



TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Silicon Valley, California

Branch 35 web www.sirinc2.org/branch35/

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024
SIR Branch 35 Lunch Meeting
11:00am-1:30pm

Lunch
11:30am
Program
12:15pm

Mtn. View
Community
Center



The Reeds, Donner Party Survivors

A docent at the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum, Robert guides visitors on an exciting journey from Missouri to California in the 1840s. He is also a member of the Oregon-California Trail Association, which works tirelessly to preserve the trails that were etched across the plains almost 200 years ago.

Robert holds a degree in Computer Science and Mathematics from the University of Louisiana, Monroe.

Jerry

Program: Did the Hastings Cutoff Really Doom the Donner Party?

Robert Keahey

Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum



Who hasn't heard of the Donner Party tragedy? Their ordeal in the Sierra Nevada in the winter of 1846 is a horrific tale of human suffering. Much has been written about their time at Donner Lake and Alder Creek, but what about their journey before they reached the mountains? Robert Keahey will examine one segment of their journey that was a major contributor to, and possibly the ultimate reason for their demise – the Hastings Cutoff. While only a small portion of their 2,000-mile trek, this often-misunderstood and regularly maligned cutoff has been at the center of debate for over 150 years.

He will explore the actors in this saga and will examine events that led to some bad decisions, as well as taking the audience "on the trail" across the most notorious section of the Oregon-California Trail.



The Big Sir says...

As we approach Thanksgiving, we can all reflect on things to be thankful for; from family, to friends, and health. I am especially thankful to be a member of our Branch for the sense of camaraderie. From the monthly lunch program to all the activities I participate in, it fills my time and keeps me active, alert and engaged.

As your Big Sir, I am thankful for the staff, activity leads and members of the leadership team. Who are these guys? They are all listed on the last page of our monthly Trail Tips newsletter. They all are doing something to keep our branch alive, growing and a resource for all of us. Their contributions are recognized by our awards committee with pins for "Doing my Part" and the "Distinguished Service Award". We also recognized a deserving long time contributor with the Honorary Life Member award. A word from you to these individuals to express gratitude during the holiday season gives deserving recognition to your volunteers.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Peter Wong

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



See a flyer in this newsletter with details about our Holiday Luncheon, coming up on December 11th. Online registration and payment will start on November 14th and continue until November 28th. Watch for a Branch email invitation.

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! Note, it is now in Portrait mode for easier reading.

Check with your activity chairman for activity plans in Thanksgiving Week. We didn't have confirmation from all the chairmen so there could be misses in this month's calendar.

NOVEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 306 Net Monthly Change: +3

We had four new members join us in October! 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))

NEW MEMBERS

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

Name	City	Former Employer(s)
Art Bernstein	Los Altos Hills	Hopkins & Carley, Tucker Ellis LLP
Aram Darmanian	Los Altos	Fremont Union HS Dist., Incyte Genomics, Silicon Graphics
Bob Froelich	Sunnyvale	Watkins-Johnson, M/A-COM, Cellnet
Jay Robinson	Sunnyvale	HP, Motorola, Signetics, National Semi., Sun Micro/Oracle

IN MEMORIAM RANNEY THAYER

Ranney died on October 20th, unexpectedly, at the age of 80 years. He was a member of Branch 35 for the past 10 years, a former Lockheed employee. He enjoyed bowling and was a very active member of the hiking group. Kathy Thayer, Ranney's wife, joined us on many SIR hikes and they enjoyed many SIR Branch 35 holiday parties with us. He is remembered as a wonderful guy and will be missed by his friends in SIR.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

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

Joe Enos (13)	Bob Garten (24)	Brian Hardy (14)
Don Mattson (24)	Carl Moyer (26)	Vern Schmidt (21)
Bob Shaw (24)	Bob Steinberg (13)	Bob Taggart (19)
Mark Temme (30)	Ian Thomson (22)	Steve Vonderach (13)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Bill Baker Jr.	Stan Barkey	Andy Danver
Del Fillmore	Les Fisher	Alan Gaudie
Brian Hardy	Scott Hiller	Jeff Jenks
Balbir Kalsi	Bruce Karney	Buck Kendrick
Dick Knock	John Kolb	Chuck Krause
Vijay Kumar	Jim LaRoy	Larry Low
Craig Moyer	Richard Oehlberg	Tim O'Meara
Alan Pye	Jim Quillinan	Bob Rayl Jr.
Karl Reseck	JAY Robinson	Jim Sandstrom
Mark Sarjeant	Ron Stefani	Martin Virelas
Bill Young		

