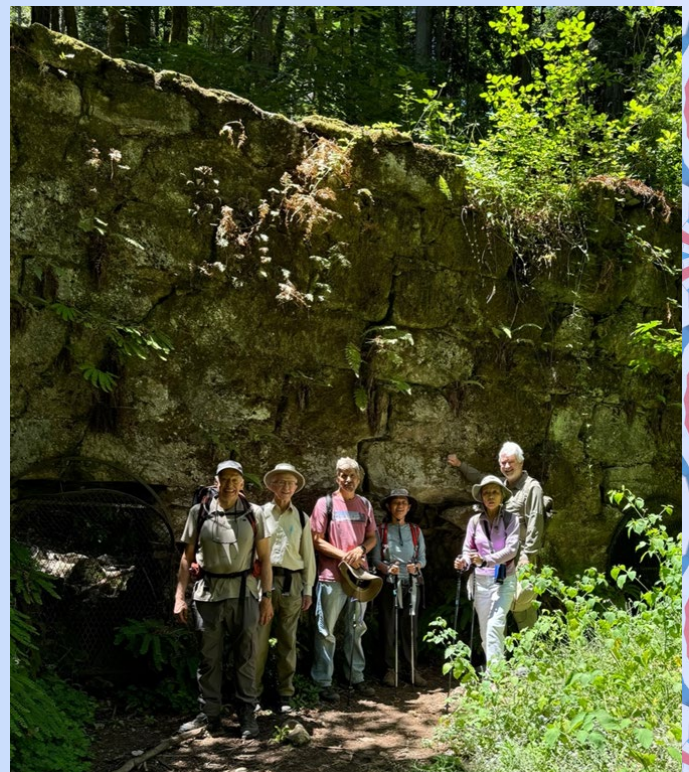
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Our hikers at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park.



Our June SIR Hike took us to the Fall Creek and Lime Kilns trail in the Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park outside of Felton, CA. We had 21 people on this hike. It was a beautiful day with bright sun, temperatures in the a comfortable range for hiking and lot of water in the creeks. We had our trail lunch at the ruins of the lime kilns and then had time to explore these same ruins. After the hike we gathered at Laughing Monk Brewing in Scotts Valley to reminisce about the adventure we were just on. It was a great day with friends, new and old.



Our next SIR Hike will be Friday, July 26th. Come join us! If you would like to get on the mailing list for the Hiking Group contact John Tucker.

John

### JULY'S SPECIAL DAYS



- 1<sup>st</sup> Tour De France start (Cycling)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wimbledon start (Tennis)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Santa Clara County Fair start
- 5<sup>th</sup> National Bikini Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Chocolate Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> California Exposition & State Fair start (Sacramento)
- 17<sup>th</sup> National Tattoo Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> Summer Olympic Games start

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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

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

The SIR Bocce Ball group meets and plays every Friday morning at the Los Altos Community Center Bocce Ball Courts. (97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022).

We begin at 9:30 AM when some of our SIR volunteers do court maintenance before we play. Play begins right after the maintenance is completed — usually around 10 AM — and lasts until noon.

All are invited to join this friendly group of SIR Branch 35 Bocce Ball players and interact with a great bunch of people. Guests are welcome! Emphasis is on an active but leisurely time to engage with old friends and make new ones.

All skill levels are welcome – from beginners who have never played before to those who have been playing for quite a while. There are no regular teams. We are happy to include and coach new players. Come and join us and share some easygoing fun.

Richard & Michael

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

Here are the standings for the season so far. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

STANDINGS - June 2024	
1st Place - Tie --	Perry Brown, Man Tran, Alan Gaudie
1st Place - Tie --	Doug Anderson, Peter Wong, Gerry Cooley, Joe Enos
3rd Place - Tie --	Larry Low, Jim Narva, Darryl Walker, Chris Weber
3rd Place - Tie --	Larry Mailbaum, Jim Holman, Bob Taggart, Don Haythronewhite
5th Place --	Bob Feigelson, Ruth Ososkie, Jerry Ososkie, Scott Hiller
6th Place --	Les Fisher, Fred Emmenegger, Ken Allen, Marc Haberman
7th Place --	Ranney Thayer, Ron Nakamoto, Arnie Satterlee, Bob Garten
8th Place --	Brian Lin, Harold Kay, Stan Barkey, Jay Jonekait

