



Mission Trail Branch 35, Silicon Valley, California

Branch 35 web <https://sir35.org>



Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th, 2025

11:00am-1:30pm

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| Lunch 11:30am | Mountain View |
| Program 12:15pm | Community Center |

Ricky Deutsch
'Spies in the Sky'

Guest Speaker: Ricky Deutsch

Spies in the Sky: Reconnaissance During the Cold War



During the Cold War, the US evolved technology for reconnaissance, leading to today's real-time video capabilities. Initially, film was used in satellites to monitor treaty compliance and intelligence gathering of the Soviet Union and other "denied areas." The vehicle, HEXAGON, was 60-feet long and took pictures from 100 miles up. The program was urgent and required cooperation between the CIA and the Air Force, guided by the National Reconnaissance Office. This unclassified briefing by someone "who was there," gives a first-person historical look

at how high-resolution images were not only taken, but returned via parachute to be caught in mid-air. Essential to success was the work of the launch team, command & control, tracking stations and the aircrews who made the daring catches of the film buckets.

Ricky's first Air Force assignment was as a B-52 maintenance officer, which included a tour in Thailand in the Vietnam War era. In the 1970's, as a Captain, he was Operations Director for a now declassified top-secret reconnaissance satellite program called HEXAGON. From the Satellite Control Facility (aka the "Blue Cube") in Sunnyvale, CA, his team sent mission critical commands to the Hexagon satellite. He was awarded a Commendation Medal for support of this program. Following his Air Force vocation, he worked in Silicon Valley's computer industry. Firms included Ford Aerospace & Communications Corp., Intel Corp. and Sun Microsystems, Inc. He was a marketing manager for federal, state, local and international government clients. Ricky holds a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland, and Master's degrees from USC and Santa Clara University.

Scott Hiller



The Big Sir says...

The talent and expertise that exists within our SIR Branch 35 never ceases to amaze me! As we plan out our luncheon speakers for the first half of 2025, we will call upon two of our own members to be among our guest speakers, and are looking at several other members for future presentations.

Here is a brief preview of the speakers we have lined up so far for 2025,

In February we have Ricky Deutsch on the Hexagon project. In March we will have our own Gordon Frierson tell us about Angel Island and its history as an immigration center on the west coast. For April we will hear from Alice Dang on Alzheimer's disease, that afflicts so many of us in our later years. The month of May brings us our second Branch 35 member speaker, Todd Stewart, who will entertain us with the lighter side of Foreign Service. And in June we will hear from Mark Soltau who will provide us with stories of Tiger Woods and Gordy Soltau, Mark's father, who played for the 49ers in the 1950's. (As a side note: in his youth, our own Dave Squelatti used to shag footballs with Mark for his father when he practiced in the area.)

So, you see we have an excellent array of speakers scheduled for the first half of 2025. I would like to thank our Speaker Selection Committee (Bruce Karney, Stan Barkey, Stan Scardino, Andy Danver, Peter Wong, Ron Nakamoto, and Scott Hiller) for their excellent effort in seeking out and securing the speakers for our Luncheons. If you have other candidate speakers that you think may be of interest to our group, please provide the names, and speaker topics along with contact information to Scott Hiller (Little SIR), Selection Committee lead.

I will see you at the Luncheon on February 12th (don't forget we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in February); and for you golfers, I will see you at the golf banquet on February 21, 2025, at Michaels at Shoreline.

Thanks to all for your continuing support of SIR Branch 35!

Jerry

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

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

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| Doug Anderson (15) | Frank Crossman (12) | Jim Davis (13) |
| Del Fillmore (24) | Alan Gaudie (15) | Ben Gikis (15) |
| Don Gladstone (20) | David Gobuty (12) | Mike Jacobson (12) |
| Jeff Jenks (11) | Norm Kitching (16) | Les Miles (10) |
| Cal Morris (19) | Ron Nakamoto (15) | Bill Nugteren (21) |
| Dave Ogle (16) | Dan Schettler (12) | Paul Schutz (10) |
| Wes Smith (18) | Tom Taboada (15) | Dick Wilson (21) |
| Dan Zemanek (15) | | |

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- 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!

FEBRUARY 2025 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 308 Net Monthly Change: +2

We had six new members join us but we lost four in January. 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)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jeff Allmon | Peter Barba | Jerry Belden |
| Art Bernstein | Leland Chan | Frank Crossman |
| Robert David | Allen Dinh | Doug Ericsson |
| Mike Forster | Joe Glynn | Mike Kerr |
| John McGowan | George Mednick | Jean Mordo |
| George O'Brien | John Ray | Arnie Satterlee |
| Charley Schaff | Ron Schoengold | Greg Wadden |
| Larry Yelowitz | | |

BOOK SWAP

See our [web page](#)

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The book swap will be open for business at the February Meeting. Bring a book you enjoyed to share, grab one that piques your interest. See you there!