BOOK SWAP

See our [web page](#)

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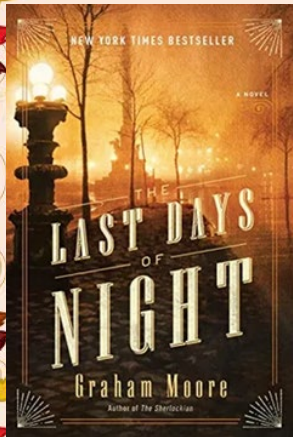


The book swap will be doing a brisk trade again this month, see us at the monthly luncheon. Bring along a book you enjoyed, to share. Take a look at our collection and grab one that piques your interest!

BOOK CLUBJERRY BELDEN
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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. Contact Jerry if you have questions or would like to join.

For our October meeting we read and discussed *The Last Days Of Night* by Graham Moore. It was named one of the best books of the year 2016 and was a hit with most of our Club members. Moore is the Oscar-winning screenwriter of *The Imitation Game* about Alan Turing, the computer genius who helped break the Nazi encryption codes during World War II in England, and he's also the New York Times bestselling author of *The Sherlockian*.



The Last Days Of Night is a thrilling novel, based on actual events, about the nature of genius, the cost of ambition, and the battle to electrify America. The story begins in 1888 as gas lamps still flicker in the streets of New York because the miracle of electric light is in its infancy. But after a short period of time, it looks like the person who controls the means to turn night into day will make a vast fortune. A young untested lawyer named Paul Cravath, fresh out of

Columbia Law School, takes a case that seems impossible to win. Paul's client, George Westinghouse, has been sued by Thomas Edison over a billion-dollar question: Who invented the light bulb and holds the right to power the country?

The case affords Paul entry to the heady world of high society; the glittering parties in Gramercy Park mansions, and the more insidious dealings done behind closed doors. The task facing him is beyond daunting. Edison is a wily, dangerous opponent with vast resources at his disposal; private spies, newspapers in his pocket, and the backing of J. P. Morgan himself. Yet this unknown lawyer shares, with his famous adversary, a compulsion to win at all costs.

In obsessive pursuit of victory, Paul crosses paths with Nikola Tesla, an eccentric, brilliant inventor who may hold the key to defeating Edison, and with Agnes Huntington, a beautiful opera singer who proves to be a flawless performer on stage and off. As Paul takes greater and greater risks, he'll find that everyone in his path is playing their own game, and no one is quite who they seem.

This book is historical fiction, but all the characters were real players in this thriller. "It was one of the two best books I've ever read", said one club member at the meeting.

Our November book selection is "The Wager" by David Grann.

Jerry

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SIR Bridge Group in action! From left to right; Jack Tooley, Fred Emmenegger, Les Fisher and Mark Levi

Our bridge club is meeting regularly for a friendly game of bridge on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the Los Altos Senior Center from 12:00 till 2:00. If you'd like to join us, please do, just drop me an email or let me know and I'll add you to our mail list and you'll see the regular notices when we play. If you have questions, give me a call or an email.



Quite a hand! Maybe a slam?

Mark

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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

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The Branch 35 Personal Finance group will meet on **Wednesday November 6th** at the Moffett Field Museum Library beginning at 1pm. It's a great site with plenty of parking. Typically, we have 10 to 15 attendees with varied financial backgrounds.

This month our discussions will be on 2024 Tax Planning ideas for individuals. Henry Chik, a Branch 35 Member, will moderate the session. He will cover the topics of Tax Bracket Management, Gain/Loss Capital Gains Harvesting, Roth Conversions, and approaches to making Charitable Contributions.

In October, Steven Rubalcaba led a discussion on the ins and outs of Medicare and Medicare Advantage alternatives to healthcare insurance. He currently serves in the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP). His excellent talk 'showcased' his 14 years of service in the non-profit *Sourcewise*, a Community Resource Solutions non-profit which is offering financial advice to Santa Clara County residents.

If you wish to be added to our email distribution list, please send Andy Danver an email (adanver@ix.netcom.com) with your interest.

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Next ride: Second Thursday, 14th November 2024, 11:00am

The SIR Branch 35 bike ride for November 2024 will be the Coyote Hills Regional Park/Alameda Creek Trail starting in Fremont and ending up in downtown Niles. The trail is paved and for the most part, level. The weather forecast will be sunny/clear with temps of 60-66 degs between 11:00am to 2:00pm. Wind speeds and gusts will be single digits.