SEASON HIGH SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	604 - Larry Low	1st	244 - Perry Brown
2nd	562 - Perry Brown	2nd	221 - Scott Hiller
3rd	556 - Joe Enos	3rd	204 - D. Haythronewhite
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	706 - Chris Weberg	1st	292 - Ranney Thayer
2nd	682 - Darryl Walker	2nd	267 - Bob Garten
3rd	659 - Jim Holman	3rd	241 - Bob Taggart

LAST WEEK'S TOP SCORES			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	542 - Scott Hiller	1st	224 - Marc Haberman
2nd	521 - Perry Brown	2nd	183 - Stan Barkey
3rd	444 - Ron Nakamoto	3rd	158 - Jay Jonekait
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	644 - Chris Weberg	1st	232 - D. Haythronewhite (Tie)
2nd	623 - Harold Kaye	2nd	232 - Fred Emmenegger (Tie)
3rd	599 - Ruth Ososkie	3rd	232 - Peter Wong (Tie)

Doug

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**Ramesh Patel Has the Round of the Month**

New Branch 35 member **Ramesh Patel** wasted no time in proving his golfing prowess by firing a net 62 at Boulder Ridge on June 24. His score was 9.9 strokes under what someone with a course handicap of 30 would be expected to shoot. Not only was it the Round of the Month, it is the Round of the Year so far!

**Fixtures for the following month – sign up now!**

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Fri July 12 for the following			
Callippe Preserve (CPR)	Thu Aug 1	10:04	\$68
Double Points	Nakamoto 408-440-2330 ronandela@comcast.net / **Need ATC**		
Poplar (PCR)	Mon Aug 5	10:00	\$46
	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / **Need ATC**		
SIR State Team Championship	Aug 7-8	0:00	\$0
Reserve at Spanos Park	go to: <a href="http://www.sirgolf.org">www.sirgolf.org</a> for information		
Bridges (BRI)	Thu Aug 8	9:36	\$69
	McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / **Need ATC**		
Moffett Field (MFD)	Mon Aug 12	9:30	\$51
4MM2BB	Lau 408-730-9115 ronwjlau@gmail.com / Wilson		
Metropolitan (MET)	Thu Aug 15	9:30	\$49
	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / Cornwell		
Santa Teresa (SNT)	Mon Aug 19	10:00	\$76
	Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / **Need ATC**		
Dublin Ranch (DRN)	Thu Aug 22	9:30	\$44
	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net / **Need ATC**		
DeLaveaga (DLV)	Mon Aug 26	10:00	\$61
	O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo@gmail.com / **Need ATC**		
The Villages (VLG)	Thu Aug 29	11:30	\$83
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**Scott Hiller's Eagle**

**Scott Hiller** eagled the sixth hole at Sharp Park, earning a \$25 prize. It was his second eagle of the year, but the first in a Branch 35 tournament.

**Peter Wong**, playing with Scott, provided an eyewitness report. "I watched as Scott hit his second shot from the left side of the fairway, about 140 yards from the hole. It had a slight draw and was heading directly at the flag. The ball landed on the green, rolled toward the pin and disappeared. It looked like it went past the pin to the back of the green. When Scott and I got to the green

we found my ball at the back of the green but did not see his. Scott asked me if his ball went over the hill behind the green. Then he thought to look in the cup. We walked over to it. Lo and behold, his ball was in the hole. What a shot!"

**Taboada Aces WHS Recertification Test**

You may have read the story in a recent NCGA Newsletter about the requirement that a representative from the Handicap Committee of each member club must pass the 2024 WHS Recertification Test. The USGA requires clubs to pass the recertification test every four years. Failing to pass would cause all the club members' Handicap Indexes to be revoked. Worry not, **Tom Taboada** took the test and passed it.

There were significant revisions this year to the WHS Rules of Handicapping and WHS Handicap Manual that were first introduced in 2020. The test consists of 20 questions on various topics in the Handicap Manual, with an emphasis on the most recent changes. Thanks to Tom, our club has been recertified and our Handicap Index updates will be valid through 2028.

