



# TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

Branch 35 web [www.sirinc2.org/branch35/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch35/)



Joining Nina will be **Paul Lesti**, one of our distinguished SIR Branch 35 members. Paul is the President and CEO of Lesti Structured Settlements, Inc. and as an institutional broker, Paul helps sellers of highly appreciated assets reduce capital gains taxes. He holds a degree in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and the NSSTA certification as a Certified Structured Settlement Consultant, CSSC, developed in conjunction with the executive program at the University of Notre Dame

To help focus their presentations and to provide the maximum benefit to our members, the guest speakers have requested that specific questions concerning these financial topics be submitted in advance. Please send your questions to Andy Danver, ([adanver@ix.netcom.com](mailto:adanver@ix.netcom.com)) by September 7. Andy will be the moderator for the financial panel discussion.

Jerry

**- NEXT MEETING -**

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

Lunch 11:30am, Business 12:15pm

Venue: **Mountain View Community Center**

**Program: Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning**

**A Financial Q&A with two experts in the field.**

Do you have a plan to pass on your wealth to your kids, grand kids and others? If yes, then you will certainly benefit from this month's luncheon speakers who will address the financial topics of Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning and Capital Gains avoidance.



Our primary quest speaker for September is **Nina Decker**. She is a Partner at Kramer Radin, LLP, a law firm specializing in estate planning, trusts, wills, post-mortem trust administration, probate, charitable giving, tax planning, and end-of-life planning. Nina is concentrated in the areas of estate planning, trusts, wills, formation and management of Limited Liability

companies (LLCs), and the integration of LLCs into estate plans. Nina has practiced law since 2012 with a specialization in Certified Estate Planning Probate and Trust Law.



**The Big Sir says...**

The autumn equinox happens in September marking the shift from long summer days to the shorter days of autumn. We celebrate Labor Day, which honors the hard work of American workers. Locally, our SIR Branch will honor the labors of our volunteers who have shown exceptional dedication and leadership with the Distinguished

Service Award (DSA). This prestigious award is given to those who have made significant contribution to enhance the lives of branch members through their support of activities and have played key roles in ensuring our club's vitality, making lasting impacts and exemplifying the spirit of service. Please join me on Wednesday September 11th where we will recognize and celebrate with these individuals.

I would like to point out that the August hot meal count of 65 was below our verbal commitment of 80 to our caterer. To maintain our current service level, I encourage members to try the Hot Meal in the coming months. My straw poll survey on the hot meals has

many positive comments on quality, variety, presentation and taste (and not to mention the desert 😊).

Please consider carpooling to our next meeting as the parking lot will be closed due to construction. It is a chance to use your new membership roster and connect socially with a Sir in your neighborhood. See you all at the Mountain View Community Center on Sept 11th. Cheers!

Peter Wong.

## SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Louise Dunaway, Jim Dunaway's widow, wants to invite you to a Celebration of Life for Jim on Saturday, September 14th from 11 am to 1 pm at 22655 Queens Oak Ct., Cupertino. Casual dress and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Louise Dunaway at (408) 315-8068. Jim was a Branch 35 member for 20 years before he passed in March.
- As Jerry mentioned above, please send your questions for the Financial Q&A at our September 11<sup>th</sup> Luncheon to Andy Danver (adanver@ix.netcom.com) by September 7. Andy will be the moderator for the financial panel discussion.
- We have no featured article from a member this month. If you feel the urge to put pen to paper (literally or digitally), send me something for the October edition at [Sir35TrailTips@outlook.com](mailto:Sir35TrailTips@outlook.com)
- Check out the SIR Happenings link towards the end of this newsletter. You'll see sample articles from several branches, including our own, and you'll see how our activities compare to some of the other well-organized branches.
- A calendar of the coming month's Branch activities is at the back of this newsletter. Print it out and stick it up on your refrigerator!

## SEPTEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

**Active Members: 301 Net Monthly Change: +5**

We had five new members join us in August! 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://wildapricot.org)

## NEW MEMBERS

We had five new members join us in the past month. Welcome!

