



Mission Trail Branch 35, Silicon Valley, California

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

Next Meeting
Wednesday, May 15th , 2026
11:00am-1:30pm
Lunch 11:45am Los Altos United
Program 12:15pm Methodist Church
Tara Vanderveer,
Stanford Women's Basketball
My Life and Career

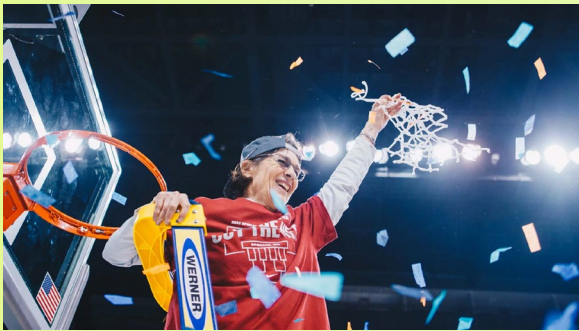
Guest Speaker: Tara Vanderveer

Stanford Women's basketball Coach (retired)



Tara Vanderveer was the Stanford Women's basketball Coach from 1986 until her retirement in 2024. She was also Head Coach at Idaho and Ohio State. She is the *second winningest coach* in NCAA basketball and a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame. She led the USA National Basketball Team to an Olympic gold medal in Atlanta. She is a

graduate of Indiana University and started for the Indiana Hoosiers for 3 years.



In this presentation, Vanderveer will talk about her life and storied career. This is a Must See opportunity to hear a world-class coach reminisce on her strategies and achievements.

Art Bernstein



President's Message

Looking Ahead to May

May is shaping up to be an exciting and meaningful month for Branch 35. We are seeing strong momentum in leadership, programming, and membership growth, and it's encouraging to see

our continued progress.

Featured Speaker – Tara VanDerveer

We are pleased to welcome Tara VanDerveer as our upcoming speaker. Her remarkable career and leadership experience promise an engaging and inspiring presentation.

This is also an excellent opportunity to invite a guest who may be interested in learning more about our branch.

Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

Our Branch Executive Committee continues to strengthen with dedicated members serving in key roles. Their commitment and teamwork help ensure that our branch remains organized and positioned for continued success.

Thank you to all who are serving.

Nominations for Officers, Directors, and Chairmen

The nomination process is now underway. Members are encouraged to consider serving or to nominate someone who would be a strong addition to our leadership team.

Active participation and fresh perspectives are essential to maintaining a vibrant and effective branch.

Growing Our Membership

Membership growth remains a top priority. The strength of Branch 35 lies in its members, and each new addition brings valuable energy and ideas.

Please consider reaching out to individuals in your network—friends, neighbors, or acquaintances from churches, social groups, or volunteer organizations. A personal invitation is often the most effective way to introduce someone to our community.

May Holidays and Reflection

Mother's Day

A time to recognize and appreciate the important women in our lives.

Memorial Day

A day to honor and remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. While often seen as the beginning of summer, its meaning is far more significant.

We encourage all members to take a moment—whether by attending a local ceremony, visiting a memorial, or reflecting quietly—to recognize the sacrifices made for our freedoms.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of Branch 35. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Scott Hiller

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Starting this month, we pick up a series Ron Nakamoto started some years ago. Each month we will interview one of our members and draw up a profile of them for members to read. These will be published in Trail Tips and archived on our membership website. The profile is also a nice thing to share with family members etc. The articles will be written by Roy Nakamura, Ron Nakamoto or Pat O'Connor, with help from the profiled member. Please let one of us know if you'd be up to have a profile written!
- We have a special report this month about the State SIR Golf Napa Spring Fling, from John Rittweger. Find it after the regular Branch 35 Golf report.
- A calendar of the coming month's **Branch Activities** and local **Sports Happenings** is in this newsletter. Print them out and stick them up on your refrigerator!

MAY 2026 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 295 Net Monthly Change: 0

April was a quiet month for recruiting to our Branch, we had no new members join, nor did any resign. So the net Branch membership is unchanged from last month. We always welcome new members, so bring a friend or neighbor to the lunch as a guest, 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)

NEW MEMBERS

We had no new members join this past month.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

We have 10 member anniversaries in May, one of whom has been with us for over twenty years!

Andy Danver (16)	Fred Emmenegger (12)	Bill Hall (21)
Brad Metheany III (10)	Jerry Ososkie (16)	John Rinehart (17)
Bob Roy (11)	Ron Stefani (15)	Gordy Tong (13)
Bill Young (23)		

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Larry Baugher	Roman Beyer	Fred Emmenegger
Bob Fisher	Larry Fleischer	Jacques Fossourier
Gordon Frierson	Bob Garten	Joe Gruber
Ed Halk	Bill Hall	Klaus Jaeger
Bob King	Karl Kneip	Ron Lau
Richard McGrath	Hank Pastorelli	Roger Potash
John Rittweger	Bob Roy	Marvin Schwartz
Marc Shaw	Augie Smith	Mike Su
Bob Sutis	Paul Wcislo	Dan Zemanek

MEMBER PROFILE
SCOTT HILLER,
PRESIDENT, BRANCH 35
 BY ROY NAKAMURA



Fun Facts about your President, Scott Hiller

- **Animals:** Scott loves animals. He has volunteered at an animal shelter, and adopted a rescue dog named “Porto”, named for the city of Porto in northern Portugal, where he and his wife have traveled and are quite fond of.
- **Wife:** Dulce (pronounced “Dul-se”) but she goes by Candy. From the Philippines, she is the most wonderful person he has met, and she never gets mad at him.
- **Electric guitar:** He can eke out a few tunes but wishes he were better. He leaves his guitar out in the open at home as a constant reminder of that aspiration.
- **Favorite foods:** Thai food, candy, chocolate, ... anything with sugar.
- **Music:** ‘60s and ‘70s genre. Favorite band: Pink Floyd.
- **Pet peeves:** Slow golf. Litter (he will often scoop up trash for later disposal.)
- **Most recently loved tv shows:** Ted Lasso, Breaking Bad.

Early Life

Scott was born in Syracuse, New York, and grew up in the suburb of Liverpool.

He had what he’d call a happy, normal childhood. Like many kids of his generation, most of his time was spent outdoors. He and his friends rode their bikes everywhere, played neighborhood sports until dark, built tree forts, and threw snowballs at just about anything that moved. It was a simpler time—there were only three TV channels, and the closest thing he had to a video game was Pong. He didn’t need much to stay entertained, and looking back, those were good years.

His father worked on the New York State Thruway, and his mother was a registered nurse. They were both hardworking people who set a strong example for the family. Military service was also part of his upbringing. Both his father and his brother

served, and that likely influenced his decision to join the United States Air Force right out of high school.

He found that life in the military had a way of making you grow up quickly. From the moment he arrived at Basic Training and started getting yelled at for everything, he realized that life had changed. After that came Tech School, where he learned his trade, followed by his first permanent assignment. He became an Air Traffic Control Radar Specialist, which was his way of saying he fixed what the air traffic controllers broke.

By the time Scott was 19, he was working shifts on his own, maintaining air traffic control equipment at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. It was a big responsibility for such a young age. There were backup systems for everything, but equipment would still fail or begin underperforming, and it was his job to get it back online as quickly as possible. That experience taught him responsibility, independence, and how to stay calm under pressure.