**Cioni Shoots His Age at Sunnyvale & Boulder Ridge**

**Joe Cioni**, who will turn 85 in July, shot his age or better in a Branch 35 tournament for the 3rd and 4th times this year. At Sunnyvale, playing from the White tees with a course rating of 67.9, he shot a gross 81, net 69, to win his flight. At Boulder Ridge, playing from the copper tees with a course rating of 68.0, he shot a gross 82, net 70 to defeat Jay Jonekait in match play. Great work, young man!

**Golf Rules Corner**

**The Situation**

In golf there's no clock ticking down like in basketball and football -- at least usually -- but if you are late for your starting time there are consequences. Do you know the right answers to these two questions?

- 1) Able and Baker are scheduled to play an NCGA-sponsored tournament match at 10:08 AM. They are playing head-to-head, not as part of a foursome. Able does not arrive at the first tee until 10:14 and Baker tells him he is disqualified for being more than 5 minutes late. Able says that he was held up in traffic and the penalty is loss of the hole, not disqualification. Which player is correct?
- 2) Baker then says, "I know traffic can be bad here. The penalty for being just a little late is too harsh, so I'm willing to ignore it." Do the rules allow him to be generous in this way?

Look for the rulings at the bottom of this month's golf column.

**June'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	Spring Valley	Gerry Feeney forfeited to Herb Petersen	--	\$10
2	The Bridges	Les Miles def. Alex Bush	4 & 3	\$10
2	Spring Valley	Larry Low def. Chris Weberg	4 & 3	\$10
2	Metropolitan	Peter Wong def. Richad McGrath	2 & 1	\$20
2	Boulder Ridge	<b>Joe Cioni</b> def. <b>Jay Jonekait</b>	2 & 1	\$10
2	Spring Valley	Herb Petersen forfeited to Ron Nakamoto	--	\$10
3	Metropolitan	Larry Low def. Ron Nakamoto	1 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
2	Spring Valley	Hall & Karney def. Squellati & Metheany	3 & 1	\$10@
2	Presidio	Schutz & Scardino def. McGrath & Bush	3 & 2	\$10@

The Bridges			Par 72		May 29, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Ron Nakamoto	72	\$22	Jim Narva	79	\$15	
Jim Thorne	73	\$16	Tim O'Meara	80	\$7	
John Rittweger	75	\$12				
Bob Garten	78	\$7				
Low Gross (forward tees): Joe Cioni 87						
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 79						

Sharp Park			Par 72		May 30, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
<b>John Rittweger</b>	<b>70</b>	\$24	<b>Tim O'Meara</b>	<b>69</b>	\$18	
Chris Weberg	73	\$18	Joe Enos	74	\$14	
Scott Hiller	74	\$12	Ben Gikis	75	\$10	
Jim Thorne	74	\$8	Larry Wall	75	\$5	
Eagle: <b>Scott Hiller</b> #6 (\$25)						
Inside Putter Length: <b>John Rittweger</b> #15 (\$15)						
Low Gross (forward tees): Jim Thorne 79						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 88						

Spring Valley				Par 70			June 3, 2024		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$	
Ron Lau	68	\$20	<b>Tom Taboada</b>	<b>66</b>	\$20	<b>Larry Wall</b>	<b>65</b>	\$24	
Ken Jones	69	\$15	<b>R. Pattison</b>	<b>67</b>	\$15	<b>G. O'Brien</b>	<b>66</b>	\$18	
Bob Garten	70	\$10	M. Haberman	70	\$10	<b>Joe Enos</b>	<b>67</b>	\$12	
Scott Hiller	70	\$5	Dick Wilson	71	\$5	W. Stephens	68	\$8	
Inside Putter Length: <b>Ron Lau</b> on #2 (\$15)									
Low Gross (forward tees): Jim Thorne 74									
Low Gross (back tees): Tom Taboada 88									

Seascape			Par 71		June 6, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
<b>Bob Garten</b>	<b>68</b>	\$24	Joe Enos	76	\$17	
Richard McGrath	72	\$18	Wendell Stephens	77	\$10	
John Rittweger	73	\$12				
Ron Nakamoto	76	\$8				
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 82						
Low Gross (back tees): Dave Squellati 104						

