



# TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Silicon Valley, California

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## - NEXT MEETING -

**Wednesday, October 16<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: Artificial Intelligence:**

**Past, Present, and Future Possibilities**

**Dr. Jim Spohrer, ISSIP**



The field of AI was founded at the Dartmouth workshop in 1956, the year Jim was born. Today generative AI is becoming the helper some of us have always wanted, to generate prose, poetry and business plans tuned to particular audiences of investors. Generative AI is even generating software programs,

music, creating images, videos, and more, transforming work processes in organizations large and small. Jim will briefly summarize his 50 years working in the field of AI. His talk is intended to inspire those not using generative AI to start using it, but also to share its many weaknesses and potential harms. Still, the journey from cognitive tool to assistant to collaborator to coach to mediator is well underway. Finally, the world of humanoid robots and personal digital twins are just two future possibilities to explore. Buckle up, because AI is at your service!

Jim Spohrer is a student of service science and open-source, trusted AI. After completing a BS in Physics at MIT, he developed speech recognition systems at Verbex (Exxon), then achieved a PhD in Computer Science and AI at Yale. At IBM, he served as Director for Open Source AI/Data, Global University Programs, IBM Almaden Service Research, and CTO IBM Venture Capital

Relations Group. At Apple, he achieved Distinguished Engineer Scientist Technologist (DEST) for authoring and learning platforms. After retiring from Industry, Jim joined the Board of Directors of the non-profit International Society of Service Innovation Professionals (ISSIP). With over ninety publications and nine patents, awards include AMA ServSIG Christopher Lovelock Career Contributions to the Service Discipline, Evert Gummesson Service Research, Vargo-Lusch Service-Dominant Logic, Daniel Berg Service Systems, and PICMET Fellow for advancing service science. In 2021, Jim was appointed a UIDP Senior Fellow (University-Industry Demonstration Partnership).

Jerry



## *The Big Sir says...*

This month our SIR Branch will honor a member, who has shown exceptional dedication and leadership, with the Honorary Life Member (HLM) award. This prestigious award is only given to individuals who have made consistent and significant contributions to enhance the lives of branch members, who have played

key roles in ensuring our club's vitality, and thus have exemplified the spirit of service. Please join me on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> where we will recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of this outstanding member.

I would like to thank our member sponsors who have recruited and introduced new members to what I believe is our mini Blue Zone. Blue Zones are where people live significantly healthier lives. New members can build social connections which enhance well-being and enjoy our many activities improving mobility and mental fitness. As a member since 2015, I have found our branch has given me a sense of belonging which is the goal of our branch charter. To date we have over 30 new members and I encourage members to meet and greet our new SIRs and give them the same feelings I have received. You will recognize them at our luncheons with the Red Dot on their name tags.

There are many exciting global, US, and sports celebrations in October and I hope you add our monthly luncheon at the Mountain View Community Center on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> as an event on your calendar. See you there.

Peter Wong.





## SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- We are all invited to come hear a professor from the United States Naval Academy, talking about the Battle of Valcour Island. This battle in October 1776 was one of the first naval battles of the American Revolutionary War.  
**Speaker:** Ryan E. Mewett, PhD. Commander, USN and Associate Chair, History Dept., United States Naval Academy  
**Hosted by:** the Los Altos Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution  
**Venue:** Los Altos Community Center  
**When:** Friday Oct 18 at noon  
**RSVP online at:** <https://bit.ly/Valcour-18>  
**Admission:** Free
- 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!



- Ron Nakamoto**
- Former Big Sir
  - Huge contribution with change of venue and caterer
  - Innovator in recruiting and Branch promotion!

## OCTOBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

**Active Members: 303 Net Monthly Change: +3**

We had three new members join us in September! 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/SIR_Branch_35_-_Membership_Directory)

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS 2024

We had three members honored with a Distinguished Service Award at our September Luncheon. The Distinguished Service Award is voted by our Branch Executive Committee to those members who have given '*multiple years of volunteer service to lead or help out with a branch activity, event, or task*'.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Name	City	Former Employer(s)
Steven Moss	San Francisco	M.Cubed, The Potrero View
Nazeem Noordeen	Cupertino	HP, Intel, Xilinx, AMD
Narayan (Ryan) Prabhakaran	San Jose	Xerox

## OCTOBER 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!

Leonard Chan (11)	Harv Dixon (23)	Buck Kendrick (26)
Peter Lau (11)	Bob Moss (18)	Dave O'Hara (14)
Tim O'Meara (10)	Dick Peacock (28)	Steve Pomeroy (15)
Karl Reseck (26)	Ranney Thayer (10)	Darryl Walker (14)
Larry Wray (10)		