Early Adulthood



Young Scott in Air Force Basic Training

When Scott was 20, he met the woman who would become his first wife. She was an Air Traffic Controller and originally from San Francisco. After they both completed their four years in the military, moving to San Francisco felt like an easy decision.

When he left the Air Force, there were no local job openings in the Bay Area for Air Traffic Control Radar Specialists, so he had to find a different path. His first civilian job was as an electronic technician with Siltec in Menlo Park, one of the companies that helped give Silicon Valley its name. He eventually found a long-term career with a Siemens company in Palo Alto, where he spent the next 25 years building and repairing specialized production equipment. It was highly technical work, and he was fortunate to build a solid career in a field he never expected to enter.

Shortly after buying their first home in 1985, he and his wife got a dog, and a few years later started a family. They were blessed with three children, and he truly loved those years. Scott’s first home was a ranch-style house in Linda Mar, at the southern end of Pacifica, just two blocks from the beach. It was a wonderful place to raise a young family and enjoy coastal living.

In 1994, his wife—being a San Francisco native—was feeling homesick, so they sold their home in Pacifica and moved to Noe

Valley. There, they purchased a 1923 Edwardian that had been owned by the same person from the time it was built until he passed away in 1993. While it was in very “original” condition, it was also a great opportunity. At \$274,000, it felt like a real find.

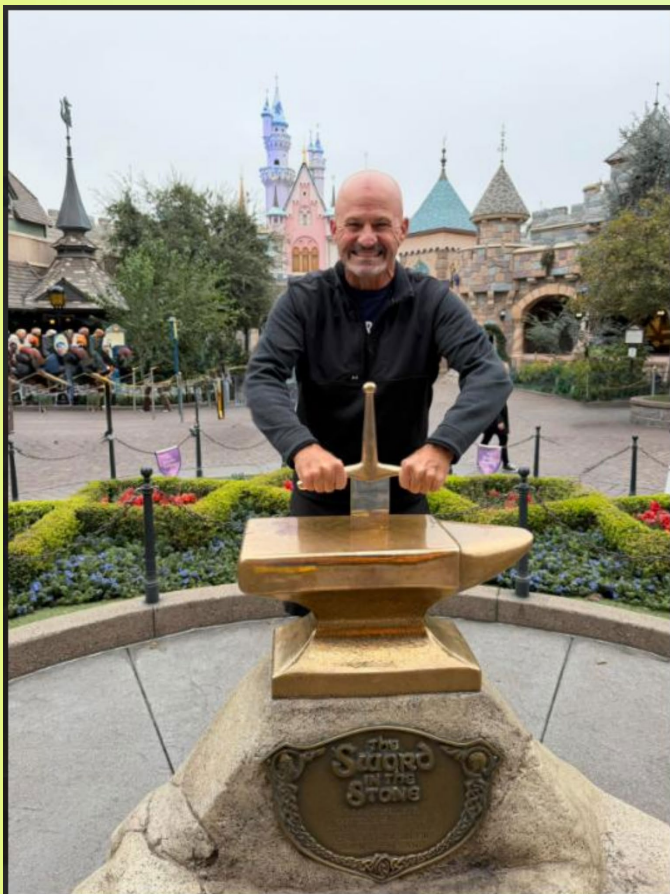
They lived in that home for 10 years, and it became an important chapter of his life. But as life sometimes goes, not every chapter ends the way you expect. After 20 years of marriage, they divorced.

Professional Career

One positive thing that came from that difficult time was that it pushed him to find a better job and create a new direction for himself. For the last 20 years of his working life, before retiring in 2023, he worked as a Site Operations Manager—first for Juniper Networks and later at Adobe in downtown San Francisco. He oversaw site operations, which included everything from building engineering and café services to managing janitorial operations.

He worked at Juniper and Adobe during major expansion years and was part of the teams that built two Juniper buildings in Sunnyvale and Adobe’s new tower in San Jose. One accomplishment he remains especially proud of was helping create Adobe’s 1.25 million-square-foot San Jose building, which became the largest all-electric building in Silicon Valley, powered by wind and solar energy.

A few years after his divorce, he met the woman of his dreams, who is now his wife, Dulce (Dul-se) but he calls her Candy. Their first date was at a sushi boat restaurant, and that was the first time he ever had sushi.



Scott at the Sword in the Stone in Disneyland

They have been together for more than 20 years. She had two daughters, and that brought their blended family to one son and four daughters. They love spending their days together and continue to dream about one day living on the coast.

Scott and his wife love Disneyland and go almost every year. This year they are going back to Disneyland in Paris.

Retirement

When Scott retired he wanted to do something meaningful, and the Humane Society in Milpitas on the FAVS (Foster Animal Vaccination Station) fit in perfectly. His job as a volunteer was to help ensure that foster animals receive timely vaccinations, treatments and essential supplies.

Looking back, his life has been shaped by family, service, hard work, resilience, and the people he’s loved along the way. He had the chance to build a life in some remarkable places, raise a family, build a career, and begin again when life called for it. For all of that, he feels most fortunate.



Candy, Porto and Scott

Reflections

If he could give advice to his younger self it might be to try to spend less time having fun and to more seriously consider going to college and pursuing a degree in engineering, although he has no regrets about the military.

Life has taken Scott from the snowy streets of upstate New York to the California coast, and through every chapter, he’s tried to keep moving forward with gratitude, purpose, and a sense of humor.

Scott says, “I’ve always believed in the value of service, friendship, and staying involved, which is one of the reasons I enjoy being part of Branch 35.”

Scott’s desired legacy for when his term of president is over: robust chapter growth and a stronger speaker program.

How we can help Scott achieve his goals: help recruit new members, especially those recently retired who could feed the future leadership pipeline.

REPORTS FROM OUR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

BOOK SWAP

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Welcome to the Book Swap Notes for May 2026.

I want to thank you for the excellent response at the April meeting. You all brought so many books to us, many were swapped by members. We ended that meeting with more than 30 books on the table. Most of them were then donated, by us to the Friends Of The Library at the Los Altos Library.

We will start the May meeting with 11 books. There are five left over from April and six donated from my wife's library. Come in May to see all the titles.

Please bring your unwanted books to the Book Swap at the May lunch meeting.

Also, if you have any paper bags that you can spare, we can use them to package books after the meeting, for donation. Bags such as shopping bags with rope handles, or similar, are preferred; but any will do. Please bring them to the meeting, and I thank you all in advance.

Bob Steinberg

BOOK CLUB

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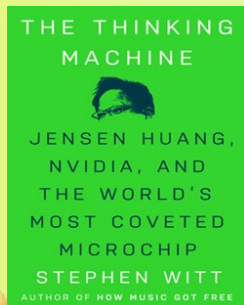
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The next Book Club meeting will be on May 13th.

The SIR book club usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Live Oak room of Los Altos United Methodist Church from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm for a discussion of the book chosen for that month.