Presidio			Par 72		June 10, 2023	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Joe Cioni	72	\$21	Don Mattson	71	\$18	
John Rittweger	73	\$16	Ben Gikis	72	\$14	
Les Miles	73	\$10	<b>Sam Im</b>	73	\$10	
John Gerich	74	\$5				
Low Gross (forward tees): Joe Cioni 86						
Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 86						

Metropolitan			Par 72		June 13, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
<b>John Rittweger</b>	<b>68</b>	\$22	<b>Ben Gikis</b>	<b>67</b>	\$17	
Joe Cioni	75	\$16	<b>Jim Narva</b>	<b>68</b>	\$10	
Stan Barkey	75	\$12	Larry Wall	73	\$5	
Bob Garten	77	\$7				
Low Gross (forward tees): John Rittweger 80						
Low Gross (back tees): Joe Cioni 86						

Wente Vineyards				Par 72			June 17, 2024		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$	
Larry Low	71	\$18	R. Pattison	72	\$18	Dave Dardis	72	\$18	
Jim Thorne	73	\$14	Bob Garten	74	\$14	Ben Gikis	72	\$12	
Walt Joyce	74	\$10	H. Petersen	76	\$10	Don Mattson	72	\$7	
Low Gross: Jim Thorne 78									

Sunnyvale			Par 70			June 20, 2024		
Palmer Ft. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Ft. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Ft.	Net	\$
Joe Cioni	69	\$18	B. Metheany	71	\$18	Joe Enos	67	\$25
Mack Asrat	70	\$14	William Nix	72	\$14	Dave Dardis	71	\$19
R. McGrath	71	\$10	R. Pattison	74	\$10	Ben Gikis	73	\$14
						Peter Wong	75	\$9

Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 84, shot 81.  
 Low Gross: Richard McGrath and Joe Cioni tied with 81

Boulder Ridge			Par 72			June 24, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Richard Pattison	67	\$25	Ramesh Patel	62	\$17			
Chris Weberg	69	\$19	Jim Narva	71	\$10			
Richard McGrath	71	\$14						
Bob Garten	71	\$9						
John Rittweger	72	\$5						

Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 84, shot 82 in match play.  
 Inside Putter Length: Joe Enos on #14 (\$15)  
 Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath and Joe Cioni tied at 82  
 Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 86

Tilden Park			Par 70			June 27, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Chris Weberg	65	\$12	Venicio Navarro	68	\$17			
Russell Johnson	74	\$5	Larry Wall	74	\$10			
			Joe Enos	75	\$5			

Low Gross (forward tees): Chris Weberg 80  
 Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 86

**The Golf Ruling**

- 1) Baker is correct. Able is D.Q.'ed under Rule 5.3(a). However, Exception 3 to Rule 5.3(a) says that if "exceptional circumstances prevent you from starting on time" that there is no breach and no penalty. (I wonder if Scottie Scheffler knew about this rule or the exception. Luckily, he managed to be on time for his scheduled 10:08 tee time in the 2nd round of the PGA Championship despite being arrested a few hours earlier!)
- 2) Under this scenario, Baker is also DQed for agreeing to not enforce a rule that he is aware of. See Clarification 1.3b(1)/1 in the Interpretation section of the Rules of Golf.

Bruce

**SPORTS CAR GROUP**

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The SIR Sports Car group had their first FunRun on June 5th. We met on Sand Hill Road and then traveled up Highway 84 and over the mountain and down to the ocean on twisty roads that traveled through the forest to Highway 1.



**The Sports Car Group having fun on Highway 1**

We had a bright sunny day as we traveled south to Cascade Restaurant at the Costanoa Resort. It was a beautiful day to drive our cars on curvy roads and have lunch with new friends.

Due to July 4th celebrations our next run will be Wednesday, July 10th when we will travel by way of Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35) and Highway 9 through the towns of Boulder Creek, Ben Lomond and Felton to our ultimate goal of Scotts Valley. We will have lunch there and then tour the auto and racing museum at Canepa, a high-end auto restoration company. The highlight will be a tour of their shop floor where they work on many high-end cars including Shelby Cobra, Porsche, Ferrari, Jaguar, Ford GT, Lancia and McLaren. If you like cars or would like to take a leisurely drive through the woods plan on joining us.