Date: Thursday, 14th November 2024 (second Thursday)

Start Time: 11:00am Inside the Coyote Hills Regional Park in front of the Visitor Center (therefore, if you parked on the street, you'll have to ride into the Park).

Location: Coyote Hills Regional Park/Alameda Creek Trail – Niles/Fremont

Guests are welcomed, helmets are required and face masks are optional.

Ride: We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Regional Park and continue on the Alameda Creek Trail to the quaint town of Niles where we will have lunch at a downtown sandwich shop. The

biking trail is tree lined, paved and generally flat (except at the start there are some gentle rolling hills. The trail is approximately 9 miles each way for a total ride of 18 miles. Bring a windbreaker or vest just in case the wind speeds start picking up.

Directions: Take Highway 101 North, exit on Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth, take the first exit, Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Patterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Regional Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth/parking ticket machines (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the Park Office and Museum; park there.

If you prefer, take I-880 North and exit on Highway 84 West. Exit to Paseo Padre Parkway and turn right. Proceed to Patterson Ranch Road and turn left and drive into the Park. Make sure you stop to buy your parking ticket and place it in a visible spot on your dash.



Branch 35 group photo of lunch in Downtown Niles previously

Optional Street Parking: There is street parking if you turn right on Paterson Ranch Road but pay attention to the parking street signs. Some of the riders will park here and ride 2 miles on a paved path into the Park. If you're not sure of where to park, just enter the Park and pay the \$5.00 parking fee.

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Gordy Tong at gordy6850@gmail.com or 408 242-0557.

Gordy

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See our [web page](#)

Eighteen (18) enthusiastic hikers marched into Portola Redwoods State Park on the Slate Creek Loop Trail on Friday, 10/25/24. We hiked a little under 7 miles on a beautiful day in the woods and we took a side trip to the former location of Page Mill.



Seventeen Happy Hikers, plus one behind the camera!

After the hike many of us retired to Alice's Restaurant for refreshments. We had a number of new people join us on the hike, so why not consider joining us yourself, on our future adventures.



On Slate Creek Loop Trail

Our next SIR Hike will be on Friday, December 6, 2024. Because of the holidays we historically combine the November and December hikes into one hike on the first Friday in December. This year we will be hiking up Mt. Umunhum in memory of Tom Moulton a long time SIR member and avid hiker. His friendly

personality and big smile will be missed. If you are up for it come join us. Contact John Tucker if you wish to be on our mailing list.

John

NOVEMBER'S SPECIAL DAYS

PAT O'CONNOR
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- 1st All Saints Day
- 2nd Dia de los Muertos or All Souls Day
- 2nd Bay FC final season match and playoff decider (women's soccer)
- 3rd End of Daylight Savings
- 5th Election Day
- 10th NASCAR Cup Series, Phoenix
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 17th National Take a Hike Day
- 19th International Men's Day
- 20th International Children's Day
- 23rd F1 Las Vegas Grand Prix
- 28th Thanksgiving Day
- 29th Black Friday

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

The Fall Session's 12th week is listed below, with major changes. We bowl every Tuesday (1:00 .PM for a couple hours) at Homestead Bowl in Cupertino. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.



STANDINGS - October 2024

- 1st Place -- Gordon Frierson, Venicio Navarro, Larry Low
- 2nd Place -- Joe Enos, Alan Gaudie, Ranney Thayer
- 3rd Place -- Scott Hiller, Peter Wong, Jim Narva
- 4th Place - -- Perry Brown, Larry Mailbaum, Doug Anderson
- 5th Place -- Bob Garten, Jerry Ososkie, Ruth Ososkie
- 6th Place -- Bob Feigelson, Bob Taggart, Ken Allen
- 7th Places -- Do Haythro ewhite, Sta Barkley, Bria Li
- 8th Place -- Marc Haberman, Jim Holman, Harold Kay
- 9th Place -- Chris Weberg, Arnie Satterlee, Les Fisher
- 10th Place -- Fred Emmenegger, Daryl Walker, Ron Nakamoto

SESSION'S HIGH SCORES

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	588 - Perry Brown	1st	227 - Bob Taggart
2nd	564 - Larry Low	2nd	215 - Scott Hiller
3rd	532 - Joe Enos	3rd	204 - Jerry Ososkie
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	700 - Jim Holman	1st	273 - Brian Lin
2nd	690 - Ron Nakamoto	2nd	248 - Ranney Thayer
3rd	664 - Ruth Ososkie	3rd	242 - Alan Gaudie - TIE
3rd		3rd	242 - Arnie Satterlee - TIE

TWELFTH WEEK TOP SCORES

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	530 - Larry Low	1st	208 - Bob Taggart
2nd	461 - Jerry Ososkie - TIE	2nd	186 Ken Allen
2nd	461 - Bob Garten - TIE	3rd	165 Marc Haberman
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	635 - Joe Enos	1st	230 - Jim Narva
2nd	614 - Les Fisher	2nd	223 - Man Tran
3rd	612 - Ruth Ososkie	3rd	219 - Gordon Frierson

Doug

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).