Some interesting May dates for readers:

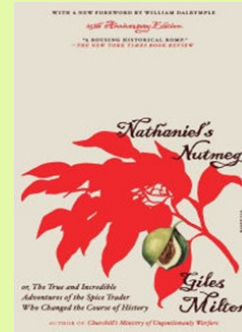
- May 12: National Limerick Day (Marks Edward Lear's birthday, known for popularizing limericks in 1846)
- May 14: International Dylan Thomas Day (the anniversary of the first staged reading of Under Milk Wood) #InternationalDylanThomasDay



Greetings readers and other knowledge seekers: our latest read, discussed at our April meeting, was *The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia, and the World's Most Coveted Microchip* by Stephen Witt. Everyone in the group gave this book high marks for its depiction of Jensen Huang, one of the founders of Nvidia who remains its driving force today. We agreed that the

section of the book describing the development of AI, spurred in part by the increased computing power of Nvidia's chips, was insightful and thought-provoking, especially for those (like me) with only a rudimentary understanding of the subject.

The group rated the book an average of 4.7 points on our arbitrary 5-point scale.



For our May meeting, we'll move back four centuries to another era of discovery and entrepreneurial success, the beginnings of the western European spice trade in the South Pacific. *Nathaniel's Nutmeg* by Giles Milton was recommended by Frank Crossman.

Our next meeting takes place on May 13 at the Los Altos United Methodist Church between 1:30 pm and 3 pm. If you would like to drop by one of our meetings or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Ed Mills

BOCCE BALL

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See our [web page](#)

MICHAEL MAURIER

(Normally) every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon when weather and court conditions permit. Guests are welcome.

As Richard is on vacation and Michael is unavailable, **Bill Young** will lead this activity for the coming meeting.

We play at the Los Altos Community Center Bocce Ball Courts, located at 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022.

All are invited to join the friendly SIR Branch 35 Bocce Ball players and interact with a great group of people. Guests are welcome and encouraged! Come and meet old friends and make new ones. We welcome all skill levels from beginners to those who have been playing for quite a while. We love to coach new players. Come and join us and have fun.

We begin at 9:45 AM on most Fridays for court maintenance by SIR volunteers (OK, being retired, a number of us view starting times as advisory and not strictly adhered to.) Play begins right after the maintenance is completed. We normally quit around Noon.

Our next **Quarterly Lunch and Conversation** is scheduled for **May 15**. It will take place at Fiesta Vallarta (301 State Street in Los Altos) at about 12:15 after we have finished playing Bocce Ball.

Everyone is welcome to attend Lunch, whether you played Bocce Ball or not. Looking forward to seeing everyone this Friday.

Richard Oehlberg & Michael Maurier

BOWLING

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

Want to get some exercise, have fun and make new friends while throwing a 14-pound stone down an alley at ten pins? Come join the SIR 35 Bowling Activity.

We bowl at 1 PM on Tuesdays at the Homestead Lanes, 20990 Homestead Rd, Cupertino. Cost is only \$20 per week including the prize fund. You get to throw the 14-pound stone 36 times even if you roll three perfect games. Improve your balance, arm strength and mental focus while enjoying a good time!

Standings: The Spring Season Started on April 21st	
Spring Season Week 1	
1st Place	Ruth Ososkie, Larry Malbaum, Jerry Ososkie
2nd Place	Oren Abramson, Peter Wong, Scott Hiller
3rd Place	Ron Grace, Nazeem Nordeen, Stan Barkey, Bob Garten
4th Place	Bob Feigelson, Brad Ashmore, Bob Froelich, Joe Enos
5th Place	Ramesh Patel, Chris Weberg, Larry Low
6th Place	Les Fisher, Gary Coluccio, Marc Haberman
7th Place	Karen Soules, Alan Gaudie, B Soules, Ken Allen
8th Place	Gordon Frierson, Rick McColloch, Bob Taggart
9th Place	Joe Hauser, Paul Cook, Man Tran, Jay Jonekait
10th Place	Doug Anderson, Lynn Emmenegger, Fred Emmenegger, Tom Petro

Week 1 Top Scores				
	Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
Men	1	532 Bob Garten	1	201 Scott Hiller
	2	529 Joe Enos	2	196 Jerry Ososkie
	3	476 Tim Petro	3	180 Bob Taggart
Women		360 Karen Soules		115 Ruth Ososkie
		307 Lynn Emmenegger		
	Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1	1	655 Bob Froelich	1	239 Ken Allen
	2	619 Brad Ashmore	2	228 Gary Coluccio
	3	598 Rick McColloch	3	224 Les Fisher



The Winter Season Champions were (from left to right): Peter Wong, Brad Ashmore, Jay Jonekait and Gary Coluccio.

We just completed week 1 of the Spring Bowling season so this is an excellent time to join. No experience necessary, just a desire to have fun. Several ladies are current members, so bring your spouse!

Contact Bob Taggart (650-321-2654) or Bob Garten (408-253-5860)

Bob Garten

PERSONAL FINANCE

BILL MACK
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The next meeting is Wednesday May 6th at 1PM at the Moffett Museum.

The April 1st 2026 PFG meeting covered:

- The California DROP system that makes it easy for you to ask the numerous Data Brokers to delete your personal information and to not sell it.
- We briefly discussed how Investor Levels are defined and what they affect.
- An option in Gmail that sets the level of Google AI scan of email that you desire.
- Lastly, we introduced Authenticator Apps and how to add additional security to your two-factor authentication codes.

The next meeting will be May 6th at 1PM at the Moffett Museum.



The Museum at Moffett Airfield

If you wish to be added to our email distribution list, please contact Bill Mack.

Bill Mack

BIKING

GORDON TONG
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See our [web page](#)

The next bike ride will be on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 (2nd Thursday of the month), meeting at 11am.

Wives and guests welcomed and helmets required

Foster City Bay Trail

Ride: We will ride the popular, scenic and picturesque Foster City Bay Trail from the Oracle Corporate Headquarters to the Poplar Creek Golf Course at Coyote Point. The trail is along the beautiful Bay Waters, paved and level.

There is another 4-mile extension on bike paths that would take us to the very Southern edge of the SF International Airport for a total round trip of 22-24 miles. We can decide on whether to ride the 4-mile extension on the day of the ride. Since the Golf Course restaurant has been closed on our last few rides, we have some lunch options just past the Golf Course like Max's of Burlingame at 1250 Old Bayshore Highway, etc. It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

Directions: Take I-101 North towards SF and exit at Marine Parkway / Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point.



Poplar Creek Golf Club

If you plan to ride, or have questions, please contact me.

Gordy Tong

SPORTS CAR GROUP

JOHN TUCKER
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Our next SIR Sports Car FunRun will take place on the second Wednesday, May 13th, 2026. 🚗👉

Last Month's Fun Run

On April 8th the SIR Sports Car FunRun took us on a scenic backroad adventure. We started on Camden Avenue and headed up Hicks Road to Mount Umunhum — home of the iconic "Cube" and the former Almaden Air Force Station, which operated from 1958 to 1980 as part of the West Coast's defense system. At the summit, we enjoyed spectacular views along with an interesting display about the site, which once housed more than 200 personnel.



Our stop at the top of Mt. Umunhum.
We had 10 people on the drive.

From there, we wound our way back down the mountain, cruising along scenic roads past Almaden Quicksilver County Park, Calero and Chesbro Reservoirs, and into Morgan Hill for a delicious lunch at Rosy's at the Beach. It was a fantastic day filled with winding roads, blue skies, green hills, sparkling lakes, and great company.



Lunch at Rosy's at the Beach in Morgan Hill was a lot of fun.
Thanks to Ellie Wang who took the pictures.