Tim

NEW MEMBERS

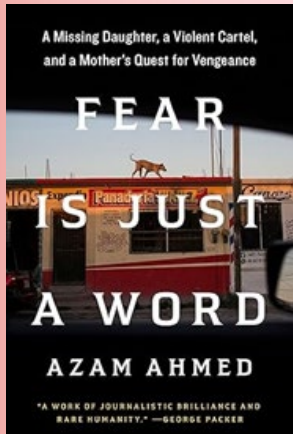
We had two new members join us in the past month. Welcome!

| Name | City | Former Employer(s) |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Frank Martin | Los Altos | Action Partners |
| Joe Milner | Half Moon Bay | Self Employed |
| Michael Kern | Palo Alto | Accenture |
| Dave Skarlanic | San Mateo | Omega Construction Management |
| Ari Stassart | San Jose | Crown Consulting |
| Matt Arena | Palo Alto | BNA |

BOOK CLUB

See our [web page](#)

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Next meeting is February 19th at 1:30pm in the Los Altos United Methodist Church

The Book Club is an activity where most months of the year, all members read the same book and then meet to discuss it. Our book for January was *Fear is Just a Word* by Azam Ahmed

The author is a well-regarded investigating reporter for the New York Times. The subject of the book is the frightening power and cruelty of the Mexican drug cartels. The topic is addressed through the real story of a woman whose daughter was captured and killed by the Zeta cartel. Unable to get the corrupt and ineffective authorities to get justice, she takes things into her own hands. At great peril to her life, she investigates, pursues leads, and gets to the guilty men responsible for her daughter's death.

It is a very enlightening expose of the terrible power of the cartels and of the very corrupt and feeble police, except for the military who are as violent and cruel as the cartels.

The author has spent many months in Mexico to research the facts, at great danger to his own life.

Our group liked learning about the topic, but most of us struggled a bit with the writing, which would have benefited from some serious editing. Our average rating was 3 stars out of 5.

Books for our February meeting are "Reader's Choice", meaning that every member can give a short overview of a book he just read.

Jerry

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We will meet on Wednesday, February 5th 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.

Again this month there will be an around-the-table discussion on topics raised by attendees as we consider our 2025 financial plans and other potential issues brought on by the new government structure. Please join us if you have specific topics you would like to discuss on these topic or others. Come early and enjoy a browse around the museum!

In January we had a light turnout so decided to postpone discussion until the February meeting.



Moffett Field Museum Entrance

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

Andy

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See our [web page](#)

Next ride: SIR Branch 35 Biking on the 2nd Thursday—February 13th, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcomed; Helmets required.

Alviso Marina County Park

Ride: We'll try a relatively new ride starting from the Santa Clara Main Library parking lot at 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. From the parking lot, we'll ride down the Homestead Road to the San Tomas Expressway to the Alviso Marina County Park, about a total 16 mile ride. The ride is a combination of designated pedestrian/bike paths that are parallel (but securely separated) along San Tomas Expressway and then quiet Alviso residential streets to the Marina County Park. For lunch, there is a small Mexican Restaurant in downtown Alviso. We'll ride back to the Library parking lot.

Special Footnote: For those that want a warm, fresh glazed donut before our ride, please arrive at the SC Main Library at 10:45am so we ride to the infamous Stan's Donut Shop directly across the street.

Directions: The Santa Clara Main Library is located at 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, between San Tomas Expressway

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and Keily Blvd. Please use the Library address in your GPS system for the exact directions

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

Gordy

HIKING

See our [web page](#)

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Our January SIR Hike was pushed out to Friday, January 31, 2025. We hiked the Redwood and Salamander Flat trail in Wunderlich County Park which is located near Portola Valley. This is an approximately 4.5 mile hike with an elevation gain of 958 feet. The temperature is lower this time of year so I try to keep the hikes in the foothills and closer to where most members live. As it gets hotter we will work our way up to the higher elevations which also means you have to drive farther. Fifteen people signed up for this hike. The scenery is beautiful, the conversations lively and the people friendly. Come join us!



We are not alone in the woods



Some of the scenery along the way

SIR's Hikes start at 10 am and usually take 3 to 3.5 hours including a stop to eat our bag lunch along the way. After the hike we go to a local spot to have refreshments and do more talking.



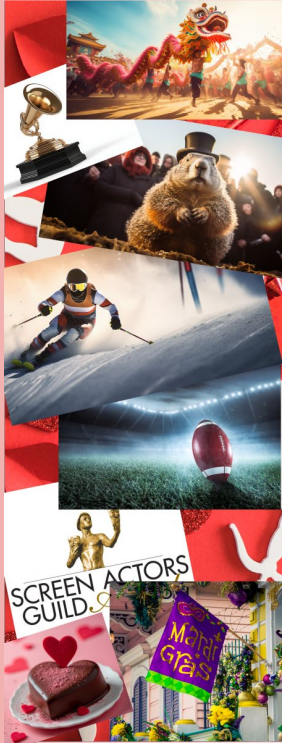
The woods are beautiful, dark and deep.....