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. 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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Fixtures for December – sign up now!

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Mon Nov 11 for the following:			
Spring Valley (SPV)	Mon Dec 2	10:00	\$48
			** NEED TC ** / ** NEED ATC **
Deep Cliff (DCL1)	Thu Dec 5	9:28	\$40
Eclectic 1	Squellati 408-334-7988 dsqueaky@pacbell.net / ** NEED ATC **		
Los Lagos (LLS)	Mon Dec 9	9:27	\$36
	Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / ** NEED ATC **		
Deep Cliff (DCL2)	Thu Dec 12	9:28	\$40
Eclectic 2	Squellati 408-334-7988 dsqueaky@pacbell.net / ** NEED ATC **		
Sunnyvale (SVL)	Mon Dec 16	9:30	\$39
Christmas Ball	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net / Wilson		

Chambers and Nakamoto Win Club Championships

Bill Chambers, one of our newest members (and owner of Branch 35's lowest index), won the Club Championship with a gross score of 244 over three challenging days at Baylands. Bill joined our Branch this August and plays to a 7.2 index. He got off to a sizzling start with a 75 in the first round, followed by rounds of 85 and 84. **Chris Weberg** was second (250) and **Larry Low** finished third (263).

Last year's Big Sir **Ron Nakamoto** put together 3 stellar rounds to win the Net Club Championship with a score of 219 (73-75-71) which was just 3 strokes over par. **Bob Booth** and **Ramesh Patel** finished in a tie for second place with 224.

Cioni Wins Individual Match Play

Joe Cioni defeated **Larry Low** 4 & 3 on Oct. 7 at Boulder Ridge to win the Individual Match Play title. It was a sizzling hot day; the temperature reached 100 degrees during the match. Joe shot 3 strokes below his age, carding a gross 82 for an even-par net 72.

To reach the finals Joe had to win his four preliminary matches. He beat **Bill Hall** (2 up), **Jay Jonkait** (2 & 1), **Paul Lesti** (6 & 5), and **Mack Asrat** (2 & 1).



Bob Garten filed this eyewitness report on the match: "Larry took the early lead winning the first two holes while Joe was warming up his 85-year-old torso and lighting up his trademark cigar. Slowly but surely the "I-talian Stallion" began to make his move with his amazing short game. He was rarely on the green in regulation but his chipping and pitching from within 50 yards of the flagstick usually ended up within 2 feet of the hole assuring a par. On par threes, Joe used

his trusty 15 wood to land on the green and make par. Larry hit

some beautiful drives and kept the match close until the final holes when Joe clinched the 4 and 3 victory. This was Joe's third Individual Match Play Championship, and he looks forward to more in the future."

Joe stated, "When I get to be a hundred, I can shoot my age every time out." Congratulations to Joe Cioni on another Individual Match Play victory.

Ogle has the Round of the Month

Dave Ogle scorched San Jose Muni on Oct. 17 to shoot 10.1 strokes under his index. This is the best round of the year so far by a Branch 35 golfer. I asked Dave to reflect on his round:

"In pondering why I did so well yesterday, I came up with these possible reasons:

1. I only had one 3-putt, yet only two 1-putts.
2. I had no score higher than 7, yet only one par (#4).
3. I did not hit any practice balls or putt before my round.
4. I had a homemade sandwich of smoked ham and provolone cheese during the round.
5. The weather was nice; golf on hot days wears me out.
6. Great golf companions: two other Daves (Falconer and Dardis), and Roy Nakamura.
7. I got Oohs and Aahs on many of my shots."

And there you have it. Pass the provolone!

Winning When the Chips Are Down

Bill Hall sank three chip shots for pars on Sept. 30 at Moffett Field. Play started on the back nine and he holed his first chip-in on the Par 4 10th hole. He did it again on the 15th and yet again on the Par 5 9th with his final shot of the day. His great work around the green helped Bill win his flight by six strokes!