Sound like fun? Join us on May 13, 2026, for our next drive. Bring your own car, or let me know if you'd like to ride along with one of our drivers who may have an open seat.

Looking forward to a day of twisty roads and good lunch, great conversation! Please let me know if you'll be joining us.

John Tucker

HIKING

JOHN TUCKER
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Our next SIR Hike will be on Friday, May 22, 2026.

We had 21 hikers join our April SIR Hike on Friday, April 24. We met at the Skaggs Point parking area on Skyline Boulevard and set out on the El Corte Madera Creek and Tafoni Trail Loop. This beautiful route winds beneath a canopy of towering redwoods, offering shade the entire way. We made our way down into the canyon before climbing back up to our lunch spot.



Our happy hikers deep in the Redwood Forest.

Along the hike, we paused at the "Resolution" memorial plaque, which honors the 19 victims of the 1953 crash of a British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines DC-6. The aircraft, named Resolution, went down on Kings Mountain on October 29, 1953, during a flight from Sydney to Vancouver. The tragedy, which occurred in dense fog, ultimately contributed to advancements in modern aviation safety procedures.



The group gathered beneath the Tafoni sandstone formation.

We also visited the Tafoni sandstone formation, a rare geological feature known for its distinctive honeycomb, cave-like patterns formed over centuries by weathering and atmospheric conditions. The site includes a striking 35–50 foot sandstone wall and a viewing deck for visitors.

We ended up hiking 5.3 miles with a 787 foot elevation gain. Afterward we headed to Alice's Restaurant on Skyline for refreshments and good conversation. Our next hike is scheduled for the fourth Friday of May, the 22nd—we hope to see you there.

John Tucker

BRIDGE

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See our [web page](#)

The Bridge group meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Los Altos Senior Center, for fun bridge games and conversation. Contact Mark Levi at mlevi@comcast.net if interested to get on our mailing list.



Mark Levi

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

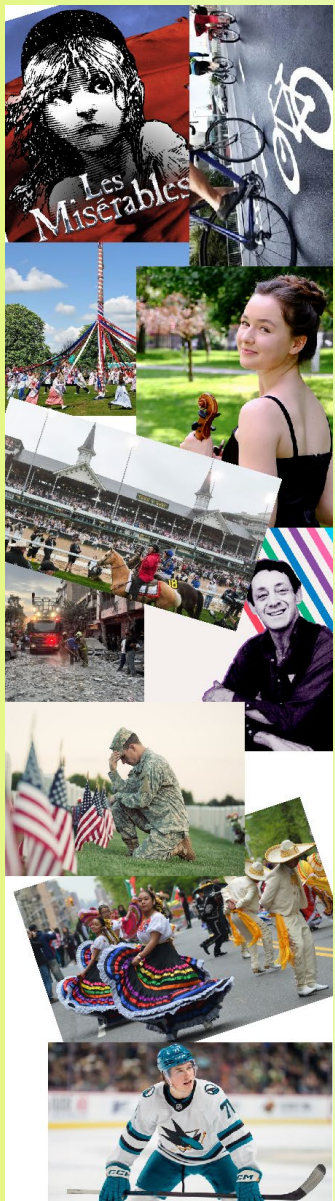


Contact me if you'd like to join. It's a fun evening!

Alan Gaudie

**MAY'S
SPECIAL DAYS**

PAT O'CONNOR
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- 1st – 3rd SJCPA, Broadway San Jose - Les Misérables
- 1st – 3rd Cal. Theater, San Jose Opera - La Traviata
- 1st – 10th MVCPA, 'Come From Away' - Theatre Works
- 1st May Day, Internat'l Labor Day
- 2nd Kentucky Derby
- 4th International Firefighters Day
- 5th SJCPA, Classical Arts Ents. - The Sleeping Beauty
- 5th Cinco De Mayo
- 8th - 10th Cal. Theater, Symphony San Jose
- 8th Victory Europe Day (WWII)
- 10th Mother's Day
- 14th – 17th MVCPA, Smuin Ballet - Future Forward
- 15th Bike to Work Day
- 16th Cal. Theater, Symphony San Jose
- 16th Armed Forces Day
- 16th – 17th Peninsula Symphony with Pearl De La Motte
- 17th SAP Center SJ - Stars On Ice
- 22nd – 23rd MVCPA, Western Ballet - Don Quixote
- 22nd Harvey Milk Day
- 22nd World Goth Day
- 22nd SAP Center SJ, Boxing - Jones vs. Gualtieri
- 25th Memorial Day
- 30th – 31st MVCPA, Pacific Ballet - Giselle+

Baseball	<p>S.F. Giants</p> <p>1st – 3rd SF Giants @ Tampa Bay Rays</p> <p>4th – 6th San Diego Padres @ SF Giants</p> <p>8th - 10th Pittsburgh Pirates @ SF Giants</p> <p>11th - 14th SF Giants @ L.A. Dodgers</p> <p>15th – 17th SF Giants @ A's</p> <p>18th – 20th SF Giants @ Arizona Diamondbacks</p> <p>22nd – 24th Chicago White Sox @ SF Giants</p> <p>25th – 27th Arizona Diamondbacks @ SF Giants</p> <p>29th – 31st SF Giants @ Colorado Rockies</p>
Golf	<p>PGA Tour</p> <p>7th – 10th Myrtle Beach Classic SC</p> <p>21st – 24th CJ Cup Byron Nelson, McKinny TX</p> <p>28th – 31st Charles Schwab Classic, Fort Worth TX</p>
Basketball	<p>Golden State Warriors</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Valkyries</p> <p>8th GS Valkyries @ Storm , 7:00pm</p> <p>10th Mercury @ GS Valkyries, 5:30pm</p> <p>13th Sky @ GS Valkyries, 7:00pm</p> <p>21st GS Valkyries @ Liberty, 5:00pm</p> <p>22nd GS Valkyries @ Fever, 4:30pm</p> <p>25th Sun @ GS Valkyries, 7:00pm</p> <p>28th Fever @ GS Valkyries, 7:00pm</p> <p>31st Aces @ GS Valkyries, 12:30pm</p>
Hockey	<p>S.J. Sharks</p> <p>N/A</p>
Soccer	<p>Quakes</p> <p>2nd SJ Quakes @ Toronto FC, 10:00am</p> <p>9th Vancouver Whitecaps FC @ SJ Quakes, 7:30pm</p> <p>13th SJ Quakes @ Seattle Sounders, 6:30pm</p> <p>16th FC Dallas @ SJ Quakes, 7:30pm</p> <p>23rd SJ Quakes @ Portland Timbers, 6:30pm</p> <p>Bay FC</p> <p>3rd Bay FC @ San Diego Wave FC, 4:00pm</p> <p>10th Utah Royals FC @ Bay FC, 1:00pm</p> <p>15th Boston Legacy FC @ Bay FC, 7:00pm</p> <p>20th Bay FC @ Portland Thorns FC, 7:00pm</p> <p>24th Chicago Stars FC @ Bay FC, 2:00pm</p> <p>29th Bay FC @ Orlando Pride, 4:00pm</p>



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Fixtures for June – sign up now!