- Bruce Karney**
- Former Branch 35 Communications Director
  - Golf Column Editor
  - Innovator in communications, adviser to the BEC



- Joe Cioni**
- Former Golf Chair
  - NCGA powerhouse, tournament rules official
  - Major contributor to Golf at B35





## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Doug Anderson	Clod Barrera	Alvin Begun
Howard Bull	Vern Dale	Peter Daley
Harv Dixon	John Hall	Mike Jacobson
Norm Kitching	Mark Levi	Art Liberman
Shaun Millard	Darrell Monda	Steven Moss
Pete Moulds	Bill Nix	Dave O'Hara
Campbell Scott	Bob Shaw	David Skurnick
Larry Wall	Rick Wheat	Chip Williams
Walt Wilson		

## BOOK SWAP

See our [web page](#)

The book swap will be doing a brisk trade again this month, see us at the monthly luncheon. Bring along a book you enjoyed, to share. Take a look at our collection and grab one that piques your interest!

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Tim

## BOOK CLUB

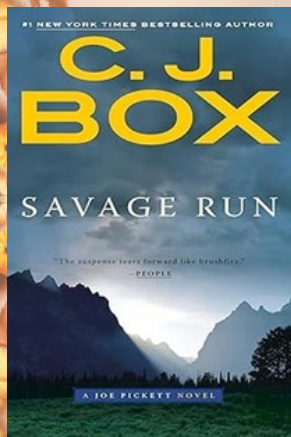
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The Book Club is an activity where most months of the year, all members read the same book and then meet to discuss it. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1:30 till 3pm at the Los Altos United Methodist Church.

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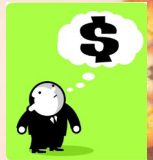
Our September book of the month was Savage Run by C.J. Box. This book is part of a series of books that follows the adventures of Joe Pickett. Joe Pickett is a fictional game warden stationed in rural Wyoming. Most of the club enjoyed the book. It was a quick, easy and fun read. Some of the plot twists stretched the "believability factor" but were useful to drive the plot. Many remarked that the imagery of rural Wyoming was a big part of their

enjoyment in reading the book. Overall, the book rated a good solid 4 out of 5 for most members.

Note that C.J. Box has written 25 books in this series! Download one and try it! Also, two of the books from this series were turned into movies that you can find on Paramount Plus.

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The Branch 35 Personal Finance group had a members-only session in September where we discussed stock vs. bond splits and a momentum stock market investing strategy which uses monitoring of drawdowns as a risk mitigation tool. We also discussed some recent highly sophisticated scams involving a hacked customer support hotline designed to phish out users' account information. 'Washed' personal checks have also been used to draw funds from unaware users, so be very careful to whom you write personal checks!

We will meet at **1pm on Wednesday, October 2nd** at the Moffett Field Museum Library, a great site with plenty of parking. Typically, we have 10 to 15 attendees with varied financial backgrounds. Our discussions will focus on healthcare and more specifically Medicare since the "Open" period is about to begin.

Our guest speaker will be Steven Rubalcaba, a healthcare expert. Steven has dedicated 14 years of service to the non-profit organization Sourcewise, where he currently serves in the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP). He is deeply committed to assisting and advocating for the elderly and disabled residents of Santa Clara County, his hometown. Beyond his work with HICAP, Steven finds fulfillment through volunteering and actively participates in the local arts community.

Please send Andy Danver an email ([adanver@ix.netcom.com](mailto:adanver@ix.netcom.com)) if you plan to attend so that we can be sure to have enough chairs. If you have specific questions that you would like Steven to address, send them to Andy, too.

Andy

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**Next ride: Third Thursday, 17th October 2024, 11:00am**

The October ride will take us on the Half Moon Bay Coastal Trail, one of the most scenic rides in the entire Bay Area. Wives and guests are welcome; helmets required and face masks optional.

The September SIR ride from San Lorenzo to Oakland International Airport and on to Bay Farm Island in Alameda was spectacular, with perfect weather conditions! Here's a couple of photos from this month's ride to Bay Farm Island!







The famed San Francisco Skyline view from the San-Lorenzo Trail



Our intrepid group pause for a photo (taken by Marc Shaw)

### Half Moon Bay Coastal Trail

**Ride:** This is one of the best bike rides in the Bay Area! We will ride a paved, flat trail along the ocean front for about 6 miles from Poplar Beach, located south of Half Moon Bay to Pillar Point, just past the town of Princeton. There is an optional ride to Mavericks Beach (1.5 miles) where the CA surfing competitions take place and then on to the infamous Moss Beach Distillery (3 miles) on 140 Beach Way, HMB. This adds about 4.5 miles for a total 22 miles with NO inclines. We can decide on the length of the ride/lunch options at the starting point in the parking lot.