Our next hike will be February 28th. Contact John Tucker if you are interested in joining us.

John

FEBRUARY'S SPECIAL DAYS

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- 2nd Grammy Awards
- 2nd Groundhog Day
- 2nd National Wetlands Day
- 4th World Cancer Day
- 4th - 16th Alpine Ski Champs.
- 8th Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday)
- 9th Superbowl (Football)
- 12th Darwin Day
- 12th Lincoln's Birthday
- 13th World Radio Day
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 17th Presidents' Day
- 22nd NAACP Awards
- 23rd Screen Actors Guild Awards

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 group is meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the Los Altos Senior Center from 12:00 to 2:00 for a friendly game. Send me your email address and I'll add you to our mailing list.

Mark

WINE FINDERS

See our [web page](#)

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This activity is for couples who want to have fun and meet new people. We gather at the home of a host couple to blind taste, grade wines and share appetizers.

Note: We are now working to find hosts for 2025, so watch for emails.

Alan

BOCCE BALL

See our [web page](#)

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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), weather permitting!

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|-------------------|--|
| Football | 49ers are resting.... |
| Basketball | 3 rd Warriors vs Orlando Magic, 7:00pm 5 th Warriors vs Utah Jazz, 6:00pm 6 th Warriors vs LA Lakers, 7:00pm 8 th Warriors vs Chicago Bulls, 5:00pm 10 th Warriors vs Milwaukee Bucks, 5:00pm 12 th Warriors vs Dallas Mavericks, 6:30pm 13 th Warriors vs Houston Rockets, 5:00pm 21 st Warriors vs Sacramento Kings, 7:00pm 23 rd Warriors vs Dallas Mavericks, 12:30pm 25 th Warriors vs Charlotte Hornets, 7:00pm 27 th Warriors vs Orlando Magic, 4:00pm |
| Hockey | 4 th Sharks vs Montreal Canadiens , 7:30pm 6 th Sharks vs Vancouver Canucks, 7:30pm 8 th Sharks vs Dallas Stars, 7:00pm 23 rd Sharks vs Calgary Flames, 5:00pm 24 th Sharks vs Winnipeg Jets, 4:30pm |
| Soccer | 16 th Bay FC vs Seattle Reign, 1:00pm 22 nd Bay FC vs San Diego Wave, 11:00am 22 nd SJ Quakes vs Real Salt Lake, 7:30pm |



SIR Bocce Team enjoying a leisurely roll

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

| SESSION'S HIGH SCORES | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Scratch Series | | Scratch Game | |
| 1st | 611 - Larry Low | 1st | 229 - Ron Nakamoto |
| 2nd | 600 - Perry Brown | 2nd | 214 - Scott Hiller |
| 3rd | 553 - Marc Haberman | 3rd | 206 - Joe Enos |
| Handicap Series | | Handicap Game | |
| 1st | 705 - Arnie Satterlee | 1st | 256 - Bob Garten |
| 2nd | 691 - Jim Narva | 2nd | 254 - Les Fisher |
| 3rd | 680 - Bob Feigelson | 3rd | 242 - Larry Maibaum |
| WEEK 7 TOP SCORES | | | |
| Scratch Series | | Scratch Game | |
| 1st | 552 - Arnie Satterlee | 1st | 214 - Scott Hiller |
| 2nd | 498 - Larry Low | 2nd | 178 - Ken Allen |
| 3rd | 486 - Jay Jonekait | 3rd | 175 - Arnie Satterlee |
| Handicap Series | | Handicap Game | |
| 1st | 691 - Jim Narva | 1st | 234 - Harold Kaye |
| 2nd | 647 - Bob Froelich | 2nd | 231 - Doug Anderson |
| 3rd | 625 - Bob Garten | 3rd | 221 - Jerry Ososkie |



Man displays perfect form....



...and gets the perfect result!