**Our Team, ready to roll!**

The goal of the Sports Car group is to drive our cars on curvy roads to some interesting place for lunch, get together with like-minded SIR members and have FUN. Activities normally happen on the first Wednesday of the month. Don't have a sports car but want to be part of this group anyway, contact John to get added to the mailing list.

John

**SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE**  
**MOFFETT FIELD'S DARKEST DAY**

FIRST OF TWO ARTICLES

BY BRUCE KARNEY

*THE NEW YORK TIMES, FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1973*

**Midair Collision Near Coast Base Kills 16**

**SUNNYVALE, Calif., April 12 (UPI)—**A space agency research jet and a Navy antisubmarine patrol plane collided in the air today and plunged in flames onto a golf course, killing 16 men.

April 12, 1973, was a warm and beautiful spring day. Among those enjoying it were the Sunnyvale and Monte Vista High School golf teams, who were playing a match at the Sunnyvale course. Suddenly at 2:50 p.m. there was the horrifying sound of an enormous collision. Startled golfers looked up in terror to see two large planes falling to earth. Within seconds, a Convair 990 jet and a Navy P-3 Orion had plowed into the golf course's twelfth tee and were engulfed in an orange-red fireball. The crash site was just two hundred yards short of the busy Bayshore Freeway and on the North side of Highway 237.



A Convair 990 Jet



A Lockheed P-3 Orion

Lee Boyd was the coach of the Sunnyvale golf team. He recalls, "The P-3 was on top and the jet was on the bottom and they started to hit each other. The P-3 started to pull up, and the jet did, too. I assume that they both realized that they were both coming in on the same runway. As the P-3 was trying to abort the jet came up and punched a huge hole in the fuselage. I'll never forget the gaping hole the jet made in the top of the P-3's fuselage. Both planes caught on fire at impact, and golfers were trying to break the front window of the planes to give help. Ray Kong, a golfer from our team, threw a parachute over the lone survivor."



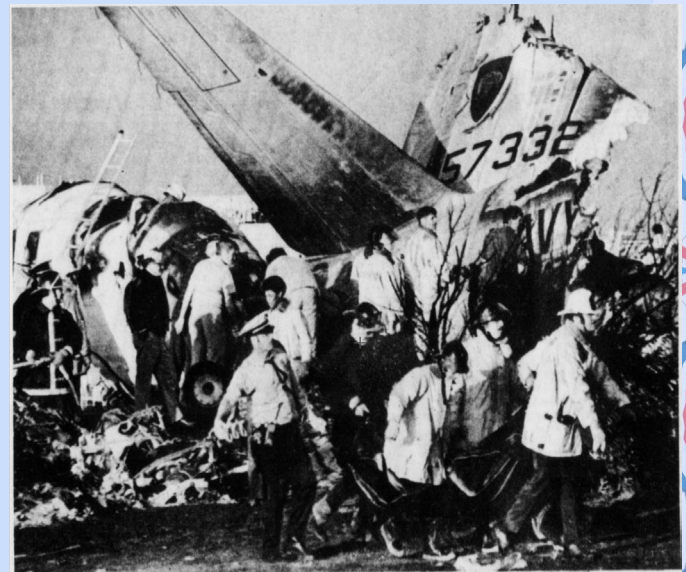
Petty Officer Bruce Mallibert from the P-3 was the only survivor of the crash. His survival was a double miracle, because one of the fire trucks responding to the call saw only a parachute on the ground, but

not the man under it, and drove right over the parachute. It is believed that he fell from the P-3 before it hit the ground, possibly from as much as 100 feet. Though he survived, he was paralyzed in all four limbs.



A fireman hacking at the cockpit of a Convair 990 that fell on a golf course at Sunnyvale, Calif., after colliding with a Navy P-3 Orion turboprop yesterday.

Ray Kong's memories are also vivid. "Our foursome was probably the closest to the impact except for a group on the tenth or eleventh holes. We were walking up the third fairway when we heard the noise, and my two competitors from Monte Vista High School and my partially deaf teammate, Ray Vlach, dropped their golf bags and started running to the left, away from the planes. I thought 'What the heck is going on?' and then looked to my right and behind and saw the two planes, which had already collided, descending to the ground in a surreal slow motion. The nose of the P-3 was pointed up, seemingly attached to the wing of the Convair.