**Directions:** Take I-280 North approximately 15 miles to Highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on Highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot, near the port-a-johns. If you park in that lot, you must prepay an hourly parking fee and post your ticket on your car dash. There is also neighborhood street parking on side streets off of Poplar St., but please pay attention to ALL posted parking signs. Driving time is about 30-40 minutes.

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Gordy Tong at [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com) or 408 242-0557.

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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.

NOTE: *There are no activities planned for the rest of this year. We plan to resume in 2025.*

Contact either Alan or Russ for more information.

Alan

## HIKING

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Twenty One happy hikers hit the trail in the Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve on Friday, September 27. We hiked 6.1 miles with an elevation gain of 945 feet. We got a good work out, talked with friends and ate our lunch under the redwoods.

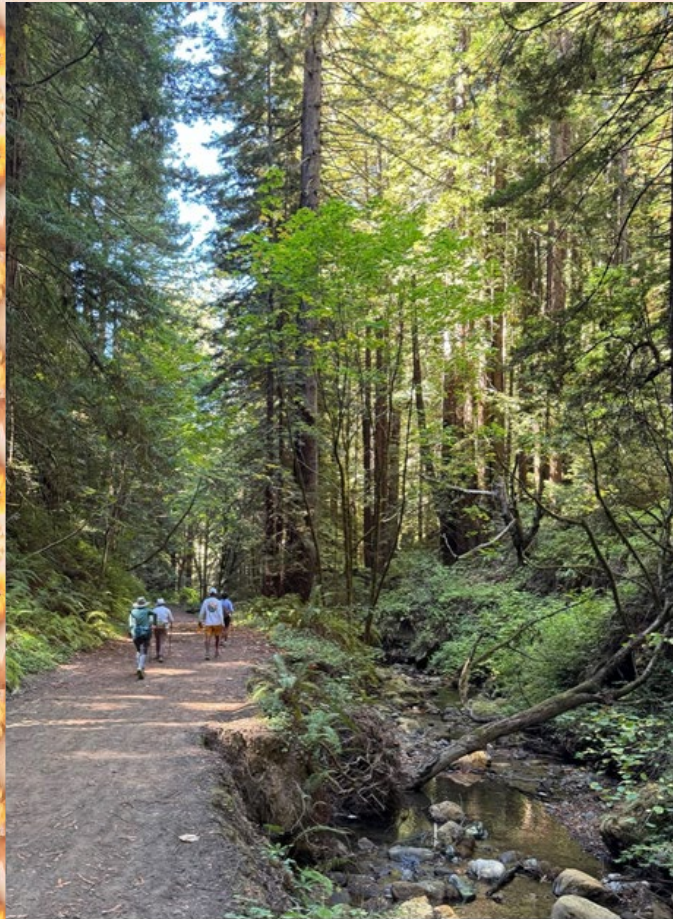


📷 Twenty One Happy Hikers 📷



Make way! 21 hikers fill up the trail





**A perfect day in the woods**

After the hike some of us gathered at San Benito House and Cantina in downtown Half Moon Bay. The weather was in the mid 70's (the valley was in the 90's) and the scenery was beautiful. We had 6 new hikers with us and were joined by several folks we hadn't seen in a while. Come join us in October!

Our October hike will be on Friday, 10/25/24. Contact John Tucker if you wish to be on our mailing list.

John

**OCTOBER'S SPECIAL DAYS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> World Vegetarian Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> World Teachers Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ada Lovelace Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> World Mental Health Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> San Jose Sharks Season (Hockey - start)
- 12<sup>th</sup> National Farmers Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Americas Cup (Sailing - start)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Peoples Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> World Series (Baseball - start)
- 26<sup>th</sup> National Trick or Treat Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

**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.



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

Come along and give it a try!

Ben





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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).



Some are shooting, some are shouting 'encouragement'!

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.

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.



The finer points always inspire debate with this friendly crowd!

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

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

The Fall Session is 50% complete and we are eager to have you (and significant other) join us. We bowl every Tuesday (1:00 .PM, for a couple of hours) at Homestead Bowl in Cupertino. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.