Name	City	Former Employer(s)
Robert Berry	Los Altos Hills	Oracle, Tandem, Tymshare
Bill Chambers	San Jose	Jesuit HS, Sac., Bellamine College Prep.
Derek Lau	Foster City	EY, Intel, Dun & Bradstreet, Autodesk
Roy Nakamura	Santa Clara	(finance)
Martin Virelas	Newark	K&Y TAXES

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

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

Peter Barba (23)	Al Bush (10)	Wayne Dexter (17)
Larry Dike (18)	Jacques Fossourier (12)	Art Hammar (19)
Bruce Karney (11)	Ron Lau (15)	Neil Miotto (14)
Roger Potash (13)	Jon Saxe (18)	Ron Schoengold (11)

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Bob Booth	Gerry Cooley	Rick Crego
Tom Dehaan	Chris Goodman	Jim Harvey
Russ Johnson	Bob Jones	Harold Kaye
Stu Kennedy	Derek Lau	Ron Nakamoto
Venicio Navarro	RD Patel	Bill Patterson
Herb Petersen	Greg Ross	Scott Rotondo
Tom Taboada	John Tucker	Van Van Hauser
Bruce Winterhof	James Yoshida	

**IN MEMORIAM**

**TOM MOULTON**

Of Los Altos, California, passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. A member of SIR since 2007, Tom was an avid hiker and an active member of our hiking group. He is remembered as a wonderful guy and will be missed by his friends in SIR.



Tom and Carol on a SIR Hiking Group outing in 2018



Tom in his beloved Michigan hat on a SIR hike up Mount Umunhum in 2023

Tom's widow, Carol, sent us this note:

Tom passed away while hiking on a trail in the Cascade Mountains in Oregon. He was accompanied by his friends in the hiking club. He died doing something he loved. They plan to do a memorial hike yearly on the third Wednesday in August to honor my beloved husband.

**BOOK SWAP**

See our [web page](#)

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The book swap is back in business this month, see us at the monthly luncheon. Bring along a book you enjoyed, to share. Take a look and grab one that piques your interest!

Tim

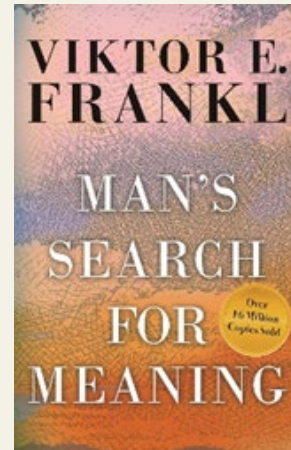
**BOOK CLUB**

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



For our August meeting we read and discussed the book "Man's Search for Meaning" by Victor Frankl, a Viennese psychiatrist. The first half of the book describes the author's several years in Nazi concentration camps. The remainder of the book explains how he managed to get through the time, help others while there, and learn from the experience. What he learned, he used to create a new type of psychiatric therapy he named logotherapy. Logotherapy was intended to help those who were depressed, to find meaning in their lives and significantly improve their outlook..

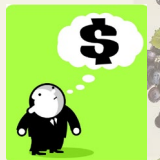
Overall, the club members found the book interesting, but some liked it more than others. Our September book selection is "Savage Run" by CJ Box..

Jerry

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The Branch 35 Personal Finance group will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at the Moffett Field Museum Library beginning at 1pm. It's great site with plenty of parking. Typically we have 10 to 15 attendees with varied financial backgrounds. These sessions tend to cover a wide range of topics suggested by the attendees.

On August 7th after a tour of the Moffett Field Museum, we discussed a number of IRA topics, including:

1. Effective use of your 401(k) and/or Roth IRA/Roth 401(k).

2. How money-earning children can use a Roth or 529.
3. Alternative educational accounts, 529's and educational trusts.
4. Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCDs, from your required minimum distribution, or RMD (can't do it from a 401k).
5. Explaining Donor Advised Funds operation, and then comparing them with QCDs.
6. We have a speaker coming in October who will discuss medicare choices and issues. The speaker is with the non-profit, *Sourcewise*, which works for the Council on Aging (HICAP.).

Andy

## BIKING

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### Next ride: Third Thursday, 12th September 2024, 11:00am

Wives and guests are welcome; helmets required and face masks optional.