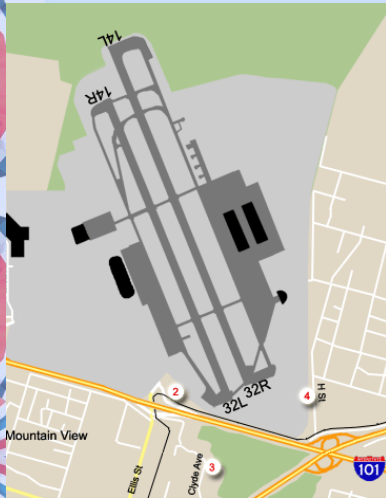
MANGLED MESS — Rescuers remove body from wreckage of space agency research plane after it collided with Navy plane and crashed onto golf course adjoining Moffett Field near Sunnyvale Thursday afternoon. Sixteen men died in the crash and another was seriously hurt. (UPI Telephoto).

"After I caught up with my playing companions, and it was apparent we were not in danger, we stood and watched the 'landing.' I will never forget the dropped-jaw look of disbelief on the face of one of the players from Monte Vista, nor the golfer pounding on the plane's windshield with a golf club to try to help



the crew escape — but to no avail. I also remember the intense heat and popping sounds from inside the Convair; the fire truck driving over the parachute; and the large black woman who pulled the parachute back and took Bruce Mallibert's pulse. I thought he was dead. He was lying on his back, face up, with one of his legs twisted underneath."

Lee Boyd also remembers that "The crash trucks had a very difficult time getting on the course because it was fenced and the emergency workers did not have quick access to the gates. The other golf coach and I got the players off the course and safely home."



Eleven men on the NASA research plane and five on the P-3 died in the crash.

The crash investigation ultimately laid the blame for the crash on the air traffic controller. He had lined up the NASA Galileo research jet — the Convair — to land on runway 32R, the easternmost of Moffett's two runways. The P-3 was using the other runway (32L) for its touch-and-go

landings and take-offs. Then, tragically and mistakenly, he instructed the jet to land on 32L. The jet's pilot acknowledged the change of runway, but never saw the P-3 until it was too late. In the final few seconds the P-3's pilot, possibly responding to the controller's frantic instruction to "go around, go around, weave!" did try to avoid a crash by pulling up sharply, but it was too late.

There is no marker or memorial at the Sunnyvale golf course to remind today's golfers of the tragic events of 1973. In the next issue of Trail Tips we'll cover other noteworthy crashes of Moffett-based jets — including one that rained destruction on Downtown Mountain View!

An interview with sole-survivor Bruce Mallibert:

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

Bureau of Aircraft Accidents Archives Lockheed P-3C-125-LO Orion Crash Report: <https://www.baaa-acro.com/crash/crash-lockheed-p-3c-125-lo-orion-moffett-afb-5-killed>

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## MOVIES

### MOVIES

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Our Movies group will meet on Zoom on July 16th at 3 PM. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



**Hacks.** This first-class comedy series just finished its third season on MAX. It is the best of the three, hopefully there will be a fourth season. This season takes a dark turn as the relationship between legendary, veteran comic Deborah Vance (Jean Smart) and Ava, (Hannah Einbinder), her 20ish head writer, explodes into vitriol. Their caustic jibes are quite funny and hint at a deeper connection. The cast is amazing, especially the two leads.

Look for them at Emmy Award time along with the writers. This series is reason enough to subscribe to MAX. Rated TV MA for language and sexual content.



**Thelma.** This indie movie is not being celebrated in the mainstream media, but it should be. It is funny, cautionary and instructional. Thelma (June Squibb) is 93 years old and living alone with the help of her family. She prides herself on her independence, but her family sees that she is slipping and needs monitoring. Thema's intransigence thwarts their efforts to help her. They are at a loss. Thelma falls for a scam and sends \$10,000 in cash to

a PO Box to bail her grandson out of jail. The family gets wind of what's happening and stops the scam but not before the cash was mailed. The police and postal authorities are worthless, so Thelma decides to take matters into her own hands. She then sets out to get even with the help of her friend Ben, who just happens to have a two-seater scooter. Justice is served in a clever and funny way. Go see the film to laugh and be forewarned. Rated PG-13 for strong language. In Theatres. BTW based on a true story. It is a Peggy's Pick.