### STANDINGS - September 2024

- 1st Place -- Perry Brown, Larry Mailbaum, Doug Anderson
- 2nd Place -- Joe Enos, Alan Gaudie, Ranney Thayer
- 3rd Place -- Bob Feigelson, Bob Taggart, Ken Allen
- 4th Place - Tie -- Bob Garten, Jerry Ososkie, Ruth Ososkie
- 4th Place - Tie -- Gordon Frierson, Venicio Navarro, Larry Low
- 6th Place -- Chris Weberg, Amie Satterlee, Les Fisher
- 7th Place -- Fred Emmenegger, Daryl Walker, Ron Nakamoto
- 8th Place -- Mark Haberman, Harold Kaye, Jim, Holman
- 9th Place -- Scott Hiller, Peter Wong, Jim Narva
- 10th Place -- Don Haythronewhite, Stan Barkley, Brian Lin

### SEASON'S HIGH SCORES

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	588 - Larry Low	1st	227 - Bob Taggart
2nd	564 - Perry Brown	2nd	215 - Scott Hiller
3rd	532 - Joe Enos	3rd	198 - Amie Satterlee
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	700 - Jim Holman	1st	273 - Brian Lin
2nd	664 - Ruth Ososkie	2nd	248 - Ranney Thayer
3rd	menegger	3rd	248-Alan - Gaudie

### EIGHTH WEEK TOP SCORES

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	564 - Larry Low	1st	210 - Brian Lin
2nd	521 - Perry Brown	2nd	193 - Chris Weberg
3rd	491 - Scott Hiller	3rd	171 - Jerry Ososkie
3rd		3rd	
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	658 - Harold Kaye	1st	248 - Jim Holman
2nd	643 - Ron Nakamoto	2nd	240 - Les Fisher
3rd	560 - Gordon Frierson	3rd	216 - Ranney Thayer

Doug

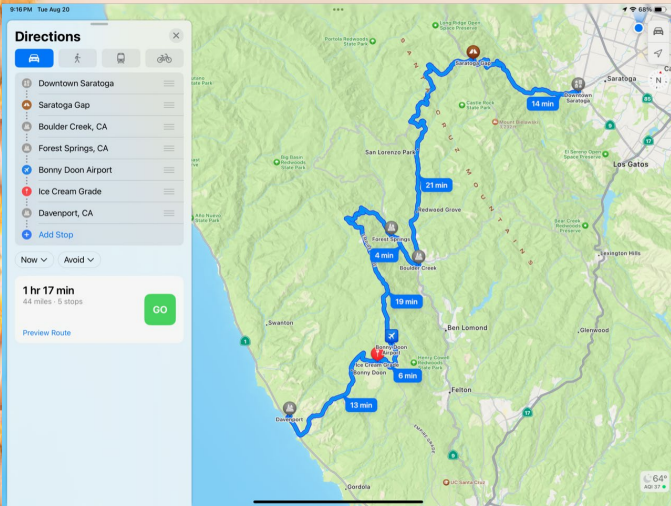


**SPORTS CAR GROUP**

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Our September SIR Branch 35 Sports Car Group FunRun took us over many twisty, curvy roads to get us from Saratoga to lunch in Davenport on September 4, 2024.



Curvaceous roads to test the driver and the car!



Porsche Bob Jones waxes eloquently over lunch

Starting from the parking lot at Saratoga's Quarry Park we went up and down hills, through forests and across bridges and finally to the beach where we stopped at the Davenport Roadhouse for lunch. Thanks to Greg Ross, John McGowan, Henry Chik for attending. Special thanks to Porsche Bob Jones who regaled us with stories of his days driving race cars and who turned 91 on 9/13 (And picked up the bill!). It was a fun trip.

Our next FunRun will be Wednesday, October 2, 2024. 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. Interested? Contact John Tucker!

John

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

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Fri Oct 11 for the following				
Dublin Ranch (DRN)		Mon Nov 4	9:30	\$44
			**NEED TC ** / ** NEED ATC **	
Shoreline (SHL)		Thu Nov 7	9:30	\$44
Scramble	McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **			
Moffett Field (MFD)		Mon Nov 11	9:30	\$51
			**NEED TC ** / ** NEED ATC **	
Spring Hills (SPH)		Thu Nov 14	10:00	\$40
	O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo@gmail.com / ** NEED ATC **			
Castlewood Hill (CWH)		Mon Nov 18	10:00	\$115
	Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr@aol.com / ** NEED ATC **			
Bayview (BVU)		Thu Nov 21	9:30	\$60
Scramble	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **			
Wente Vineyards (WNT)		Mon Nov 25	10:30	\$95
	McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **			

**Baughar has the Round of the Month**

There were lots of low scores at Coyote Creek on Sept. 23, but **Larry Baughar** shot the best round of the day, and it was also the best Round of the Month. Playing from the back tees he had a net 64, 8.3 strokes under his expected score. Way to go, Larry!

**Rules Corner: A Guaranteed Splash Hit**

**Bill Hall** and I recently played a practice round at Spring Valley and the starter paired us with two women we did not know. They were avid golfers but couldn't hit their drives very far. Holes 9 and 18 each require a long drive over a lake. They knew they couldn't clear the lake, but they dutifully teed off and watched their balls splash down part way across. Then they went to the drop area on the far side and played on.