BOWLING

See our [web page](#)

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

These are the final scores of the Winter Session. If you have been considering joining the league, this would be the perfect time. 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.

| FINAL PLACES - Winter 2024 / 25 | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1st Place | -- Bob Froelite, Ron Nakamoto, Larry Low |
| 2nd Place | -- Aram Dormanian, Larry Maibaum, Ari Stassart, Perry Brown |
| 3rd Place | -- Les Fisher, Chris Weberg, Joe Enos |
| 4th Place | -- Jim Narva, Arnie Satterlee, Marc Haberman |
| 4th Place | -- Jim Holman, Bob Taggart, Bob Garten |
| 4th Place | -- Bob Feigelson, Alan Gaudie, Scott Hiller |
| 7th Place | -- Gordon Frierson, Doug Anderson, Fred Emmenegger |
| 8th Place | -- Ruth Ososkie, Peter Wong, Jerry Ososkie |
| 9th Place | -- Karen Soules, Man Tran, Jay Jonekait |
| 10th Place | -- Harold Kaye, Brian Lin, Venicio Navarro |



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Fixtures for March – sign up now!

| SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Monday Feb 17 | | | |
|--|------------|-------|-------|
| Wente Vineyards (WNT) | Mon Mar 3 | 10:00 | \$100 |
| McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC ** | | | |
| Cinnabar Hills (CBH) | Thu Mar 6 | 10:20 | \$91 |
| Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / Cornwell | | | |
| Spring Valley (SPV) | Mon Mar 10 | 10:00 | \$49 |
| Barkey 408-472-7353 stanbarkey@gmail.com / Wilson | | | |
| Salinas Fairways (SAF) | Thu Mar 13 | 10:16 | \$39 |
| O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo@gmail.com / ** NEED ATC ** | | | |
| Los Lagos (LLS) | Mon Mar 17 | 9:27 | \$37 |
| Haberman 408-455-6114 mhaberman@cypressridgesolutions.com / ** NEED ATC ** | | | |
| Blackhorse (BKH) | Thu Mar 20 | 10:00 | \$95 |
| O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo@gmail.com / Hall | | | |
| Poplar (PCR) | Mon Mar 24 | 10:00 | \$47 |
| Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / Enos | | | |
| Corica Park South (CCS) | Thu Mar 27 | 9:30 | \$97 |
| Cornwell 650-280-8290 kencornwell57@gmail.com / Enos | | | |
| Boulder Ridge (BRG) | Mon Mar 31 | 10:00 | \$85 |
| (with Monterey bay Seniors) Nakamoto 408-440-2330 ronandela@comcast.net / ** NEED ATC ** | | | |

Gikis Has the Round of the Month

Starting the new year off on the right foot, **Ben Gikis** was 8.0 strokes under at Deep Cliff on Jan. 2. He also shot his age and won his flight with this fine round. Way to go, Ben!

Cioni, Grace & Stephens Win at Deep Cliff Eclectic

Do high handicappers have an advantage in the 3-round eclectic format? It seems to me that they should. On a short course like Deep Cliff even a duffer, given 3 chances, should be able to card a gross par on most holes. And when handicap strokes are considered, shouldn't they be more likely to prevail than our low handicap members?

Our eclectic tournaments have three flights. Did higher handicap players take home the top prizes? Yes, no and not really!

YES: Ron Grace won the high-index Palmer flight by 3 strokes. Ron's index was the highest – by a large margin -- of the nine players in his flight.

NO: In the low-index Palmer flight **Joe Cioni** won by 4 strokes. Joe had the third lowest index of the nine players in that flight.

NOT REALLY: The Nicklaus flight had 11 players in the final round, and **Wendell Stephens** won the flight by a single stroke. Wendell's index was smack-dab in the middle of the pack. It was the sixth highest as well as the sixth lowest index in the flight.

CONCLUSION: The results from Deep Cliff don't support the hypothesis that high-index players do better in ecclectics.

McGrath, Scardino & Narva Win Los Lagos Eclectic

After two rounds **Richard McGrath**, **Stan Scardino** and **Jim Narva** were leading their flights and guess what: The same was true after three rounds as well. Jim won the Nicklaus flight via a tie breaker over **Tim O'Meara**. Rich beat **Larry Low** in Palmer #1 by

a stroke, and Stan cruised to a 3-stroke victory over **Tom Taboada** in Palmer #2.

Special kudos go to the three players who improved their eclectic score by more than 10 strokes in the final round: **Roy Nakamura** (13), **Larry Wall** (12) and **George O'Brien** (11).

January's Golf Results:

| Deep Cliff Eclectic Round 3 | | | | Par 60 | | Jan. 2, 2025 | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|---------------|--------|------|---------------|-----|------|
| Palmer Flt. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Flt. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Flt. | Net | \$ |
| Rich McGrath | 56 | \$18 | Stan Scardino | 62 | \$18 | Ben Gikis | 52 | \$21 |
| Jim Thorne | 58 | \$14 | Paul Schutz | 63 | \$14 | Joe Enos | 56 | \$16 |
| B. Soules | 62 | \$10 | Tom Taboada | 65 | \$10 | Peter Wong | 59 | \$10 |
| | | | | | | John Ray | 62 | \$5 |

Shot his age: Joe Cioni (age 85) shot 73; Richard McGrath (75) shot 65; Jim Thorne (72) shot 63; Ben Gikis (80) shot 77; Jay Jonekait (78) shot 77; Ken Jones (81) shot 81