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Wednesday May 13					
Diablo Creek	Mon Jun 1	10:00	\$54		
	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com ** / NEED ATC **				
Las Positas (LPS)	Thu Jun 4	9:30	\$65		
	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net ** / NEED ATC **				
Presidio (PRS)	Mon Jun 8	10:00	\$123		
	Miles 408-264-1899 impomi@yahoo.com ** / NEED ATC **				
Metropolitan (MET)	Thu Jun 11	9:30	\$54		
	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com ** / NEED ATC **				
Wente Vineyards (WNT)	Mon Jun 15	10:00	\$110		
7 day Lock-in	McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com ** / NEED ATC **				
Redwood Canyon (RCN)	Thu Jun 18	9:40	\$47		
	Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com ** / NEED ATC **				
Sunnyvale (SVL)	Mon Jun 22	9:30	\$43		
Blue Rock Springs - SIR State	Wed Jun 24	0:00	\$0		
Blue Rock Springs - SIR State	Thu Jun 25	0:00	\$0		
Spring Valley (SPV)	Thu Jun 25	10:00	\$51		
	** NEED TC ** ** / NEED ATC **				
Moffett Field (MFD)	Mon Jun 29	9:30	\$60		
	Schutz 408-313-6852 pschutz3@comcast.com / Wong				
Almaden Country Club (ACC)	Thu Jul 9	12:30	\$130		
Early Signup	Nakamoto 408-440-2330 ronandela@comcast.net / Kalsi				

SIR State Golf Fixtures

- May 20th – 21st at Paradise Valley and Rancho Solano
- June 24th – 25th Blue Rock Springs (East and West courses).
- August 6th State Team Scramble Championship at Hiddenbrooke

Ben Gikis

Peter Wong Fires the Round of the Month

Former Big Sir Peter Wong showed that he was the master of the San Juan Oaks course by firing a net 62 (8.6 strokes “under”) on April 27 to record the Round of the Month. Has Peter been taking lessons? This was the sixth time in April he was in the money and the fifth time he finished first or second in the Nicklaus flight. Great work, Sir Peter!

April’s Golf Results:

2026 Individual Match Play Tournament Results					
(If a name is in red it means the player’s “over/under” metric was -2.0 or better.)					
Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize	
1	Boulder Ridge	Bob Garten def. Joe Cioni	3 & 2	\$10	
1	Santa Teresa	Roger Estrella def. Paul Schutz	3 & 2	\$10	
1	Santa Teresa	Wendell Stephens tied Tom Taboada	Tied	N/A	
2	Santa Teresa	Bob Garten def. Scott Hiller	3 & 2	\$10	

2026 Team Match Play Tournament Results					
(If a name is in red it means the player’s “over/under” metric was -2.0 or better.)					
Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize	
1	Santa Teresa	Kalsi & Weberg def. Lamble & Noordeen	7 & 6	\$10@	

Boulder Ridge			Par 71		March 30, 2026	
Palmer Flight #1	Net	Prize	Palmer Flight #2	Net	Prize	
Dan Crow	71	\$19	Ron Lau	68	\$19	
Nazeem Noordeen	72	\$15	Jay Jonekait	69	\$15	
Michael Kern	73	\$10	Tony Beech	72	\$10	
Rick Wheat	75	\$5	John Rittweger	73	\$5	
Palmer Flight #3	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Dave Squellati	72	\$19	Peter Wong	69	\$25	
Ken Jones	73	\$15	Man Tran	71	\$19	
Stan Scardino	75	\$10	Balbir Kalsi	72	\$14	
Gerry Feeney	76	\$5	Joe Enos	75	\$9	
Shot his age: Bob Garten (age 83) shot 79 in a match, Joe Cioni (age 86) shot 84 in a match						
Low Gross (forward tees): Ron Lau, John Rittweger and Dale Leonard tied at 87 in non-match play. Bob Garten shot 79 in a match.						
Low Gross (back tees): Dan Crow 82						

Eagle Ridge			Par		April 2, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Nazeem Noordeen	74	\$24	Jeff Knopf	74	\$17	
Bob Garten	82	\$18	Man Tran	77	\$10	
Tom Taboada	83	\$12	Peter Wong	79	\$5	
Dale Leonard	84	\$8				
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 96						
Low Gross (back tees): Nazeem Noordeen 88						

Seascape			Par 71		April 6, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
John Rittweger	68	\$25	Dave Dardis	68	\$18	
Narayan Prabhakaran	68	\$21	Jeff Knopf	69	\$14	
Bob Garten	71	\$16	Joe Enos	71	\$10	
Jay Jonekait	71	\$11	Ben Gikis	73	\$5	
Dave Squellati	72	\$9				
Low Gross (forward tees): Rick Wheat 83						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 87						

Shoreline Scramble			Par 72		April 9, 2026	
Team	Score	Prize				
Larry Low, Venicio Navarro, Bruce Karney, Gerry Feeney	56	\$20@				
Scott Hiller, Tom Taboada, Bill Hall, Dave Ogle	56	\$15@				
Bob Garten, Stan Scardino, Don Mattson, John Ray	57	\$8@				
Inside Putter Length: B. Soules on #8 (\$15)						
Low Gross: Team of Nazeem Noordeen, Dave Squellati and Balbir Kalsi 69						

Santa Teresa			Par 71		April 13, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Larry Baugher	64	\$25	Man Tran	72	\$22	
Dave Squellati	69	\$19	Peter Wong	72	\$16	
Bob Fahey	72	\$14	Ben Gikis	74	\$12	
John Rittweger	74	\$9	Gerald Cooley	74	\$7	
Low Gross (forward tees): John Rittweger and Dale Leonard tied at 87; Scott Hiller also shot 87 in a match.						
Low Gross (back tees): Jeff Allmon shot 92; Chris Weberg shot 84 in a match.						

The Bridges			Par 72		April 16, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Jeff Kelley	71	\$25	Ben Gikis	78	\$17	
Martin Virelas	76	\$19	Peter Wong	80	\$10	
Bob Garten	76	\$14				
Alex Bush	77	\$9				
Inside Putter Length: Bob Fahey on #5 (\$15)						
Low Gross (forward tees): Scott Hiller 88						
Low Gross (back tees): Alex Bush 87						

Canyon Lakes			Par 71		April 20, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
John Rittweger	75	\$12	Ben Gikis	71	\$17	
Dale Leonard	83	\$5	Wendell Stephens	82	\$10	
Low Gross (forward tees): Ben Gikis 101						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 95						

DeLaveaga			Par 70		April 24, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Herb Petersen	68	\$18	Peter Wong	73	\$12	
Stan Scardino	70	\$12				
Jeff Kelley	70	\$7				
Low Gross: Dan Crow 88						

San Juan Oaks			Par 71		April 27, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Dale Leonard	70	See	Peter Wong	62	See	
Bill Chambers	72	the	Balbir Kalsi	68	the	
Jay Jonekait	73	bottom	Ben Gikis	70	bottom	
Stan Scardino	73	rows			rows	
B. Soules	74					
Low Gross (forward tees): Balbir Kalsi 88						
Low Gross (back tees): Bill Chambers 77						
Palmer skins prizes: Jay Jonekait, Stan Scardino, Ron Nakamoto and Bob Garten each won \$18.75						
Nicklaus skins prizes: Larry Wall won \$13.50. Peter Wong and Balbir Kalsi each won \$9.00. Jim Miller and Tim O'Meara each won \$4.50.						