The rules question is this: could they have said "Rather than lose a perfectly good golf ball in the water, we just want to start at the drop zone, lying two." Golf was invented by thrifty Scots who I think would approve of this cost-saving strategy, but what do the rules say? Go to the end of this column to find out.

**September's Golf Results:**

2024 Team Match Play Tournament Results				
Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
Final	Spring Valley	C. Weberg & B. Kalsi v. B. Hall & B. Karney (Tie-breaker match will be played in October.)	Tied	None

The Villages			Par 72			Aug. 29, 2024		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
B. Soules	67	\$22	John Gerich	66	\$22	Gerald Cooley	69	\$21
R. Nakamoto	70	\$16	R. Johnson	67	\$16	W. Stephens	74	\$16
Ken Cornwell	72	\$11	H. Petersen	72	\$11	Jim Narva	77	\$10
M. Haberman	72	\$6	Bruce Karney	75	\$6	Peter Wong	77	\$5
Low Gross: Bernard Soules 81								





Cinnabar Hills				Par 72			Sept. 4, 2024		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$	
Rich McGrath	71	\$18	Peter Daley	72	\$18	Tim O'Meara	71	\$18	
Joe Cioni	73	\$14	H. Petersen	73	\$14	Peter Wong	74	\$12	
Jim Thorne	75	\$10	R. Nakamoto	74	\$10	Jim Narva	78	\$7	
Inside Putter Length: <b>John Rittweger</b> on #6 (\$15)									
Low Gross (forward tees): Ron Nakamoto 88									
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 81									

Reserve at Spanos Park				Par 72			Sept. 9, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize				
John Rittweger	73	\$15	Peter Wong	74	\$17				
John Gerich	74	\$7	Jim Narva	74	\$10				
Low Gross (forward tees): John Rittweger 82									
Low Gross (back tees): Bill Chambers 80									

Crow Canyon				Par 69			Sept. 12, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize				
Alex Bush	67	\$18	Sam Im	68	\$18				
Jim Thorne	67	\$14	Tim O'Meara	68	\$14				
Bill Chambers	70	\$10	Don Mattson	72	\$10				
Herb Petersen	73	\$5							
Inside Putter Length: <b>Bill Chambers</b> (\$15)									
Low Gross: Jim Thorne 76									
Crow Canyon special prizes funded by Alex Bush: For low gross (LG) & low net (LN) on 13 & 18. Prizes went to Robert Manetta (\$20 LG18), Don Mattson (\$20 LN18), Bill Chambers (\$10 LG13), Peter Wong (\$10 LN13)									

Callippe Preserve				Par 72			Sept. 16, 2024		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$	
R. Manetta	70	26GC	H. Petersen	71	26GC	Peter Wong	74	20GC	
Larry Low	71	22GC	R. Pattison	74	22GC	Jim Narva	74	17GC	
Joe Cioni	73	17GC	R. Nakamoto	75	17GC	Dave Ogle	74	13GC	
J. Rittweger	75	\$10	Martin Virelas	76	\$10	Larry Wall	79	\$7	
Shot his age: <b>Joe Cioni</b> , age 85, shot 84									
Low Gross (forward tees): Balbir Kalsi 96									
Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 78									

Salinas Fairways				Par 70 (Gold)			Sept. 19, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize				
Bob Garten	74	\$18	Jim Narva	71	\$18				
John Gerich	76	\$12	Balbir Kalsi	76	\$14				
Dick Wilson	76	\$7	Sam Im	76	\$10				
			Venicio Navaro	76	\$5				
Low Gross: Bob Garten 85									

Coyote Creek Valley				Par 72			Sept. 23, 2024		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$	
Les Miles	66	\$24	Larry Baugher	64	\$24	Jim Narva	66	\$18	
N. Noordeen	67	\$18	Bill Hall	68	\$18	Balbir Kalsi	67	\$14	
Chris Weberg	72	\$12	B. Metheany	71	\$12	V. Navaro	74	\$10	
J. Rittweger	72	\$8	John Gerich	71	\$8	Larry Wall	74	\$5	
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 79									
Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 82									

Spring Valley				Par 70			Sept. 26, 2024		
Palmer Fit. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Fit. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Fit.	Net	\$	
Rich McGrath	68	\$18	Larry Baugher	66	\$18	Joe Enos	69	\$25	
Mack Asrat	70	\$14	Dick Wilson	70	\$14	Tim O'Meara	70	\$19	
J. Rittweger	72	\$10	Ken Cornwell	71	\$10	Jim Narva	73	\$14	
						John Ray	74	\$9	
						Dave Dardis	76	\$5	
Shot his age: <b>Richard McGrath</b> , age 75, shot 75									
Inside Putter Length: <b>Venicio Navaro</b> (\$15)									
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 75									
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 85 (Chris Weberg shot 82 in a match)									