**Treasure.** This is another indie film that is a must see. Set in 1991, Ruth (Lena Dunham), is a New York journalist. She is on a trip with her father, Edek (Stephen Fry), to Poland to visit the small town where he grew up. Edek is a Holocaust survivor and not too interested in reliving the trauma of his youth. He makes light of the situation which greatly irritates Ruth. His holocaust story is poignant and when Ruth finally sees his pain, they can connect and move forward. This is based on a true story that is another celebration of the human spirit in the face of horror. Rated R for some language. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick..



**Inside Out 2.** It was marvelous to see an almost full theatre with families enjoying this film together. This one will be a Pixar Classic for generations to come. The artistry of dealing with emotions using subtle animation and witty dialogue is amazing. Riley is now 13 and a teenager with emotions and hormones. Until now, her headquarters is run ably by Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust. But now she has Anxiety, Ennui, and other emotions to contend with. Riley and her friends manage their relationships well and learn how to use emotions to achieve harmony. Rated PG for some thematic elements. This is a must see and a Peggy's Pick. In Theatres.

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: "MacArthur Park", Richard Harris, 1968

This is one of the few videos of Richard Harris, singing MacArthur Park. He recorded the song at Armin Steiner's Sound Recorders Studio, in Los Angeles, on December 21, 1967. They rehearsed the song a few times and recorded it in one take. Other orchestral instruments were overdubbed in several sessions the following week and it was released as part of Harris's first album, "A Tramp Shining" in early 1968. The song was later released as a single in April of the same year. It was unusual to have a song of that length (7 minutes, 21 seconds), ever. It peaked in the top ten on Billboard's Easy Listening survey, sold over 1.3 million records, and won the Grammy Award for Best Arrangement Accompanying Vocalist(s)..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GhK4X-hMKA>

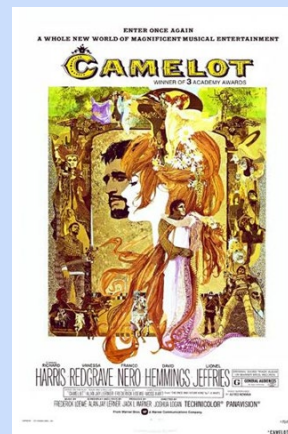
Here is some history of the writing and recording of this all-time classic.

- Jimmy Webb wrote the song and explained in an interview that: "It's clearly about a love affair ending, and the person singing it is using the cake and the rain as a metaphor for that. OK, it may be far out there, and a bit incomprehensible, but I wrote the song at a time in the late 1960s when surrealistic lyrics were the order of the day."
- The love affair Webb speaks of was with Suzy Horton, who in 1993 married Linda Ronstadt's cousin, Bobby. "MacArthur Park was where we met for lunch, paddleboat rides, and to feed the ducks. She worked across the street at a life insurance company. Those lyrics were all very real to me – there was nothing psychedelic about it to me. The cake, it was an available object. It was what I saw in the park at the birthday parties."
- Do you think there was more than what Webb publicly said about the "cake in the rain"? You may be right, as further research uncovered a staff music composer, Colin McCourt, who worked for the publisher Edwin Morris, who claims that Webb said that phrase came from this girl he loved who left him and was to wed in the park. Broken hearted, he went to the wedding and not wanting to be seen, hid in a gardener's shed.

As the ceremony started, it started to rain and the rain running down the shed window made the cake look as if it was melting.

- Jimmy Webb's songwriting credits include "Up-Up and Away", "By the Time I Get to Phoenix", along with "MacArthur Park". Isn't it coincidental that the man who married his girlfriend was a phone engineer from Wichita. Glen Campbell thinks so.
- Webb originally offered the song to Bones Howe, who produced "The Association" singing group. The band rejected it for their album as it was too long. Harris was not known for his singing but had done "Camelot" and other musicals. As Webb recounts, Richard knew every Irish song that he had ever heard. Just get a few of his favorite drinks in him and he'd start singing, and he must have gone through a thousand of them.
- Richard Harris's interpretation of the song is very dramatic and added much gravitas to the final release. "He brought a great kind of theatrical dignity to the song. If he missed a note or didn't carry it off particularly well as a singer, he had the actor's ability to step his way through the lyric and to speak some of the lines. He played Camelot on the road and did that for eight years and earned \$65 million doing it. So, it's a little insulting to say that he couldn't perform, or that he couldn't sing." (Quote from Songfacts).