Bruce Karney

SPECIAL REPORT
SIR STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT
NAPA SPRING FLING
BY JOHN RITTWEGER

In April, the State SIR Golf Committee put on its first tournament of the year. Drawing nearly 100 golfers from branches all over Northern California, the Napa Spring Fling kicked off on April 22nd and 23rd. SIR Branch 35 was well represented with 15 players. On the first day at Chardonnay Golf Course in American Canyon, a weather front lingered, and the early tee times had to endure some rain. The rain was gone by 11 am and it was nice for the remainder of the day. The format was Scrambles and three Branch 35 teams were in the money, placing 2nd, 6th & 7th out of 25 teams. Larry Low came in 2nd on a closest-to-the-pin.

The next day the competition was 4-man team, 2 best-ball. An 8 am shotgun start was on the Eagle Vines Golf Course. Though the course was somewhat soggy from the previous day's rain, the weather was gorgeous. After a few holes most golfers were in shirt sleeves enjoying the sunshine. Branch 35 placed 2 teams in the money, one tied for 3rd place and another tied for 6th place. Individual honors in their flights went to Venecio Navarro (tied for 1st place), Chris Weberg (tied for 2nd place) and Ken Jones (tied for 2nd place in the over 80 division). In total \$3,500 was passed out in winnings and members of Branch 35 received a large portion of the pot.

A huge "Thank You" goes out to SIR State Golf Chairman, Ben Gikis, for organizing the tournament. There were many late challenges that Ben aptly overcame to ensure it was a success. If you missed out on this event, next month is another in Fairfield on May 20th and 21st. It will be held at Paradise Valley and Rancho Solano Golf Courses. All SIR golfers are invited; be sure you sign up by May 9th.

John Rittweger

STATE SIR UPDATES



The Rooster Crows!

The Scoop from the Coop
 March 2026



The latest news and announcements
 President Fred Serena



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When I think of St. Patrick's Day, it always reminds me of Springtime. Spring is also a time of personal renewal. With the good weather comes getting out, making new friends and enjoying this wonderful life.

I am happy to announce that in February 2026, I approved five new Honorary Life Membership Applications. In addition, in March 2026, two more applications have been approved.

SIR, provides three levels of meaningful, tangible, and visible awards to recognize the many contributions of its members. They are the Honorary Life Member (HLM), the Distinguished

SIR STATE HAPPENING NEWSLETTER
 Michael Lee - SIR State Activities Director
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Here's your state activities for March 2026

INVESTING
 SIR128 is offering its monthly Zoom about investing to all branches. On Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at

GOLF:
 April 22-23, Napa: "Spring Fling" at Chardonnay and Eagle Vines Golf Courses
 Contact Ben Gikis GIKISBEN@yahoo.com

BOWLING TOURNAMENTS:
 March 5: Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights.
 Contact Art Tourtilott BR 112 (916) 635-6148
 March 24-25: Clayton Valley Bowl in Concord.
 Gary Kaufmann BR 19 (925) 360-9260
 Open to all SIRs, spouse, partner, relative, and invited guests. They must have a USBC card and verified average.
 Contact: Jim Erickson jim@jterickson.com

Our State SIR Organization publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Rooster Crows*, and a regular bulletin highlighting SIR events, branch activities and state-wide activities called *SIR Happenings*. You can read the latest issues here: <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

SIR State run many golf activities, on top of what we do at our own Branch level. Check out State Golf opportunities here: <https://sirgolf.org/>.

Pat O'Connor

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JIM QUILLINAN
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See Jim's [web page](#)

Our Movies group's next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th at 3 pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Jim Quillinan.



Lorne. This documentary chronicles the professional life of Lorne Michaels, creator of Saturday Night Live (1975). Michaels is a bit of a grump and surprisingly allowed this documentary unprecedented access. Michaels built and to this day sustains SNL. For 50 years (with a five-year hiatus) he has been the soul and boss of SNL. The first five years are highlighted. The intervening ups and downs are used to better explain the unique chemistry that is SNL. Check this one out. In Theatres. Rated R for language and sexual references. It is a Peggy's Pick.



You, Me & Tuscany. A delightful rom/com set in the beautiful hills of Tuscany between Florence and Sienna. Halle Bailey stars as Anna, a young chef who is trying to find herself. She runs into Mateo in New York City who gives her the bright idea to crash in his Tuscan Villa so she can soak in the food and culture of Tuscany. She heads to Italy to play out her dream when, of course this all gets complicated by Mateo's family and the hunky cousin, Michael. The

story has been told before, but the Italian flavor makes it fun and worthwhile seeing, - especially the banquets. In Theatres. Rated PG-13 for some strong language, and sexual material. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Scarpetta. A major disappointment. A series about a brilliant pathologist starring Nicole Kidman, Jamie Lee Curtis and Bobbie Cannavale should have some clever insights into the grim world of pathology but no, instead we must suffer a rather pedestrian soap opera with bed hopping and secrets that aren't so secret. The only clever bit is the time shifting. The career of Dr. Kay Scarpetta (Kidman) is followed over many decades. The younger Kay is

played by a woman (Rosie McEwan) who looks remarkably like a young Nicole Kidman. Rated TV MA for language and gruesome presentations of the human body. Streaming on Amazon Prime Video. Sixteen episodes about 1 hour each.



Frozen – The Broadway Musical. The Disney hit is brought to the stage. It is playing at the Lucie Stern Theater through May 10, 2026 (see paplayers.org). Queen Elsa's hidden powers plunge Arendelle into an eternal winter. The Queen's sister Anna sets out to find Elsa and save the kingdom. As the winter rages on, the sisters learn that only an act of true love can thaw a frozen heart.

Hans, Olaf, Sven, Kristoff, the King and Queen and a troupe of dancers do their best, but the show fails to connect. Too much action and too many people on stage keep the play from relating. It seems more like a mob that breaks out into dance and song from time to time.



#Skyking. In August of 2016, Beebo Russell, a disgruntled airport worker at SEATAC stole a Dash 8-400 airplane and goes

off on a joy fly. He is not a pilot and only figured out how to take off from YOUTUBE. Now he is flying around Oregon and Washington, giving himself a tour. The authorities switch into gear and scramble jets to shoot him down if necessary. The documentary turns into drama driven by mental illness and the struggles of the middleclass to get ahead. Turns our Beebo is quite chatty and has long discussions with air traffic controllers until the plane runs out of gas and crashes in a remote area. This documentary uses the actual words of those involved family members and experts to present a compelling commentary on current issues and mental health. Not rated but would be R for language. Available on Hulu. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Jim Quillinan

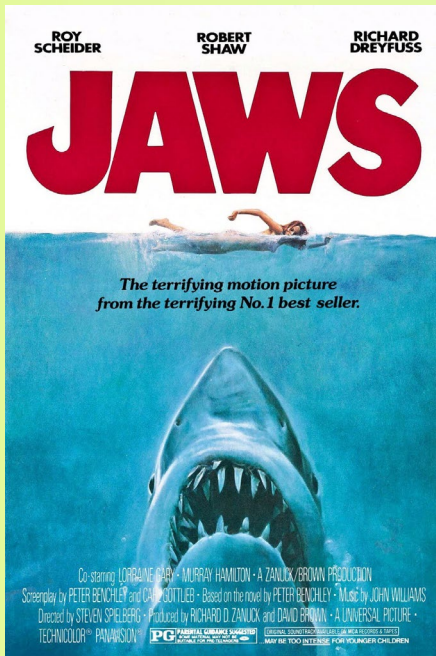
MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

RON NAKAMOTO, ROY NAKAMURA
AND PAT O'CONNOR



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 back then? Ron

Movie: Jaws.