71-Year-Old Competes in Sanderson Farms PGA Tourney

From Golf Digest on MSN.com

Having not played in a PGA Tour-sanctioned event in 12 years and in a PGA Tour tournament in 17 years, Reed Hughes didn't have high expectations on Oct. 3 in the opening round of the Sanderson Farms Championship. At 71 years old, he was content to enjoy the moment, rather than trying to seize it.



Reed Hughes still impresses, at 71

Hughes qualified for the event via his victory in the 2023 Gulf States Section championship which earned him an exemption into the PGA Tour event. His last start in any tour-affiliated event was the 2012 Senior PGA Championship.

The last of his eight career regular tour appearances came at the 2007 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. He had never made a cut in a PGA Tour tournament.

Hughes started well, going 1-under on the front nine on Day 1, but finished the day four over par. He was six over on Day 2, resulting in a last place finish. Better luck next year, Reed!

October'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
Semifinal	Moffett Field	Larry Low def. Ron Nakamoto	5 & 4	\$10
Final	Boulder Ridge	Joe Cioni def. Larry Low	4 & 3	\$10

Moffett Field			Par 72			Sept. 30, 2024		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Robert Berry	67	\$20	Bill Hall	67	\$20	John Ray	67	\$25
R. Nakamoto	73	\$15	Stan Scardino	73	\$15	G. O'Brien	69	\$19
N. Noordeen	74	\$10	H. Petersen	73	\$10	Jim Narva	70	\$14
M. Haberman	75	\$5	R. Pattison	74	\$5	Ramesh Patel	70	\$9
						V. Navarro	71	\$5
Low Gross (forward tees): Robert Berry 87								
Low Gross (back tees): Marc Haberman 92								

Seascape			Par 71			Oct. 3, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Narayan Prabhakaran	72	\$21	Peter Wong	73	\$17			
Chris Weberg	74	\$16	Joe Enos	73	\$10			
Richard McGrath	74	\$10	Venicio Navarro	76	\$5			
Brad Metheany	74	\$5						
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 84								
Low Gross (back tees): Narayan Prabhakaran and Chris Weberg tied at 87								

Boulder Ridge			Par 72			Oct. 7, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Nazeem Noordeen	70	\$24	Peter Wong	72	\$18			
Scott Hiller	72	\$18	Venicio Navarro	73	\$14			
John Gerich	72	\$12	Ramesh Patel	74	\$10			
Bill Hall	73	\$8						
Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 85, shot 82 in a match								
Inside Putter Length: John Gerich on #14 (\$15)								
Low Gross (forward tees): Scott Hiller 83 (Joe Cioni shot 82 in a match)								
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 93								

Corica Park South			Par 72			Oct. 10, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Herb Petersen	69	\$24	Ben Gikis	73	\$17			
Bruce Karney	69	\$18	Venicio Navarro	73	\$10			
Ken Jones	74	\$12	Jim Narva	77	\$5			
Walt Joyce	74	\$8						
Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 85, shot 85								
Inside Putter Length: Joe Cioni on #5 (\$15)								
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 82								
Low Gross (back tees): Rick Wheat 81								

Baylands Club Championship 1			Par 72			Oct. 14, 2024		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Les Miles	68	\$24	Ken Jones	70	\$24	Don Mattson	72	\$21
N. Noordeen	71	\$19	Bob Booth	71	\$19	Dave Dardis	73	\$16
Bill Chambers	73	\$13	Mark Taylor	73	\$13	Tim O'Meara	73	\$10
Mack Asrat	74	\$8	R. Nakamoto	73	\$8	Larry Wall	76	\$5
Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 85, shot 84								
Eagle: Nazeem Noordeen on #5 (\$25)								
Low Gross: Bill Chambers 75								

San Jose Muni			Par 72			Oct. 17, 2024		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
N. Noordeen	69	\$18	Ron Grace	65	\$18	Dave Ogle	62	\$25
Chris Weberg	69	\$14	John Gerich	70	\$14	Ben Gikis	67	\$19
Bob Garten	73	\$10	Bill Hall	73	\$10	John Ray	69	\$14
						Tim O'Meara	70	\$9
Low Gross: Chris Weberg 77								

Crystal Springs			Par 72			Oct. 21, 2024		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Joe Cioni	72	\$18	R. Pattison	71	\$18	Joe Enos	72	\$21
Larry Low	73	\$14	H. Petersen	73	\$14	Jim Narva	73	\$16
J. Rittweger	73	\$10	R. Nakamoto	75	\$10	Dave Dardis	78	\$10
						Tim O'Meara	79	\$5
Shot his age: Joe Cioni, age 85, shot 83								
Low Gross: Jim Thorne 82								