### San Lorenzo-Alameda Trail

We will resume the SIR Branch 35 bike ride on Thursday, 12th September 2024 (no ride in August). The designated ride will be the beautiful, ocean front San Lorenzo-Alameda Trail ending up on Bay Farm Island. This ride is one of the most scenic bike rides in the East Bay and a favorite ride among our bike riders, showcasing the iconic SF Cityscape.



San Francisco Skyline view from the San Lorenzo-Alameda Trail

The ride starts from San Lorenzo passing by the Oakland International Airport to the breathtaking Bay Farm Island in Alameda. It is a very scenic, bay front trail that's paved and level (including 1-2 miles of quiet residential streets and 2-3 miles of Alameda city streets securely barricaded from all traffic, about 22 miles round trip. We will stop in Alameda for lunch and then ride back to our starting point. The trail can get a bay breeze so bring light windbreaker or vest. This ride is much like the Foster City Bay Trail/Oracle Redwood Shores ride, but on the East Bay.

Driving Directions: From Silicon Valley take I-880 heading North, exit on Hesperian Blvd (about 20 miles from Mt View/Palo

Alto area) turning left on to Hesperian Blvd, then right on Grant Avenue and turn right into the trail parking lot (near the end of Grant Avenue). Plug Into your car GPS: 2561 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo. This will direct you the building next to the Hayward Regional Parking Lot (park here) and trail.

Recently, our biking group has been reduced so I'll only schedule the SIR Branch 35 ride on the second Thursday of each month.



The biking crew at Bay Farm Island last August 2023

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

Gordy

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This activity is for couples who want to have fun and meet new people. We gather at the home of a host couple to blind taste, grade wines and share appetizers. Contact either Alan or Russ to join or for more information.

Alan

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Our hiking group on Medicine Buddha Loop Trail, deep in the redwoods.

For August the SIR Hiking group went to the Land of Medicine Buddha Retreat Center in Soquel, CA and hiked the Medicine Buddha Loop Trail. It is a beautiful trail deep in the redwoods. You start along a cool mountain stream and work your way up the canyon. On the back side of the hike you come upon many Buddhist shrines ending with a large golden Buddha. It is a very interesting and peaceful place. We had 12 hikers on this trip. I was unable to attend but Paul Suchma did a great job of leading the group. After the hike the hikers had refreshments at Discretion Brewing in Soquel.



The Beautiful Golden Buddha



Some happy hikers relax afterwards at Discretion Brewing

Our September hike will be on Friday, September 27, 2024. Come join us, we are always open to more hikers.! If you would like to get on the mailing list for the Hiking Group contact John Tucker.

John

# SEPTEMBER'S SPECIAL DAYS

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- 1<sup>st</sup> US Open (Tennis) continues
- 1<sup>st</sup> Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> NFL Season Kickoff
- 7<sup>th</sup> National Beer Lovers Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> National Grandparents Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Patriot Day (Twin Towers Remembrance)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair start
- 17<sup>th</sup> Constitution Day, Citizenship Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> National POW and MIA Recognition Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> NASCAR Night Race
- 21<sup>st</sup> Start of Oktoberfest
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Equinox
- 22<sup>nd</sup> F1 Singapore Grand Prix
- 24<sup>th</sup> Presidents Cup (Golf) start
- 26<sup>th</sup> National Pancake Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> National Coffee 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 Ben.

We keep a scorecard which is updated regularly and can usually be found here in Trail Tips. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

Doug



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

Come along and give it a try!

Ben

## BOCCE BALL

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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).



Hugging the shade and throwing for the prize!

Some of our SIR volunteers meet at 9:30am to do court maintenance before we play. Play begins usually around 10 AM, and lasts until noon.

## 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

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



**Bob Taggart adjudicating the close ones.... with a smile!**

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

All skill levels are welcome – from beginners to the more experienced. 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

## SPORTS CAR GROUP

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For our August SIR Branch 35 FunRun we had a nice drive to Half Moon Bay on Wednesday, August 7th. The temperature was comfortable, the sun was out and the roads were curvy. We drove from our departure point at Alice's Restaurant down La Honda Rd (Hwy 84) to Pescadero Creek Rd, then we turned north on Hwy 1 past the blue Pacific and crashing waves of white. We ended our run at the San Benito House and Cantina in downtown Half Moon Bay where we had lunch and good conversation. We had several people joining us for the first time: Kenny Brown, Jovy de Villa, Dave Ogle and Porsche Bob Jones. It was a fun day.