Low Gross: Jim Thorne 63

| Deep Cliff Eclectic Final Results | | | | | | 2024-25 | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|
| Palmer Flt. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Flt. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Flt. | Net | \$ |
| Joe Cioni | 50 | \$22 | Ron Grace | 52 | \$22 | W. Stephens | 50 | \$21 |
| Chris Weberg | 54 | \$16 | Paul Schutz | 55 | \$16 | Joe Enos | 51 | \$16 |
| J. Rittweger | 54 | \$11 | Stan Scardino | 56 | \$11 | V. Navarro | 57 | \$10 |
| B. Soules | 55 | \$6 | Larry Baugher | 56 | \$6 | Ben Gikis | 57 | \$5 |

| Los Lagos Eclectic Round 1 | | | | Par 68 | | Jan. 6, 2025 | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------|---------------|--------|------|---------------|-----|------|
| Palmer Flt. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Flt. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Flt. | Net | \$ |
| Scott Hiller | 71 | \$22 | Mark Taylor | 67 | \$22 | Balbir Kalsi | 75 | \$21 |
| Rich McGrath | 72 | \$16 | Tom Taboada | 69 | \$16 | John Ray | 77 | \$16 |
| Jay Jonekait | 75 | \$11 | R. Pattison | 71 | \$11 | Jim Narva | 77 | \$10 |
| Robt. Manetta | 76 | \$6 | B. Metheany | 75 | \$6 | W. Stephens | 78 | \$5 |

Low Gross: Scott Hiller and Richard McGrath tied at 81

| Coyote Creek Valley | | | | Par 72 | | Jan. 9, 2025 | | |
|---------------------|-----|------|---------------|--------|------|---------------|-----|------|
| Palmer Flt. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Flt. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Flt. | Net | \$ |
| R. McGrath | 77 | \$18 | R. Nakamoto | 70 | \$18 | Ramesh Patel | 71 | \$12 |
| Dan O'Brien | 78 | \$14 | Dick Wilson | 70 | \$14 | Balbir Kalsi | 82 | \$5 |
| Joe Cioni | 79 | \$10 | R. Pattison | 71 | \$10 | | | |
| Rick Wheat | 81 | \$5 | Larry Baugher | 72 | \$5 | | | |

Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 83
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 89

| Canyon Lakes | | | Par 71 | | Jan. 13, 2025 | | |
|----------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-----|---------------|--|--|
| Palmer Flight | Net | Prize | Nicklaus Flight | Net | Prize | | |
| John Rittweger | 77 | \$25 | Joe Enos | 74 | \$18 | | |
| Dave Skarlanic | 77 | \$19 | Peter Wong | 77 | \$12 | | |
| Jim Thorne | 77 | \$14 | Man Tran | 77 | \$7 | | |
| Mark Taylor | 79 | \$9 | | | | | |
| Stan Scardino | 79 | \$5 | | | | | |

Low Gross (forward tees): Man Tran 99
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 86

| Spring Valley | | | | Par 70 | | Jan. 16, 2025 | | |
|---------------|-----|------|---------------|--------|------|---------------|-----|------|
| Palmer Flt. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Flt. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Flt. | Net | \$ |
| M. Haberman | 64 | \$22 | C. Scott | 67 | \$22 | Chip Williams | 66 | \$25 |
| Bob Garten | 65 | \$16 | R. Pattison | 70 | \$16 | Joe Enos | 68 | \$19 |
| Les Miles | 67 | \$12 | John Gerich | 71 | \$12 | Ben Gikis | 70 | \$14 |
| R. Nakamura | 69 | \$7 | B. Metheany | 72 | \$7 | Sam Im | 70 | \$9 |

Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 76
Low Gross (back tees): Sam Im and Chris Weberg tied at 87

| Los Lagos Eclectic Round 2 | | | | Par 68 | | Jan. 22, 2025 | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------|---------------|--------|------|---------------|-----|------|
| Palmer Flt. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Flt. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Flt. | Net | \$ |
| J. Rittweger | 68 | \$18 | B. Metheany | 69 | \$18 | Man Tran | 67 | \$22 |
| Rich McGrath | 69 | \$14 | M. Haberman | 71 | \$14 | Peter Wong | 68 | \$16 |
| Les Miles | 70 | \$10 | Ken Jones | 75 | \$10 | Ben Gikis | 70 | \$12 |
| | | | | | | Sam Im | 75 | \$7 |

Inside Putter Length: Man Tran on #2 (\$15)
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 78

If you are interested to join the outing, contact John Tucker.

| San Jose Muni | | | Par 72 | | | Jan. 23, 2025 | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-----|-------|---------------|--|--|
| Palmer Flight | Net | Prize | Nicklaus Flight | Net | Prize | | | |
| Bernard Soules | 67 | \$25 | Larry Wall | 66 | \$22 | | | |
| John Rittweger | 69 | \$19 | Venico Navarro | 72 | \$16 | | | |
| Les Miles | 70 | \$14 | Jim Narva | 73 | \$12 | | | |
| Scott Hiller | 70 | \$9 | Man Tran | 74 | \$7 | | | |
| Bob Garten | 71 | \$5 | | | | | | |
| Low Gross: Scott Hiller 78 | | | | | | | | |



The Sports Car Group in action!