Baylands Club Championship 2			Par 72			Oct. 24, 2024		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Larry Low	73	\$20	B. Metheany	77	\$20	Larry Wall	75	\$18
R. Nakamoto	75	\$15	Martin Virelas	79	\$15	Don Mattson	77	\$14
Chris Weberg	77	\$10	Bill Hall	79	\$10	Ramesh Patel	78	\$10
Scott Hiller	77	\$5	Bob Booth	79	\$5	V. Navarro	80	\$5
Low Gross: Larry Low 84								

Baylands Club Championship 3			Par 72			Oct. 28, 2024		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Ron Nakamoto	71	\$25	Ramesh Patel	70	\$18			
Robert Berry	73	\$20	Jim Narva	71	\$14			
Chris Weberg	73	\$15	Tim O'Meara	74	\$10			
Bob Booth	74	\$10						
Larry Low	75	\$7						
Low Gross: Chris Weberg 81								

Bruce

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On October 2, 2024 the SIR Sports Car Group took a drive from the valley by way of Highway 84 and Pescadero Creek Road to get to our ultimate destination at the Miramar Beach Restaurant for lunch with 11 fun people. It was in the high 90's in the valley and we were in the mid 70's at the beach. It was an fun day.



Proud and happy owners stand by their rides!



Swinging through the countryside is a joy for car and driver

Our next SIR Sports Car Drive will be Wednesday, November 6th led by John McGowan. He has planned a route through the South Bay Hills including Coyote Valley and over Mount Madonna Pass, through the strawberry country in Watsonville to the destination in historic San Juan Bautista for lunch.



Lunch and banter among driving enthusiasts

Let us know if you are interested in joining us.

John

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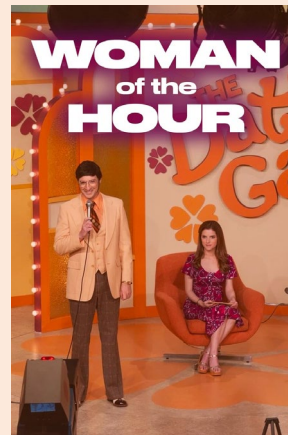
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See Jim's [web page](#)

Our Movies group will meet on Zoom on Tuesday, November 19th at 3.PM. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



Saturday Night. Fans of Saturday Night Live will love this look into the ninety minutes just before the broadcast of the first show on October 11, 1975. It is chaos on the set as the mercurial personalities of the performers seem destined to scuttle the show before it can be launched. Lorne Michaels does a masterful job of corralling all of the energy and egos so the show must go on and it does. Some of characterizations are amazing, especially the appearance of Uncle Milty. Aficionados of TV History will have much to applaud as the frenetic pace packs a lot into 90 minutes. Rated R for language throughout, sexual references, some drug use and brief graphic nudity. In Theatres.



Woman of the Hour. This is a creepy story that will make your skin crawl. It is even worse because it's a real story. Cheryl Bradshaw (Anna Kendrick) is a young actress in Hollywood. She has standards and finds it difficult to get a role. Her agent gets her a job as the bachelorette on the hit 1970s TV game show, The Dating Game. She chooses bachelor number three who handled her tough questions well. When she meets him, he is funny, good looking but instantly comes across as a slime ball. Number 3 was Rodney Acala, a serial killer. Cheryl could see through his façade and dodged a bullet as Rodney is soon in custody and the enormity of his crimes is revealed. Anna Kendrick directed this movie. Not rated but would be R for language, violence and sexual content. Streaming on Netflix.



Look Into My Eyes. This is a very different documentary. It looks into the lives of 8 psychics from their point of view. They are earnest and really feel they can help people, all for a fee. We are able to see their interviews and sessions as folks seek comfort about lost family members and pets and relief from trauma. They are hurting and seek solace from the psychics. The psychics are very empathetic and know how to make their client feel

better and, in that regard, it does help. The film has a very warm and comforting feel and is worth checking out to see a master filmmaker at work. Rated R for language. In Theatres.



Beetlejuice Beetlejuice. This sequel is worth seeing, but it lacks the ingenuity of the original. There are some very funny bits especially when Soul Train kicks into gear and the creatures of the grave shake their booties. For those of us old enough to remember "MacArthur Park" by Richard Harris and its enigmatic lyrics, this film will make sense of it all. Tim Burton's direction is bizarre and perfect for this macabre tale of love after death.