**Kenny Brown's new Corvette**



**The Sports Car Group having a good time at San Benito House and Cantina in Half Moon Bay**

Our next FunRun will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Come join us!

John



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**Fixtures for October – sign up now!**

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday September 13				
SIR State Championship Sacramento	Thu Oct 3			
Seascape (SCP)	Thu Oct 3	10:00		\$75
Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / ** NEED ATC **				
Boulder Ridge (BRG)	Mon Oct 7	10:00		\$85
Joint w/ Monterey Bay Seniors lakamoto 408-440-2330 ronandela@comcast.net / ** NEED ATC **				
Chuck Corica South (CCS)	Thu Oct 10	9:30		\$95
Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfr@aol.com / ** NEED ATC **				
Baylands (BAY)	Mon Oct 14	9:40		\$70
Club Championship DBL PTS	Miles 408-528-5473 lpomi@yahoo.com / Cornwall			
San Jose Muni (SJM)	Thu Oct 17	9:30		\$49
4MM2BB /etheany 408-375-7854 brad_metheany@fuhsd.org / ** NEED ATC **				
Crystal Springs (CSP)	Mon Oct 21	9:30		\$66
Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / Squellati				
SIR State Fall Classic Lincoln	Wed Oct 23			
SIR State Fall Classic Lincoln	Thu Oct 24			
Baylands (BAY)	Thu Oct 24	9:00		\$70
Club Championship DBL PTS	Miles 408-528-5473 lpomi@yahoo.com / Cornwall			
Baylands (BAY)	Mon Oct 28	9:40		\$70
Club Championship DBL PTS	Miles 408-528-5473 lpomi@yahoo.com / Cornwall			
Black Horse (BCH)	Thu Oct 31	10:00		\$95
O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo@gmail.com / ** NEED ATC **				

**Golf Columnist has the Round of the Month**

(editor's note: Looks like Bruce can wield more than a pen!)

I (Bruce Karney) had the round of the month on Aug. 5 at Poplar Creek. I shot 90 gross, 61 net, and was 8.6 strokes under my expected score. But "no good deed goes unpunished" as the next article explains!

**How a Great Round Impacts Your Handicap Index**

Tom Taboada shared the bad news with me after my "Round of the Month" that the Exceptional Score Reduction would be applied to my handicap index. Several of our players receive the Exceptional Score Reduction each year, but I was unfamiliar with it. In case you are too, here's the scoop from the USGA.

"Any score that produces a Score Differential™ that is at least 7.0 strokes better than your Handicap Index® at the time the round was played is considered exceptional and is subject to the exceptional score reduction." In Branch 35 Excel files of tournament results this is called the "Over/Under Metric." This is the figure that is used for determining the Round of the Month.

If the Score Differential is between 7.0 and 9.9 strokes better, a minus 1 adjustment is applied to each of the most recent 20 Score Differentials in your scoring record. This has a net impact of reducing the Handicap Index by 1 stroke.

If the Score Differential is 10.0 strokes or better, a minus 2 adjustment is applied to each of the most recent 20 Score Differentials. This reduces the Handicap Index by 2 strokes.

Scores made following the exceptional score will not contain the -1 or -2 adjustment (unless they are also exceptional) which will

slowly diminish the impact of the reduction as you continue to post scores. Also, reductions for multiple exceptional scores are applied cumulatively. (Rule 5.9, Rules of Handicapping!)

**Like Golf, But Faster**

Consider this an addendum to last month's column titled "It's Not Quite Golf." Don Bray recently told me about Speedgolf, in which the number of minutes to play a round is added to the number of strokes taken. Shooting 80 in 60 minutes would give you a score of 140, as would shooting 100 in 40 minutes.

No motorized carts are used in Speedgolf. You run the course, carrying your clubs, and you must rake bunkers and repair ball marks.