### Movie: "Camelot", Richard Harris, 1967



Released in 1967, the musical was lavish and cost Warner Brothers \$14 million to make. The movie received mixed reviews but did gross \$31.5 million (\$296 million in today's dollars). It received five Academy Award nominations and won three for Best Score, Best Production Design, and Best Costume Design. It did win Golden Globe Awards for Best Actor (Richard Harris), Best

Original Song "If Ever I would Leave You", and Best Original Score.

Here is a most impactful moment where Richard Harris, in costume as King Arthur lectures a young imaginary, hope to be squire, about Camelot. Imagine, he on the Ed Sullivan Show, center stage, looking into a camera, in front of a large studio audience, delivering a soliloquy and song as if he was in fact King Arthur in Camelot. Could you do that? This is why good actors get paid the big bucks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Os-jJuwgNkA>

Here is the official trailer for the movie musical, Camelot which is much less interesting:

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

Here is some backstory on the making of the movie.

In April 1961, Warner Bros had purchased the rights to produce a film adaptation of the successful stage musical. The plan was to sign Rock Hudson to play King Arthur and Shirley Jones to play Guinevere. But Warner later decided to "greenlight" "My Fair Lady"

first. In acquiring the screen rights from CBS, Warner agreed to not release Camelot before April 1964. (Editor's Note: I'm sure you knew that "non-compete" backlot deals like this were routine in Hollywood.) When William Orr became producer, he sought the original Broadway leads of Richard Burton and Robert Goulet, adding Elizabeth Taylor as Guinevere.

Warner approached Burton to reprise his stage role, but Burton demanded such a high salary that the studio moved to consider Peter O'Toole, Gregory Peck and Marlon Brando. While filming "Hawaii" (1966), Richard Harris heard of the search for an Arthur and started campaigning for the role with complimentary letters, cables and even an offer to pay for his own screen test for the role. After the producers viewed Harris exercising his singing and acting chops they gave him the role.

Julie Andrews (original stage lead), Audrey Hepburn (My Fair Lady), and Julie Christie (Dr Zhivago) were the top choices to play Guinevere, but the studio also considered Polly Bergen, Ann-Margaret, and Mitzi Gaynor. They eventually selected Vanessa Redgrave who was also, like Harris, not known for her singing ability and they were also concerned about her active left-wing activism but in the end, did sign her.

One last tidbit. John Truscott was hired as Production Designer. He was the creator of the stage set of Camelot in London. He envisioned a stage set for a legendary time and created "Castillo

de Coca" on the backlot in Burbank, California. The finished castle was the largest set ever constructed. A total of 23 stage sets were constructed to compliment the on-site shoots in Spain at seven different castles.

Camelot is a great example of how movies transport you to a different place and time and immerse you into the world of noble Knights, chivalrous causes, and duty to God and the Church. The Code of Chivalry, the Knights of the Round Table followed were "Honor, Honesty, Valor, and Loyalty".

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

Ron

# **\*\* Registration starts June 3<sup>rd</sup> \*\***

**SIR Branch 35 Annual Picnic**

**Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Please register by July 1<sup>st</sup>**

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](mailto: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.

SIR Branch 35 Activities - July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Golf 9:30am Moffett Field - \$51	2 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	3 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Golf 10:00am Las Positas - \$60 Personal Finance 1:00pm Moffett Air Museum	4	5 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	6
7	8 Golf 9:30am Corica Park South - \$75	9 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	10 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church	11 Biking 11:00am Coyote Creek Trail Park on Rue Ferrari Rd Golf 9:30am Crystal Springs - \$66	12 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	13
14	15 Golf 10:00am Lake Chabot - \$45	16 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	17 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Branch 35 Annual Picnic 10:30am - 2:00pm Blackberry Farm, Cupertino	18 Golf 10:00am Laguna Seca - \$70	19 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	20
21	22 Golf 9:30am Coyote Creek - \$100	23 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	24 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	25 Golf 9:27am Los Lagos - \$36	26 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location TBC	27
28	29 Golf 9:50am Baylands - \$70	30 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	31	1	2	3