Michael Keaton is in his element as Beetlejuice. Winona Ryder is back as his love interest. Rated PG-13 for violent content, bloody images, strong language, some suggestive material, and drug use. 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/>

There is also some marketing material you can use to help when encouraging a friend to come check us out. You can see it at

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MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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



Movie: "Sleepless In Seattle" 1993, Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks

This is a truly "feel good" movie that is known as a "rom-com" i.e. romantic comedy and Nora Ephron, the writer and director of this film, was known as the Queen of 'rom-com'. Nora, graduated from Wellesley (private, liberal arts, and all women) College and worked at various news and magazine company's experiencing the 'men do the writing' norm at that time. Her

strength was her wit, and her tack was humorous writings that earned her a reputation as the 'Enfant Terrible' of new journalism.



Why so much about the writer and director of this movie? Well, did you know that she co-scripted the film "Silkwood" which was nominated for Best Original Screenplay in 1984? In 1986, the film adaptation of her novel "Heartburn" was about a pregnant food writer who learns about her husband's affair. She was married to Carl Bernstein (Co-author of "All the President's Men") at the time. She

went on to write the scripts for the romantic comedy "When Harry Met Sally", "Michael", and "You've Got Mail", all hits.

She was asked to help rewrite the script as the sixth writer working on the fifth rewrite. She originally took it on as a fun and easy money project. She made significant changes and did most of the film's dialogue adding her trademark wit and snark which made the film hers.

The movie executives immediately recognized the rewritten plot and script as a winner, 'green lit' the film and asked her to direct it. Everyone had Meg Ryan in mind for the role of Annie, especially given her recent performance in "When Harry Met Sally". Nonetheless, before the final decision, several actresses pursued the role including, Julia Roberts, Kim Basinger, Michelle Pfeiffer, Sharon Stone, Jodie Foster, Demi Moore, and even Madonna. Imagine, one of those actresses playing Annie? Nora stuck to Meg and that was that.



Can you find the 'real' Annie?

For the role of Sam, the producer had Kevin Costner in mind. Meg Ryan wanted her husband, Dennis Quaid to play Sam. Nora thought Dennis was not funny enough and wanted Tom Hanks as Sam. Tom, by this time in his career was weary of playing goofy immature characters and turned down the role but he reconsidered when he read Nora's rewritten script. Having never worked with Nora before and still wary of how scripts and movies change during the filming, Tom did not fully sign on until he went through the script, scene by scene with Nora and her sister Delia who was helping with the rewrites. It was Tom that wanted Sam to be more manly and less wimpy as Nora had envisioned him. He also wanted a more paternal rather than a maternal relationship with his son.



Father and Son 'riding the boundary'

The producer later recounted that the film benefited from Tom's performance as a male character that "rode that boundary, between being a man and having feelings he's able to express", which was rare for a male character during the 1990's.

The script is filled with scenes with friends and dialogue that we might say, as when Annie in the opening scene protests to her mother that "... destiny is something we've invented because we can't stand the fact that everything that happens is accidental".

(Editor's note: Annie's statement early in the film precedes what happens to her. Was it accidental or was it her destiny that she and Sam were meant to meet ... and be together?)

Just like in "An Affair to Remember", the Empire State Building was core to the plot where Annie finally meets Sam on the Observation Deck. Unfortunately, the building management would not allow any filming as it was disruptive to operations. Nora, knowing how New York works, called on a friend, who knew a friend, who contacted Leona Helmsley's publicist. Leona was serving time in prison at this time for tax evasion, but she granted permission for the filming at the elevator entrance and the observation deck for one afternoon. *(Editor's note: Who said Leona was, "Queen of Mean".)*



Annie, Sam, and Jonah meet for the first time on the Observation Deck of the Empire State Building on Valentine's Day, at the end of the film

The soundtrack itself is a ménage of memorable songs starting with Jimmy Durante's rendition of "As Time Goes By". There are twelve memorable tunes to set the mood of the scene such as Tammy Wynette's "Stand by Your Man" during the scene where she travels to New York on Valentine's Day determined to recommit herself to her fiancé. The movie ended with "When I Fall in Love" by Celine Dion and Clive Griffin as Sam sees Annie on the observation deck at the top of the Empire State building and extends his hand to Annie to escort her to the elevator.

The film cost \$22 million to make and it grossed \$228 million. So, this Hollywood rom-com quickly spawned an entire genre of wannabes and copycats, which is after all, what Hollywood is all about.