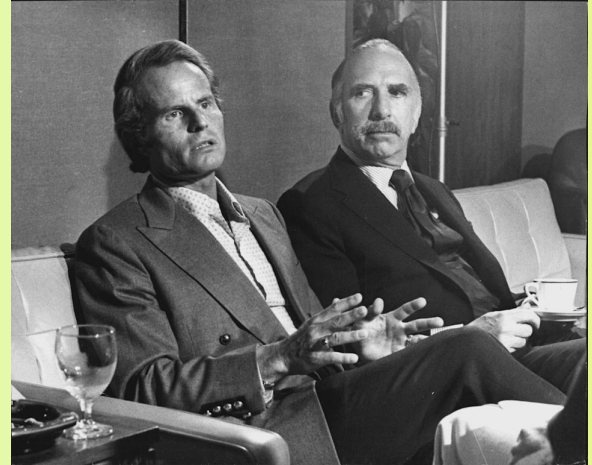
Original 1975 Movie Poster

Directed by Steven Spielberg
Screenplay by Peter Benchley Carl Gottlieb
Based on *Jaws* by Peter Benchley
Starring Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss, Lorraine Gary and Murray Hamilton
Music John Williams
Release date June 20, 1975

When adjusted for ticket price inflation over the years, *Jaws* had the 7th highest gross ticket receipts by a movie ever. But beyond its stunning financial success, it remains to this day an iconic scream inducer that set the bar and started the trend for summertime blockbusters. So how did this come about and who were the real innovators involved?

It started with the novel *Jaws* by Peter Benchley, which was published in February 1974 but was previewed in *Cosmopolitan* magazine as part of a pushy promotion campaign in 1973 by the book's initial publisher, Doubleday, and paperback publisher Bantam Books. Universal Pictures producers Richard Zanuck and David Brown came across the *Cosmo* article and read the book. They immediately agreed that it would make a great movie and

purchased the movie rights for \$175k, before the book was even published.



Richard Zanuck and David Brown

The producers approached Dick Richards to direct *Jaws*, who's first movie, *The Culpepper Cattle Co.*, had released the previous year. But Richards' manner and habit of referring to the shark as a whale so irritated the producers that they fired him.



Meanwhile, a young 26-year-old Steven Spielberg who had just directed his first big-screen movie at Universal, *The Sugarland Express*, picked up the as-yet unpublished *Jaws* novel in Brown's office after a meeting there. He read it and was intrigued, likening the shark hunt to the made-for-TV movie, *Duel*, which he had directed a few years earlier. It told the story of a driver being hunted by a menacing semi-truck in the desert. Spielberg was offered the role of director after Richards was fired, and set about managing the writing, casting and planning.

Spielberg disliked the first part of the Benchley novel and found the characters 'unlikeable', so that "you were actually rooting for the shark to eat the people". He also found the novel too dark and felt it needed lightening up to engage a broader audience. However, he loved the final chapters dealing with the shark hunt at sea. He engaged Howard Sackler, a Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning playwright, to write a first end-to-end draft, leveraging Benchley's work but recreating the characters involved.

Spielberg was not happy with Sackler's copy, so he had comedic writer Carl Gottlieb provide notes to help brighten the script. Gottlieb, who was working on the TV comedy *The Odd Couple*, was eventually hired as primary screenwriter to substantially rewrite the entire script. The writing was subsequently happening in parallel to production, with scenes being written just in time for filming to start. Many others contributed to the script, with Spielberg himself writing in a "big rousing ending" involving an exploding scuba air tank.



A young Spielberg with Peter Benchley

In considering the lead roles, Spielberg wanted to use relatively unknown actors, saying he wanted people to "believe this was happening to people like you and me" rather than famous heroes. Robert Duvall and Charlton Heston were considered for the role of Chief Martin Brody before Roy Scheider was offered and accepted. Other major roles, like Quint and Matt Hooper, were cast literally a few days before shooting started.

Lee Marvin and Sterling Hayden were each offered the Quint role but declined. Robert Shaw was initially unsure but took it at the urging of his wife, who had previously successfully urged him to accept a role in the hit Bond movie *From Russia With Love* against his own instincts.



Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss and Robert Shaw aboard *The Orca*

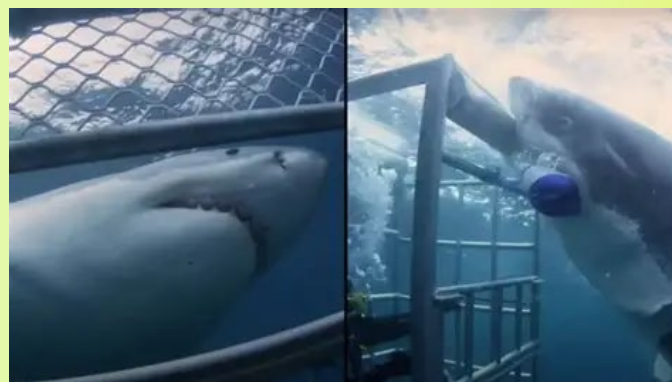
Spielberg had offered the role of Matt Hooper to Jon Voight but he declined. George Lucas suggested Richard Dreyfuss for the role and Spielberg was so pleased with the actor that he had the character rewritten to better suit him. Spielberg would go on to collaborate with Dreyfuss on a number of projects including *Close Encounters*.

So how do you bring a giant Great White shark to life on a movie set? Spielberg decided to film at-sea, a risky decision at the time and the first time it was attempted. He commissioned a number of mechanical shark models to be made, with hydraulic animations, so a swimming shark could be simulated. However, the models proved clunky, unconvincing and difficult to manage, haunted by problems on-set such as the sinking of their support platforms in choppy waves.



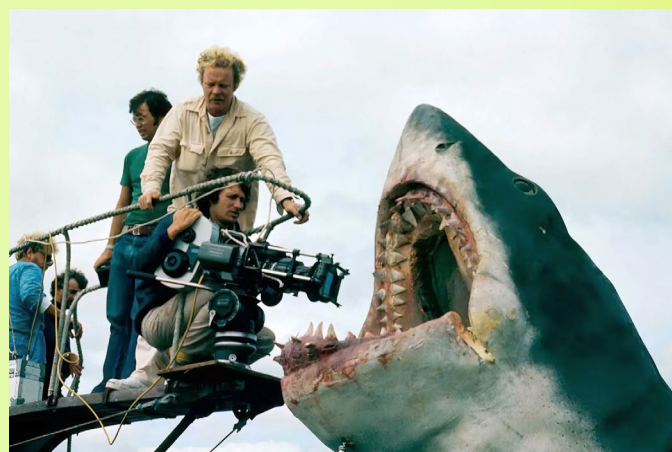
Convincing or clunky?