John

| Los Lagos Eclectic Round 3 | | | | | | Par 68 | | | Jan. 27, 2025 | | |
|---|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|---------------|--|--|
| Palmer Flt. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Flt. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Flt. | Net | \$ | | | |
| Jay Jonekait | 73 | \$18 | Stan Scardino | 69 | \$18 | Peter Wong | 66 | \$24 | | | |
| Bob Garten | 73 | \$14 | Bill Hall | 73 | \$14 | Jim Narva | 67 | \$18 | | | |
| Larry Low | 74 | \$10 | Tom Taboada | 75 | \$10 | Larry Wall | 72 | \$12 | | | |
| | | | | | | W. Stephens | 73 | \$8 | | | |
| Inside Putter Length: Venicio Navarro on #14 (\$15) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Low Gross: Larry Low 85 | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Los Lagos Eclectic Final Results | | | | | | January 2025 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|--|--|--|
| Palmer Flt. 1 | Net | \$ | Palmer Flt. 2 | Net | \$ | Nicklaus Flt. | Net | \$ | | | |
| Rich McGrath | 63 | \$24 | Stan Scardino | 60 | \$24 | Jim Narva | 63 | \$25 | | | |
| Larry Low | 64 | \$18 | Tom Taboada | 63 | \$18 | Tim O'Meara | 63 | \$20 | | | |
| Chris Weberg | 65 | \$14 | M. Haberman | 64 | \$14 | Peter Wong | 66 | \$15 | | | |
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Our January Sports Group FunRun was canceled due to members having multiple conflicts.

For February, our first FunRun of the New Year will be Wednesday 5th. We will be heading to Capitola for Lunch at Gayle's Bakery & Rosticceria by way of Highway 9. We will gather at Quarry Park in Saratoga at 10:30 am. From there we will drive up curvy Highway 9 to Saratoga Gap and then continue down Highway 9 to Boulder Creek, Felton and then Santa Cruz where we will take Highway One south to Capitola. Our destination will be Gayle's Bakery. If you have never been to Gayle's you are in for a treat, they have a huge selection of tasty dishes. After lunch you can get back to the Bay Area by several routes, the quickest being Highway 17 to Los Gatos and beyond. You do not need a sports car to join us..

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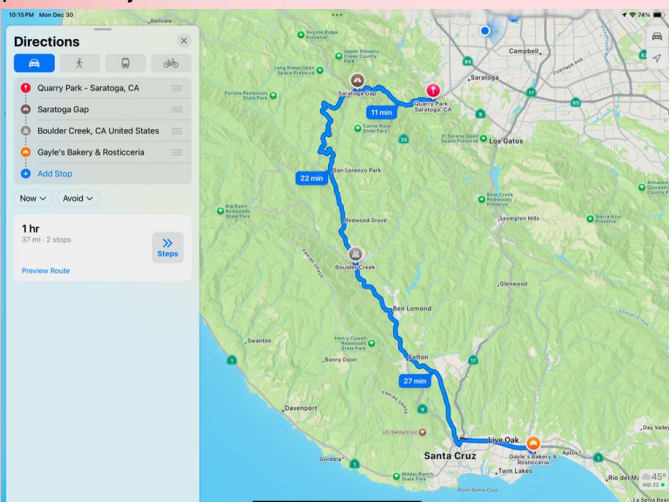
See Jim's [web page](#)

Our Movies group will meet on Zoom on Tuesday, January 14th at 3 pm. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



A Man on the Inside. Ted Danson stars in this eight-episode drama/comedy about aging and the inner workings of a senior care facility. Danson is Charles, a retired widower. His wife died from the ravages of Alzheimer's Disease. His daughter sees that he is lonely and suggest he get a hobby to keep himself busy. He sees an ad from a private investigator looking for a silver haired sleuth. He fits the bill and gets reenergized looking into

thefts at a nursing home. The residents and Charles have also sorts of interesting interactions as they navigate the health care systems and their respective infirmities. This is wonderful look at aging and how best to live long and well. This is a must see. Rated TV 14 for language. Streaming on Netflix. This is a double Peggy's pick.



A long way to go to lunch? NOT if it's at Gayle's!