If you think it's impossible to complete a round in 40 minutes, consider this: the lowest score in competition was shot by Mitch Williamson of Orange in New South Wales. On Aug. 29, 2016 at the Australian Speedgolf Open he shot 77 in 31 minutes, giving him a Speedgolf score of 108.

**Mattson Goes Low in Hawaii**

Joe Cioni and Don Mattson enjoyed a golfing vacation in Hawaii in late August. Joe reports that Don shot his age (92) in back-to-back rounds at Puakea on Kauai, first with a 92 on a day when the wind was blowing 30 MPH and then with a 90 under calmer conditions. Well done, Don!

**The Rules Corner**

During a recent LPGA tournament, a player sliced her tee shot into the rough under a tree. If she played the ball directly toward the green, her backswing would have been constrained by a sturdy branch about 4' off the ground. She could avoid the branch by pitching sideways into the fairway. As she tried to decide which strategy to use, she took several practice backswings in which her club hit the branch. One of the TV commentators said "She better be careful that nothing falls! I wonder if she even knows the rule." Do you know what rule he was referring to? The answer is at the end of this column.

**August'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
4	Poplar Creek	Joe Cioni def. Mack Asrat	2 & 1	14GC

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	Callippe Preserve	Low & Cioni def. Gikis & Jones	1 up	10GC@
Semi	Metropolitan	Weberg & Kalsi def. Low & Cioni	3 & 2	\$10@
Semi	Baylands	Hall & Karney def. Schutz & Scardino	5 & 4	\$10@

Baylands			Par 72		July 29, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Jerry Ososkie	68	\$25	Peter Wong	73	\$17	
Dave Squellati	75	\$20	Jim Narva	74	\$10	
Marc Haberman	75	\$15				
Ken Cornwall	76	\$10				
Jay Jonkait	76	\$7				
Low Gross: Paul Lesti 88						



Callippe Preserve			Par 72		Aug. 1, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Rick Wheat	68	27 GC	John Ray	68	18 GC	
Herb Petersen	70	23 GC	Dave Ogle	73	15 GC	
Les Miles	71	18 GC	Peter Wong	73	12 GC	
Bill Hall	73	17 GC	Jim Narva	75	\$6	
Bob Garten	75	\$14				
Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 85, shot 82 in a match						
Low Gross (forward tees): Balbir Kalsi 91						
Low Gross (back tees): Rick Wheat 74						

Poplar Creek			Par 70		Aug. 5, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Bruce Karney	61	\$11+17GC	Peter Wong	64	25GC	
Dick Wilson	69	25GC	John Ray	66	20GC	
Dave Squellati	71	22GC	Wendell Stephens	73	17GC	
John Rittweger	73	19GC	Tim O'Meara	73	15GC	
Richard McGrath	73	15GC	Jim Narva	75	\$8	
Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 85, shot 84 in a match						
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 81						

The Bridges			Par 72		Aug. 8, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Rick Wheat	69	\$18	Venicio Navarro	77	\$15	
Walt Joyce	70	\$14	Peter Wong	79	\$7	
Joe Cioni	75	\$10				
Bob Garten	80	\$5				
Low Gross (forward tees): Venicio Navarro 95						
Low Gross (back tees): Rick Wheat 75						

Moffett Field (4 man, 2 best ball)			Par 72		Aug. 12, 2024	
Team			Score	Prize		
Scott Hiller, Balbir Kalsi, Gerry Feeney, John Ray			131	\$20 @		
Richard McGrath, Dick Wilson, Larry Wall, Blind Draw			131	\$16 @		
Jay Jonekait, Ken Jones, Peter Wong, Ben Gikis			133	\$10 @		
Bob Garten, Marc Haberman, Don Mattson, Ron Grace			134	\$5 @		

Metropolitan			Par 72		Aug. 15, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Richard McGrath	71	\$21	Ben Gikis	72	\$18	
Les Miles	71	\$16	Peter Lau	72	\$14	
John Rittweger	72	\$10	Wendell Stephens	73	\$10	
Bob Garten	72	\$5	Jim Narva	73	\$5	
Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 85, shot 83 in a match						
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 79						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 84						