**The Rules Corner Answer**

The rules say they must hit from the teeing area before they can drop another ball on the far side. They could use an old range ball for the tee shot unless the Tournament Committee had declared a "one-ball rule" to be in effect. That rule requires

players to use the same brand and model of ball for the entire round. The one-ball rule is rarely used in amateur play, but it is in effect on the pro tours. One recent example of its impact happened in 2019. Russell Henley was penalized eight shots (!) for unknowingly switching between two different types of Titleist ProV1s at the Mayakoba Golf Classic. (By the way, the women we were paired with were Dianne Wall and Joyce Scott, the wives of Branch 35 members **Larry Wall** and **Campbell Scott**. It's a small world!)

Bruce

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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





MOVIES

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



**My Old Ass.** A delightful and quite different coming of age story. Elliott (Maisy Stella) is an 18-year-old girl about to leave for college. She is full of life and promise. She lives on her family's cranberry farm in Ontario Canada. She and her gal-pals decide to go camping and try some hallucinogenic mushroom tea. While tripping, Elliott meets her 39-year-old self (Aubrey Plaza). Elliott's "old ass" warns her younger self to stay away from anyone named Chad.

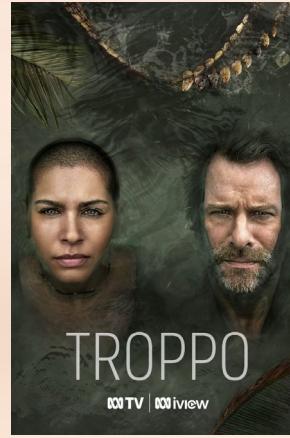
Enter Chad, and a love story happens that changes how Elliott sees herself, her family, life and love. The film handles the time travel and the meeting oneself conundrums well. The main reason to see this film is the truly remarkable performance of Maisy Stella. She will be a film star for the ages. Rated R for language throughout, drug use and sexual material. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



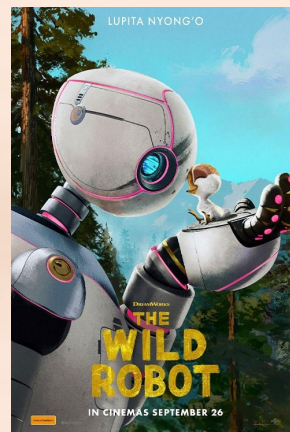
**Happy Clothes.** Ever wonder who designs all the high fashion clothes in Emily in Paris, Sex in the City, Ugly Betty, and The Devil Wears Prada? This documentary will tell you; New York based fashionista Patricia Field is responsible for these and many more. Field who turned 80 during the film making, is a whirlwind of energy and cigarettes. She uses her keen eye to ferret out fashions that make her happy and then become icons. She has a good team

around her that supports her style and creative energy. Interesting look behind the scenes of what fashion brings to showbusiness. Not rated but would be R for language. Available on iTunes. It is a Peggy's Pick.

**Tropo.** This is an Australian crime thriller set in the swamps of Northern Australia. It is very different and very intriguing. Amanda Pharrell returns home after serving ten years in prison for murdering her school mate, Lauren. They were sixteen when the gruesome assault took place. Amanda now sports a shaved head, tattoos and a bad attitude. She makes a living as a tattoo artist



and private investigator. She hooks up with disgraced copper, Ted Concaffey, and they take on a case for a Korean transplant to find her missing husband. A local chap, Lars, has apparently committed suicide by crocodile. The swamps are home to dangerous snakes and crocodiles which figure prominently in the stories. The humans are really the most dangerous. Amanda and Ted must unravel all of these mysteries and more in a hostile environment. Check this out on Amazon Prime Video for a different experience. Rates TV 14 for language and violence. The crocs are cool.