The Apprentice. A better title for this film is “The Education of Donald J. Trump by Roy Cohn”. The film follows a young Donald Trump as he starts his real-estate empire in 1970s and '80s. He is able to take derelict New York buildings and turn them into Trump Palaces. His mentor was the infamous lawyer Roy M. Cohn. Cohn’s take no prisoners and never admit defeat tactics are well learned and improved on by Donald. Sebastian Stan as Trump and

Jeremy Strong as Cohn have received well deserved Academy Award nominations. Their performances are enough to recommend this movie. Rated R for sexual content, some graphic nudity, language, sexual assault, and drug use. Streaming on Amazon Prime Video.



September 5. This is a taut, fast paced historical thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seats. During the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany, the ABC sports broadcasting crew is in a unique position to broadcast live coverage of the Israeli Olympic Team athletes being held hostage by a Palestinian terrorist group. Most of the action takes place in the control room as they figure out on the fly how to do it and should they do it. Utilizing

archival footage and dramatic reenactments, the film grabs your attention and gives you the feel of actually being there during early September 1972. There are even clouds of cigarette smoke. Rated R for language. In Theatres. It is a Peggy’s Pick.



The Room Next Door. Pedro Almodovar brings us an English Language masterpiece on death. A serious subject that is handled well with grace and deep insight. Ingrid (Julianne Moore) and Martha (Tilda Swinton) were close friends in their youth. They have been out of touch for decades, when a common friend informs Ingrid that Martha is in the hospital fighting cancer. Ingrid visits Martha and their old friendship revives with an immediate intensity.

As they recount stories of past lovers, successes and failure and secrets they draw close to one another. Martha has decided on euthanasia as a logical next step for her and asks Ingrid to be in the room next door when Martha decides to take the suicide pill. They discuss the meaning of life and death in beautifully crafted sequences. Moore and Swinton turn in performances of their

careers. Rated PG-13 for thematic content, strong language, and some sexual references. In Theatres. It is a Peggy’s Pick.



The Last Showgirl. This is Pamela Anderson’s film as she portrays Shelly, a dancer at The Razzle Dazzle show in Las Vegas. She has been strutting her stuff for thirty years when the show closes due to changing tastes in Vegas. It was the last show of its kind, so Shelly has few options. She examines her life and her future. She sees little promise, but she is a survivor. With the help of her friends, she sees a path out of sequins and

bosoms. Anderson’s performance is stellar and make this a movie to see. In Theatres. Rated R for language and nudity. 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/>

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 <https://sirinc.org/sir-branded-marketing-materials/>

Why Join SIR?

Your local membership gives you access to a wide mix of activities and events which may include golf, poker, bowling, bridge, dining out, barbecues, bocce ball, hiking, cooking classes, wine tasting, RV'ing, pickle ball, walking and travel. Each SIR Branch is unique and personalized based on the members' interests.

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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: "Road to Singapore" Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour, Bob Hope, March 14, 1940

The boys made seven "Road" pictures starting with the first, "Road to Singapore" in 1940, through to 1962 with the final "The Road to Hong Kong". Bing wanted to do another one, "The Road to the Fountain of Youth" but died from a heart attack on the golf course.



Produced in 1940, "Road to Singapore" was the culmination of the search for a vehicle to capture the chemistry that Bing and Bob displayed on stage. The two first met in New York City at the Capitol Theater in 1932, where Bob was the emcee of a show that featured Bing as the lead entertainer. Bob was popular on the vaudeville circuit and Bing was already an established singer

and actor. They entertained the audience with some spontaneous vaudeville acts and jokes which the audience loved. They recognized that together they possessed a synergistic charisma that was something special.



Would SIR Golf welcome this 'synergistic charisma'?

Both continued with their careers, Bob in New York with radio in the day and Broadway musicals at night, and Bing in California, with music, film, and a sharp eye for investment opportunities. They finally met again at a benefit held at the Del Mar Racetrack near San Diego on July 3, 1937. Bing was co-owner of the track and would often use the facility to host events. Studio executives attended and took note of the duo's dynamic energy on stage and wanted to capture and "can" that for a wider audience.



Where to, Boys?

In the beginning, there was an original script titled "Road to Mandalay". This script was offered to Fred McMurray and Jack Oakie. The pair acted together in "The Texas Rangers" and hit it off as the lead man with his trusty side kick. When they declined, the script was offered to the husband-and-wife comedy team of George Burns and Gracie Allen, who also declined. The producers then heard of this unlikely pair from the live show they did together and from their appearances on radio. They rewrote and retitled the script to capture their slapstick humor together with some songs for Bing. The storyline was a bit weak, but the two personalities would ad lib the lines as they saw fit.