In reimagining the scenes that were supposed to include the models, Spielberg took a lesson from Hitchcock, replacing footage of a swimming shark with views from above the surface, of a shadowy form below, menacing and barely visible. Thrashing of a swimmer viewed only above the surface let the audience's imagination run wild on what must be happening below. Filming the cage from the shark's point of view was highly effective, without having to image the shark at all! Later, moving yellow buoys on the water's surface gave the most tangible and terrifying evidence of the creature's presence.



Real or simulated? Thunder from down under!

Early footage of the shark swimming was taken from film shot down in South Australia, using a shorter stuntman and a miniature shark cage, so that a real shark looked huge in comparison. By luck, a real great white did attack the (empty) cage during shooting and so Spielberg again adjusted the script so Dreyfuss escaped the cage just before the shark attacked, and so the real footage could be used.



Spielberg on-camera

The original \$3.5 Million budget allowed for up to 55 days of shooting. The real film took three times that to shoot, beset by the many complications of shooting in-situ in rough waters around Martha's Vineyard. Spielberg believed his career would be over, that nobody would take a risk on him after he ran 100 days over in filming. He was even given an offer to walk away and kill the production.

By the final few days, the crew were in open revolt and the actors were at each others' throats. Spielberg complained that "I feel like an old man who has been doing this for 20 years." He had heard rumors that the mutinous crew was planning to throw him overboard after the last shot, so he checked the final shot through the camera lens, then hightailed it in a waiting speedboat toward land.



But no discussion of this film can be complete without considering the impact of John Williams' soundtrack score. Two notes, played in the high register of a tuba have come to symbolize impending danger or disaster for all of us. The tuba is joined by percussion and deep strings, but the persistent abrasive effect of the repeated pattern gets under our skin, reflecting our rising and throbbing heartbeat with the fear of what's coming. The abrupt silence after the first victim's death tells us everything we needed to know about what had just happened.

Spielberg gave Williams credit for much of the film's suspense and success, while for Williams it was an inflection point in a career that would make him one of the most successful composers of the twentieth century. Spielberg has subsequently collaborated with Williams for the soundtracks of nearly all of his movies.

Jaws opened on June 20th 1975 on 464 screens across USA and Canada, an almost unprecedented number, amongst an expensive TV add blitz. This demonstrated a level of confidence from the studio that people could be brought to theaters in great numbers during Summer vacation time, traditionally a quiet time in the theater business. In fact, the release was expanded to 750 screens within a few weeks. The level of success of the film convinced studios that they had cracked a new marketing model which has since been called the Summer Blockbuster. Not particularly deep or artsy, but high in action, adventure, sex and sensation. In the modern movie business, this is now the main revenue generation model. In the first ten days, gross receipts exceeded the film's total production costs and it held the number one movie spot in the United States for fourteen consecutive weeks.

Jaws won three Oscars, for Best Film Editing, Best Original Dramatic Score, and Best Sound. It was nominated for Best Picture but notably Spielberg was not nominated for Best Director. It does not seem to have hurt Spielberg's directing career at all!

Here is the original movie trailer for Jaws, released in 1975.

<https://youtu.be/nlAc6o4a-Y?si=tb33Uj8lVRuUqdu1>

Here is a clip from the Dick Cavett Show where Spielberg talks about some of the challenges of shooting Jaws on the water.

<https://youtu.be/8GUPrOuJkAc?si=fAQL85G3OL5sZrAH>

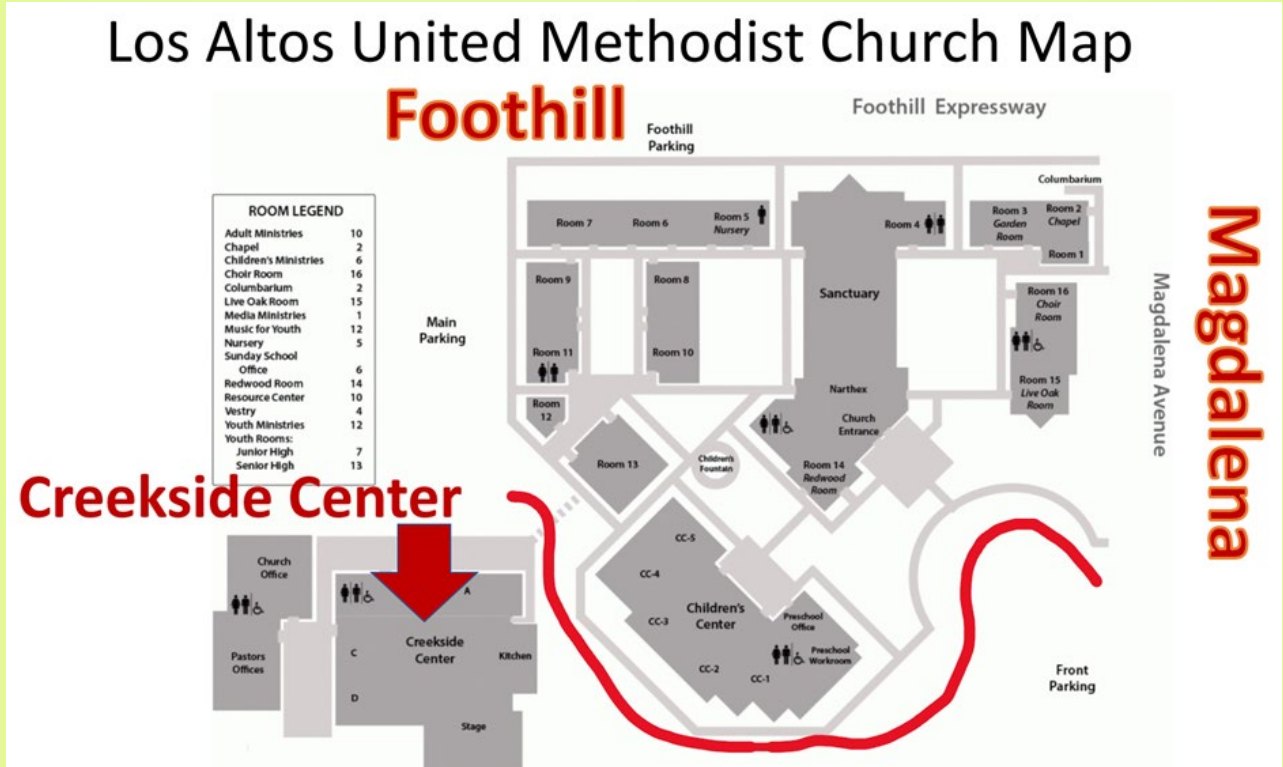
Here is John Williams' complete soundtrack.

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

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

Pat O'Connor

Parking Map for the
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Wellness and Comfort 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 - May 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Golf 10:00am Spring Valley \$51	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Pers. Finance 1:00pm Moffett Field Museum Library	Golf 9:30am Crystal Springs \$72	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Golf 9:30am Sharp Park \$74	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church Sports Car Group 10:30am	Golf 11:30am Villages \$88 Biking 11:00am Foster City Bay Trail	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Quaterly Lunch & Conversation Fiesta Vallarta, Los Altos	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Golf 9:40am Pacific Grove \$92	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	Book Swap Branch 35 Lunch Mtg 11:00am - 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church Golf - State SIR Rancho Solano	Golf 10:00am Tilden \$58 Golf - State SIR Paradise Valley	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location TBD	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day	Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 9:36am Los Lagos \$39	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	