**The Wild Robot.** Animation has been raised to a new level of sophistication. This film will be liked by the kids as there are plenty of cuddly animals and action sequences. The parents will be enamored by the sumptuous animation and challenged by the deeper messages of the film. A highly intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an island. Roz is programmed to survive and enlists the island's animals to help her

survive. The film then shifts gears as the technology that made Roz assumes it is in control of all situations, but mother nature has other ideas. The animals unite with the help of Roz and teach tech a lesson. Quite enjoyable. Take and kids and grandkids. Rated PG for action/peril and thematic elements. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Jim

SIR HAPPENINGS

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

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



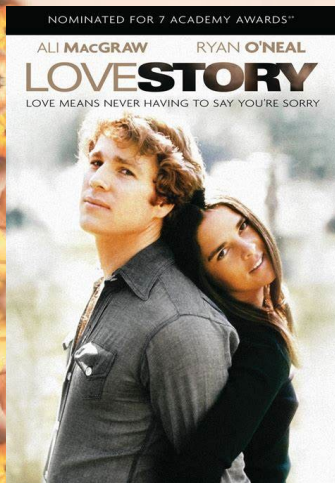
## MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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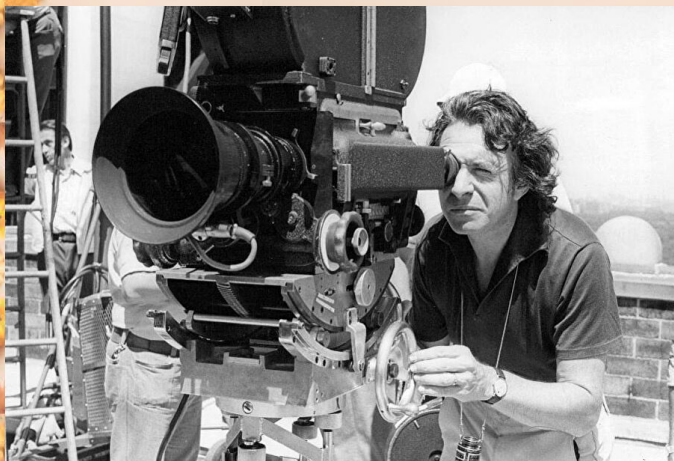
*There are few constants in life. Turbulence, ever changing, "as time goes by" are phrases we typically cast to describe periods that we lived through. This monthly article hopes to spur those memorable moments in your life when you first saw the movie or heard the song from your youth. What were you doing ... in days of yore? Ron*



### Movie: "Love Story" 1970, Ryan O'Neal and Ali MacGraw

This is not one of those epics, big screen movies that transported you to a different time or immersed you into an exotic land ... but it still became a global sensation with gross box office receipts totaling well over \$173 million (\$1.3 billion in 2023 dollars) and book sales of 20 million copies, translated into 33 different languages. The film was nominated for an Academy

Award in seven categories and won for Best Original Score. The song "Where Do I Begin?" composed by Francis Lai and later sung by Andy Williams became a major recording success. The American Film Institute has ranked the film as number 9 in "AFI's 100 Years ... 100 Passions" list right below "It's a Wonderful Life" with number 1 as "Casablanca", of course.



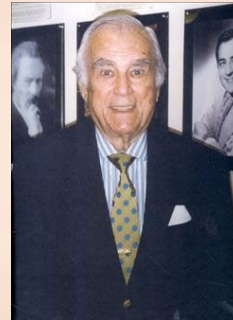
**The Director's Eye: Arthur Hiller**

How did this simple film, based on a screenplay that was later drafted into a book become so successful? Many years later, Arthur Hiller, the Director was interviewed and reflected, "We had been going through a period of individuality in the 1960s, what I call the "biker films", like "Easy Rider" (1969). "If Love Story" had come out a few years earlier, it would have been run over by the motorcycles. A few years after, it would be lost to special effects.

Movies have their time of why they work and why they don't." Roger Ebert, famous movie critic, said, "I read "Love Story" one morning in about fourteen minutes flat, out of simple curiosity. I was so put off by Erich Segal's writing style, in fact, that I hardly wanted to see the movie at all. Segal's prose style is so revoltingly coy – sort of a cross between a parody of Hemingway and the instructions on a soup can. The fact that the film is infinitely better than the book is a tribute to Arthur Hiller's directing and the acting of the two stars who brought the characters to life in a way the novel didn't even attempt to do."

Here is the backstory of how and why the movie got made.

Eric Segal was a Harvard graduate who taught at Yale. In 1967, through some connections on Broadway, he helped write the screenplay for the Beatles motion picture, "Yellow Submarine". He found his passion and soon wrote and published his first academic book, "Roman Laughter: The Comedy of Plautus" in 1968. He gained considerable recognition as the book chronicled the great Roman comic playwright who inspired the Broadway hit "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". He wrote a script, a romantic story about a Harvard and a Radcliffe student but failed to sell it. Howard Minsky, then head of the movie division of the William Morris Agency read and liked the story so much that he singularly "... mothered it all the way through. If it hadn't been for him, it would never have been a film."



Minsky (left) had Segal rewrite the script seven times with major changes to make it more appealing to the American audience. The script was read by Ali MacGraw, who loved it. Paramount, who had signed MacGraw to a three-picture deal, agreed to make the film a vehicle for her. As the film now had the backing of a major studio and a top actress, Paramount and/or Minsky pushed Segal

to create a novel from the script. The book was released on February 14, 1970 Valentine's Day and immediately became a best seller. (Editor's note: Now you know why the book was a short 132 pages.)