Dorothy Lamour was added to take advantage of her screen beauty and her popularity from her roles in "The Hurricane" in 1937 and "Typhoon" in 1940, both with South Seas themes. Notice that Bob got third billing after Dorothy. This was the first and only time that was done as his popularity soared. It was Bob that saved her from being cut in their last road movie as Bing wanted a younger femme

fatale. No wonder Bing wanted to do a "Road to the Fountain of Youth" movie as he was into all things young.



Tommy Dorsey and Orchestra

The movie was the third most popular of the “Road to ...” series with “Road to Rio” (1947) as second, and “Road to Utopia” (1945) as the most popular. “Road to Singapore” premiered at the Paramount Theater in New York City with Tommy Dorsey’s orchestra and Frank Sinatra as the accompanying stage show. The movie was an immediate success helped by good reviews and great promotion by Bob on his weekly radio show. One final note, the movie was filmed entirely on the backlots of Hollywood with the jungle shots taken at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. No Singapore anywhere in the film.



Director Victor Schertzinger

Here is the original movie trailer for “Road to Singapore”.

<https://bottomshelfmovies.com/road-to-singapore-1940/>

Here is a PBS American Masters short presentation about Bob Hope and why he was considered a comedic genius.

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/five-reasons-bob-hope-comedic-genius/9823/>



Music: “Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy” Bing Crosby and David Bowie, September 11, 1977

The duet was recorded in 1977, for Crosby’s “Merrie Olde Christmas” TV special. This was shortly before Crosby passed away. He was in England on a concert tour and his Christmas

special theme was Christmas in England. David Bowie was one of several British guests including Twiggy (remember her?) that was scheduled to appear in his special.

David Bowie at this time was a superstar having released the now classic “The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and The Spiders from Mars” in 1972. His live performances with his unisex costumes, eye and face make up, coupled with Mick Ronson’s guitars (often referred to as the birth point of heavy metal music) pioneered the modern rock concerts. Here is a blast from the past reminder video of David Bowie in full regalia in one of his concerts. I am reminded of how weird he looked and dressed at the time, but he was the first to treat his audience to a theatrical show with himself in full costume.

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

Bowie had just produced his surrealistic experimental album “LOW”. Bowie was 30 at this time and Crosby was 73. The producers of Crosby’s special pushed for the popular, English born Bowie to be in his special. The thought of a duet between these two was so odd given their singing styles, generational age difference, and audiences they appealed to, but the producers were convinced it would work.

The day Bowie was to appear with Crosby, he learned that the song they would sing together was “Little Drummer Boy”. Knowing it was all wrong for him he said: “I hate this song. Is there something else I could sing?” There was a moment of silence as panic started to seep into the producer’s demeanor, then they gathered a team of composers and writers to retool the song, added another melody and some new lyrics to replace the many “pah-rumpa-pum-pums” and retitled the song to “Peace on Earth”. The writers had rewritten the song in 1 ½ hours and Bowie liked it. He would sing the new lyrics while Bing would sing or hum the traditional lines. They had less than an hour to work out an arrangement and rehearse it with the band. Mainstream vs. avant-garde, cardigan-clad vs. glam rocker, who would have thought that these two, who had never met before, with such different singing styles and tonal range could imprint a traditional melody with some new verses and end up creating a moment in music history. Here is a video of Bing Crosby and David Bowie singing a duet of “Peace on Earth / Little Drummer Boy”.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICpXMy5Gall>

After completing his concerts and Christmas special in England, Bing flew to Spain to relax and play some golf. He had just sunk his final putt on the 18th green, at La Moraleja Golf Club in Madrid when he collapsed. He had suffered a massive heart attack and died before he reached the hospital. The unverified story is his last words were, “That was a great round of golf, fellas.”

After some additional research, I found an interview with one of his playing partners that was there at the time. In the interview, his playing partner said Bing’s last words were, “Let’s go have a Coca-Cola.” How mundane. Upon learning of her husband’s passing, Bing’s wife Kathryn is quoted as saying “I can’t think of a better way for a golfer who sings for a living, to finish a round.”

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

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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 - January 2025 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| | Golf 9:30am Sunnyvale (SVL) \$41 | Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl | Pers. Finance 1:00pm Moffett Field Museum Library Sports Car Group Gayle's of Capitola 10:30am Saratoga | Golf 9:30am Metropolitan \$52 | Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | |
| 9 | Golf 9:30am DeLaveaga (D) \$64 | Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting | Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Branch 35 Lunch Mtg 11:00am - 1:30pm Mountain View Community Center | Golf 9:30am Las Positas (\$62 Biking 11:00am Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park | Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | 15 |
| 16 | Golf 10:20am Baylands (BAY) \$75 | Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl | Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos Utd. Methodist Church | Golf 9:30am Shoreline (SH) \$45 | Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. | 22 |
| 23 | Golf 9:30am Crystal Springs \$69 | Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl | Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center | Golf TBDam TBD TBD | Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Venue TBC | 1 |