Santa Teresa			Par 71			Aug. 19, 2024		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$
R. Nakamoto	69	\$22	H. Petersen	70	\$22	Larry Wall	66	\$25
Mack Asrat	72	\$16	Stan Barkey	73	\$16	Jim Narva	72	\$19
Jim Thorne	73	\$12	B. Metheany	73	\$12	Peter Wong	72	\$14
Larry Low	74	\$7	D. Squellati	74	\$7	Ramesh Patel	73	\$9
Low Gross (forward tees): Jim Thorne 77								
Low Gross (back tees): Jeff Almon 91								

Dublin Ranch			Par 63		Aug. 22, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Bernard Soules	59	\$25	Robert David	58	\$18	
Herb Petersen	60	\$20	Tim O'Meara	59	\$14	
Jim Thorne	61	\$15	Joe Enos	61	\$10	
Ron Nakamoto	62	\$10				
Les Miles	63	\$7				
Shot his age: J. Thorne (age 71) shot 68, W. Joyce (78) shot 78, B. Garten (82) shot 82						
Inside Putter Length: Joe Enos on #11 (\$15)						
Low Gross (forward tees): Jim Thorne 68						
Low Gross (back tees): Alex Bush 77						

DeLaveaga			Par 70		Aug. 26, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Herb Petersen	69	\$24	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$18	
Paul Schutz	74	\$18	Peter Wong	74	\$12	
Stan Scardino	74	\$12	John Ray	75	\$7	
Chris Weberg	75	\$8				
Inside Putter Length: Robert Manetta (\$15)						
Low Gross (forward tees): Chris Weberg 85						
Low Gross (back tees): Rick Wheat 85						

**The Rules Corner Answer**

You cannot break or damage anything to make your shot easier (Rule 8.1). If any of her practice backswings had broken off a part of the branch that made it easier for her to hit her actual shot, she would have incurred a two-stroke penalty.

Bruce

**STATE INDIVIDUAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The sign-up deadline for the State Individual Championships is coming up. The event will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Haggin Oaks in Sacramento. The cost to join will be \$80 and there will be 7 flights.

The final State tournament of the year will be at Lincoln Hills and Turkey Creek Oct. 23-24. The cost to join will be \$80 each day.

Go to the State Golf webpage for entry forms and more details (<https://sirgolf.org/>).

Les Miles

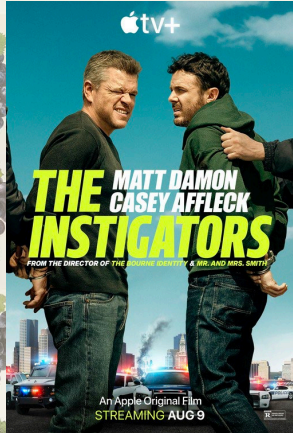
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Our Movies group will meet on Zoom on September 10th at 3 PM. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



**Instigators.** Simply dreadful. One would hope that a film with Matt Damon would at least be watchable – it is not. This is a heist movie set in Boston with another Bostonian, Casey Affleck, co-starring. Their heist goes awry so they get the help of a therapist while running from the law. Streaming on Apple TV+. Rated R for pervasive language and some violence.



**My Penguin Friend.** A delightful, family friendly film. Based on a true story, a young penguin is rescued from an oil spill by a Brazilian fisherman, Joao (Jean Reno). The young penguin has quite the spirit and returns annually to spend time with Joao. The penguin is 1000s of miles from where he should be. This fascinating adventure helps Joao overcome personal heartbreak. Their unlikely friendship is a marvel that many miles of open ocean

cannot deter. -Rated PG for thematic content. In Theatres. Pack up the kids and go. It is a Peggy's Pick.



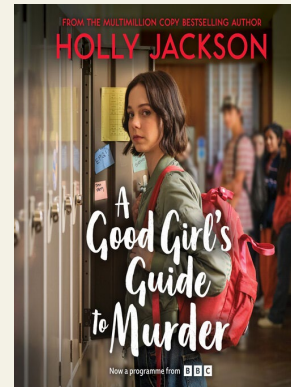
**Between the Temples.** This is a very Jewish comedy that is funny and poignant. The cantor (Jason Schwartzman) who cannot sing, a very horny Rabbi's daughter, a 70-year-old studying for her Bat Mitzvah (Carol Kane), a 60ish Filipina convert to Judaism, a perfect Jewish mother, an atheist in denial of his Jewish heritage, and a clueless Rabbi gather around the dinner table and we the audience have great fun watching them insult one another.