The casting for Oliver Barrett IV was a "big push-up" as the likes of Jeff Bridges, Michael Douglas, Jon Voight, Peter Fonda, Keith Carradine, and even Christopher Walken turned it down. After a long search and a lot of auditions Arthur Hiller focused on Ryan O'Neal. "He didn't bowl us over at first, but I thought he had a wonderful empathy and feeling that was so necessary to the part."

Paramount was able to secure on-location filming at Harvard University. This was the first time Harvard granted permission to film on their campus. Unfortunately, the crew ended up damaging trees and other structures which contributed to the university administration banning all future filming on campus.





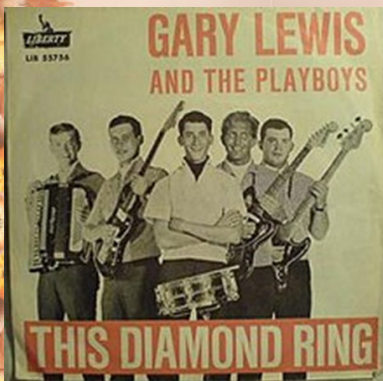
Ryan O'Neil, Ali McGraw and Arthur Hiller

Roger Ebert, famous film critic, gave the film four out of five stars and called it "... infinitely better than the book." Charles Champlin, LA Times said "... it's the telling that matters: the surfaces and the textures and the charm of the actors." Judith Crust called it "Camille with bullshit".

What did you think when you first saw the movie?

Here is the official trailer for "Love Story".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eprwTDVTEb8>



### Music: "This Diamond Ring", Gary Lewis

I've always wanted to know more about Gary Lewis, son of Jerry Lewis, who made a name for himself as the band leader and lead singer for "Gary and the Playboys". His fame came early, at the age of 19, when "This Diamond

Ring" went to number one on the Billboard Hot 100 on February 1965. He followed with six more top 100 hits through 1966, then he was drafted and entered the US Army in January 1967. He was supposed to go to Vietnam and did in fact travel to and stayed a short while, serving as a clerk at Saigon Airport, but then was reassigned to South Korea. (Editor's note: I wonder who pulled some strings?) He served his tour and when he was discharged, he tried to regain his momentum but time had passed and the music world had moved on.

The story goes that "Gary Lewis and the Playboys" played at sorority and fraternity parties until they auditioned and got a

contract to play at Disneyland in the summer of '64. The head of A&R at Liberty Records was at the park with his family and after their show came backstage to talk about recording a song he had, "This Diamond Ring". Garrett told Gary, "I've got this tune that's been in my drawer for quite a while. This guy Al Kooper, wrote the song for "The Drifters" and they didn't like it, so I offered it to Bobby Vee, and he didn't like it." As Gary recounts, "He played it for me and I said, "I LIKE IT!" (Gary admitted he would have said yes to anything Garrett brought to him). The band recorded it, and it took just six weeks to climb the billboards to reach number one and displace the Beatles "Eight Days A Week".



Gary Lewis and the Playboys... after a little 'packaging'

This Diamond Ring was the first and the biggest of Gary's singing career. Snuffy Garrett became their manager and concentrated his efforts on packaging his new product for market. He had Gary add his last name to the band so that the famous family name would help sell records. He had Ron Hicklin do the basic vocal track, then Garrett added Lewis's voice twice, then some of the Playboys. If you listen to the song, you can hear the heavy Hicklin overdubbing. "When I got through, he sounded like Mario Lanza", Garrett commented. Snuffy then concentrated on bringing songs to get them beyond the "one hit wonder" curse. He succeeded as the Playboys recorded six more hits over the next year.

Here is the original recording of "This Diamond Ring".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKTOizdhan8>

*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 - October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	Golf 9:30am Moffett Field - \$51	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Sports Car Group 10:30am Venue TBC Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Personal Finance 1:00pm Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 10:00am Seascope - \$75	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Golf 10:00am Boulder Ridge - \$85	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos U. Methodist Church	Golf 9:30am Chuck Corica South - \$95 Biking 11:00am Half Moon Bay Trail	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Golf 9:40am Baylands - \$70	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Branch 35 Luncheon/Meeting 11:00am - 1:30pm Mtn. View Community Center	Golf 9:30am San Jose Muni - \$49	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Golf 9:30am Crystal Springs - \$66	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 9:00am Baylands - \$70	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Venue TBC	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Golf 9:40am Baylands - \$70	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	Golf 10:00am Black Horse - \$95	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	