Here is the original movie trailer for "Sleepless in Seattle".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahI9LaOGYcE>

Music: "As Time Goes By", Jimmy Durante



The song played at the beginning of the movie "Sleepless in Seattle" is this timeless classic "As Time Goes By" sung by Jimmy Durante. Here is Jimmy Durante singing the song in the opening scene of the movie:

https://youtu.be/WMe1YXGlyDM?si=8hd6qdupWq_SLNat

(Editor's note: To experience the song as it was meant to be seen and heard in the movie, you should click on this link and to the song during the starting credits for the movie, which is at time stamp 3:44 to 5:14. <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x91nyk0>)

The original song written by Herman Hupfeld in 1931 was first sung by Dooley Wilson. This is the singer you hear singing as Sam, in the film "Casablanca" *(Editor's note: Here is a short clip of Sam with "Dooley" Wilson dubbed in later, singing the song in Casablanca.)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-p6xFMGK7g&t=43s>

Jimmy was one of those 1930's self-made men, who dropped out of school in the eighth grade and started hustling for money. He played ragtime piano, taking jobs in bars, cabarets, and pleasure houses. He started singing in his act, adding comedy, and became a bandleader. He composed songs such as "Inka Dinka Doo", acted in many Broadway musicals and even played at the Palladium in London. Now a vaudeville star, he added his own radio and later television shows and was soon so popular as to be the headliner at posh night clubs, like Frank Sinatra.



Judy Garland and Jimmy Durante prepare for Dick Treacy for a Command Performance, 1945

In fact, he and Frank worked together on the Armed Forces Radio Network "Command Performance". The first Command Performance was broadcast on March 1, 1942, three months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. It soon became "the best wartime program in America" reaching over 95 million listeners. It was sponsored by the Office of War Information, broadcast via short wave radio, or sent to the troops on recorded discs weekly.

His big hit was "Frosty the Snowman" and much later he recorded "Jimmy Durante's Way of Life" album which featured his interpretation of the songs "As Time Goes By" and "Make Someone Happy", used in the film, "Sleepless in Seattle".

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



Let's Celebrate 2024 with our Holiday Celebration Luncheon



It's time for our 2024 Holiday Celebration with your fellow SIR family. Our celebration party will be at the Mountain View Community Center, Redwood Hall on December 11th (2nd Wednesday). Doors open at 11:00am, with check in, table assignment, and some social time to mingle with your fellow members and friends. The buffet service will start at 11:40 am, and at 12:20pm we will be entertained by the MVHS Madrigal Singers. I'm sure they will put you in the holiday mood with their youth and splendid singing.

Our caterer, Eisenhauer, will provide a festive Traditional Holiday Meal of Roasted Bosc Pear Frissee Salad, Roasted Turkey with Gravy, House Made Stuffing, Seasonal Roasted Vegetables, Yukon Gold Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls w/Butter, Gourmet Desserts. Citrus Water, Gourmet Coffee and Tea.

The tables which seat 8 will have fine dining plates, utensils, and glasses, along with holiday decorations and some sweets for the ladies. We recommend bringing your choice of wine to share with your table. The price is \$65 per person.

Online registration and payment will start on November 14th via a Branch email invitation and continue until November 28th. Each member may register one paying guest (spouse/partner or a friend). Our current plan is for a maximum of 160 participants, so mark your calendars and register early.

If you would like to sit with a group, please appoint one person to be your table captain. The captain should email John Ray with the subject line: "**SIR Table Captain**" at winray9@gmail.com with the name of members and guests at his table.

Put on your holiday best and here's looking forward to see you at our Branch family Holiday Celebration.

Peter Wong
Big Sir

Your SIR State and Branch 35 Officers and Leaders

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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 - November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	2
3	4 Golf 9:30am Dublin Ranch \$44	5 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	6 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Sports Cars 10:30am Venue South Bay Hills Pers. Finance 1:00pm Moffett Field Museum Library	7 Golf 9:30am Shoreline \$44	8 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	9
10	11 Golf 9:30am Moffett Field \$51	12 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	13 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	14 Golf 10:00am Spring Hills \$40 Biking 11:00am Coyote Hills Regional Park Trail	15 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	16
17	18 Golf 10:00am Castlewood Hill \$115	19 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	20 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Branch 35 Lunch Mtg 11:00am - 1:30pm Mountain View Community Center	21 Golf 9:30am Bayview \$60	22 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	23
24	25 Golf 10:30am Wente Vineyards \$95	26 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	27 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	28	29 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	30