Oh, the much younger Cantor and the 70-year-old are a thing. All

of this is just the beginning of a hilarious romp through modern life and ancient traditions. Rated R for language and sexual references. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



**Sing Sing.** This is a powerful story about inmates in Sing Sing Prison that find a measure of redemption in a theatrical group run by the inmates for the inmates. From King Lear to self-written comedies, the group first learns to respect the acting process and then one another. Colman Domingo is Divine G who is a prisoner at Sing Sing who started the program and is still running it. Colman should get an Oscar for his compelling performance. Many of the actors are actual inmates or program graduates. The message is potent as the film is taut with hard hitting language. Watching these men regain their humanity is unforgettable. This is one to see, find it in your local Theatre. Rated R for language throughout. It is a Peggy's Pick.



**A Good Girl's Guide to Murder.** This six-part series is another top-notch British murder, mystery. The six-episode season follows 17-year-old Pip (Emma Myers) as she investigates the murder of a high school student who was killed five years prior. Pip has many obstacles to overcome as she runs into racism and a clever perpetrator. The police think the case is closed, but Pip keeps digging until she convinces the coppers otherwise and outs the murderer. Pip ignores her personal peril which adds a heightened sense of tension to the series. Check it out on Netflix. Not rated but would be R for language and sexual content. 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*



David Lean directing Peter O'Toole on-set

David Lean, one of England's most important figures of British cinema had just completed directing "The Bridge on the River Kwai" and was engaged with Sam Spiegel, producer, to prepare for another epic movie production. Sam, who had produced, "The African Queen", "On the Waterfront", and "The Bridge on the River Kwai", wanted Marlon Brando to play the lead role but Brando turned it down as he chose "Mutiny on the Bounty", filmed in Tahiti with better pay saying: "I'll be damned if I'll spend two years of my life on some F\*\*\*ing camel!" Peter was the third choice and accepted after much convincing as he was young and not motivated by money or even fame. He was an actor's actor, and the stage was his first love. It took some convincing by David Lean, who knew that O'Toole was absolutely the right actor for the role.

### Movie: Lawrence of Arabia, 1962 Peter O'Toole

Lawrence of Arabia, released in 1962, was one of those epic movies that warranted "the big screen". The sweeping shots of the open desert, filmed in Super Panavision 70, coupled with the dramatic score recorded and played using six channel surround sound, enveloped the audience and transported them to the desert as she recounted one of her real-life stories. The film was



nominated for ten Oscars, winning seven including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Original Score.

The movie was based on the autobiographical book, "Seven Pillars of Wisdom", published in 1926 by British Army Colonel T.E. Lawrence who was a military advisor to the Bedouin forces during the Arab Revolt against the Ottoman Empire during the period 1916-1918. The script was adapted from the book and filming took two years on location in Jordan, Saudia Arabia, Spain, Morrocco, and in the Sahara Desert.



You cannot imagine anyone other than Peter O'Toole playing the part as Lawrence, with his intense blue eyes and his mysterious demeanor, but at the time, he was not known beyond the British theater arena. So how did he get to play the lead for a major, large budget, feature film? Well, here is the back story of how a theater actor was selected to play the lead role in an epic film.



On-Location in the searing sun

On-location filming was brutal in the desert with searing heat from the sun and the reflective radiation from the sand. Plus, action movies usually result in injuries, albeit accidental to actors as the director attempts to capture that "shot" on film. A central figure to the film, like Peter, was no exception. During his first days riding a camel, blood oozed through his jeans, with him telling his instructor, "This is a very delicate Irish arse." (Brando was right.) To resolve this problem, he lined his saddle with sponge rubber and earned the nickname "ad al-Isfanjah", "father of the sponge". O'Toole, over the course of filming, was injured with third degree

burns, broke his thumb, dislocated his spine, fractured his skull, sprained his neck, tore his groin muscle, was concussed twice, and was bitten by a camel. His bandage on his left thumb, from an injury while intoxicated, is visible in the scene of the first train attack. His worst injury was during the Battle of Aqaba, where he almost died when his camel threw him after he accidentally shot the animal in the head.



I'll conclude with some history on the musical score for the movie. After contracting with and rejecting the composer of the score for "The Bridge on the River Kwai", and composer Richard Rodgers (Rodgers and Hammerstein"), they liked what French composer Maurice Jarre wrote and titled it, "The Theme from Lawrence of Arabia". Jarre had six weeks to compose the film's soundtrack which was performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra with 78 instruments. The movie starts with only the music for the first ten minutes of the film, (first ever to give you a sense of the epic story to be told), until finally, you see the opening shot of Lawrence on his motorbike speeding down a winding road, reckless, excited, alas to his accidental death. The film ran 3 hours and 48 minutes, another epic fact about this film, so there was an intermission with more music.

Here is the modern trailer released in 2023 by IMAX.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfC8qOLQUp8>

Here is the original trailer released in 1962.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOIRhGEhG7k>



**Music: "If I Can Dream", Elvis 1968 Comeback Special**

Written by Walter Brown, the song was noted for its similarity with Martin Luther King Jr.'s, 1963 speech, "I Have a Dream". It was recorded

by Elvis in June 1968, two months after the assassination of MLK and Robert Kennedy. The song was released as part of the "Elvis '68 Comeback Special", aired on NBC on December 3, 1968.

You probably don't remember but Elvis had not done a live performance for some seven years as he focused his career on acting in one film after another. Colonel Parker decided that the formula for making more money was to have the films promote the albums and the albums would promote the films, so he decided to shift the focus of Elvis's career to films and stopped him from

touring. The films were low-budget, formulaic comedies that were generally successful at the box office and always resulted in big album sales. Elvis thought he could be a good actor and tried to do more acting than singing in his later movies. The two he did with more acting and few songs, were both flops. To reduce costs, the producer, Hal Wallis, shortened filming schedules, mostly abandoned rehearsals, and limited retakes. All films were shot in the studio and young crews were used because they were cheaper than the experienced guys.



**You should've heard those knocked out jailbirds sing...**

The approach worked for a while, but the films experienced a progressive decline in box receipts and Elvis grew increasingly discontented and depressed as he felt a loss of connection to the music tours and live audiences he loved.

In October 1967, Parker approached Tom Sarnoff, NBC, to propose a Christmas special. Elvis's initial reaction was negative as he thought this to be another Parker scheme to just make money. But Elvis's attitude changed as Bob Finkel, producer for the special, persuaded the parties to center the show on Elvis with enough material for a soundtrack album and a single Christmas song. It was the director, Steve Binder, who maneuvered the live format that Elvis used in the special, including the last song, "If I Can Dream". Elvis had been very moved by the recent assassinations of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., and wanted to conclude with that song. This was to the chagrin of Col Parker who wanted him to "come out in a tux and sing Christmas songs ...." Elvis got his way, but Parker extracted his revenge by demanding 100% of the publishing rights.

Here is the video of the memorable last song from his televised special with the big red 'Elvis' billboard behind him. He is one of my all-time favorite singers, great voice and a great southern gentleman, until he gets on stage with those wild gyrations! 😊

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=11&v=xA142IsjQiE&embeds\\_referring\\_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F&source\\_ve\\_path=MjM4NTE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=xA142IsjQiE&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F&source_ve_path=MjM4NTE)

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

Ron

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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 - September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Golf 10:50am Cinnabar Hills - \$95 Personal Finance 1:00pm Sports Car FunRun	Golf 10:00am Eagle Ridge - \$83	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Golf 10:00am Spanos Reserve - \$62	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	Chess 9:00am Bridge 12:00pm Branch 35 Lunch Meeting 11:00am - 1:30pm Mountain View Community Center Book Club 1:30pm	Biking 11:00am San Lorenzo-Alameda Trail Park on Rue Ferrari Rd Golf 12:00am Crow Canyon - \$86	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Golf 9:35am Spring Valley - \$48	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 10:00am Salinas Fairways - \$37	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Golf 9:35am Coyote Creek - \$85	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 9:34am Callippe - \$64	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location TBC	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	Golf 9:30am Moffett Field - \$51					