



TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Silicon Valley, California

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

Next Meeting

Wednesday September 16, 2026

11:00am - 1:30pm

Lunch 11:45am

Program 12:15pm

Los Altos United

Methodist Church

Guest Speaker: D.A. Jeff Rosen
District Attorney,
Santa Clara County

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D.A. Rosen is a leader in criminal justice reform, with a focus on reducing jail populations, diversion programs for non-violent offenders, expungements for low level drug crimes, prison reform, and promoting the highest ethical prosecution standards, all while keeping crime at its lowest rate in decades.

Mr. Rosen received his law degree from UC Berkeley School of Law, where he served on the Moot Court Board and taught English to immigrants. He joined the Santa Clara County D.A.'s Office as a prosecutor in 1995, where he prosecuted some of the most complex and high-profile criminal cases, including obtaining convictions and life sentences against the murderers of Los Gatos businessman, Mark Achilli.

Since arriving in Santa Clara County, Mr. Rosen has served as president of a large synagogue, taught trial advocacy at Santa Clara University, and trained police officers in report-writing. Mr. Rosen's wife serves as a Superior Court Judge for the State of California, and they have two daughters together. He enjoys playing sports, reading, and cheering for the Green Bay Packers.

An admirer of President Harry Truman, D.A. Rosen believes, "The buck stops here".

Art Bernstein

President's Message



September: Time to Get Back in the Game

There is something about September that makes us feel like we are starting over.

The kids are back in school, football is back on television, the weather begins to change, and suddenly the calendar seems to fill up again. Even those of us who have been retired for a while can feel the pull of a new routine.

Of course, retirement has one great advantage over school: **there are no report cards, no homework, and nobody telling you that you have to be there at 8:00 a.m.**

But September does provide a good reminder that it's time to get back in the game. For many of us, retirement means having more free time. The question is: **What are we doing with it?**

That's where Branch 35 comes in.

We have 15 activities designed to keep us moving, thinking, learning and, perhaps most importantly, enjoying the company of other people. Some activities challenge the body, some challenge the mind, and some mainly challenge our ability to remember where we parked the car.

But they all have something in common: **They give us a reason to get out of the house and be around other people.**

And that may be more important than we realize.

September is also the month when we celebrate Labor Day. After spending 30, 40 or even 50 years getting up and going to work, we finally earned the right to decide how we want to spend our days. That's a pretty good deal.

But retirement isn't necessarily about doing less. It's about having the freedom to choose what we want to do.

Want to play golf? Great. Want to hike? Go for it. Want to exercise your brain with a new book, discussion or other activity? We've got you covered. Want to simply have lunch with a group of guys who understand why a two-hour nap is sometimes an important part of a healthy lifestyle? That's available, too.

September also brings National Grandparents Day. That seems particularly appropriate for our group. We have accumulated a lot of experience over the years—some of it useful, some of it questionable, and some of it best described as "Don't ask how I know." The point is that we have stories, knowledge, and

experiences worth sharing. Our activities and monthly lunches give us opportunities to do exactly that. We aren't just filling time; we're continuing to build friendships and create new memories.

So as September arrives, perhaps it's worth making a small commitment to yourself:

Try something new.

Join an activity you've never tried. Come to lunch and sit with someone you don't know well. Invite a friend to come as your guest. Or, if you've been away from an activity for a while, come back and see what you've been missing. You may discover that the activity itself isn't the most important part. The people are. After all, none of us joined Branch 35 because we needed another item on our calendars. We joined because life is more enjoyable when it is shared with friends.

So let's treat September as our annual reminder that retirement isn't the end of the road. In many ways, it's the beginning of the part of life where we finally get to choose the itinerary.

And Branch 35 has 15 pretty good places to go.

See you at lunch!

Scott Hiller

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Not surprisingly, this month's edition is a little skinnier than normal due to vacation etc., but don't worry, all of our activities are well reported as always, thanks to our dedicated activities chairmen!
- There is a special report about a summer in Ireland by Pat O'Connor
- Remember to contact Roy Nakamura, Ron Nakamoto or Pat O'Connor, if you'd like to have a profile written of you and posted in Trail Tips and on our membership website. It makes a great gift for your offspring!
- A calendar for the coming month's **Branch Activities** and local **Sports Happenings** is in this newsletter. Print them out and stick them up on your refrigerator!

SEPTEMBER 2026 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 308 Net Monthly Change: +2

We had two new members join our branch in August and we had no resignations, so the net Branch membership at the end of

August is 307. We always welcome new members, so bring a friend or neighbor to the monthly lunch as a guest, it's on us!

Remember, you can search our member database at this link:

[SIR Branch 35 - Membership Directory \(wildapricot.org\)](https://sirbranch35.wildapricot.org/directory)

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NEW MEMBERS

We had three new members join this past month. Our thanks and congratulations to their sponsors for bringing this great new talent to the branch!

Name	City	Former Companies	Sponsor
Rick Seikaly	Los Altos	EnVisions Consulting	Paul Schutz
Brian Ward	Santa Clara	JDM Packing Supplies	Jack George

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

We have 12 member anniversaries in September, including two who have been with us over 20 years!

Peter Barba (25)	Al Bush (12)	Jacques Fossourier (14)
Bruce Karney (13)	Bob King (10)	Ron Lau (17)
Rick McColloch (11)	Neil Miotto (16)	Roger Potash (15)
Jon Saxe (20)	Ron Schoengold (13)	Ron Wilensky (10)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

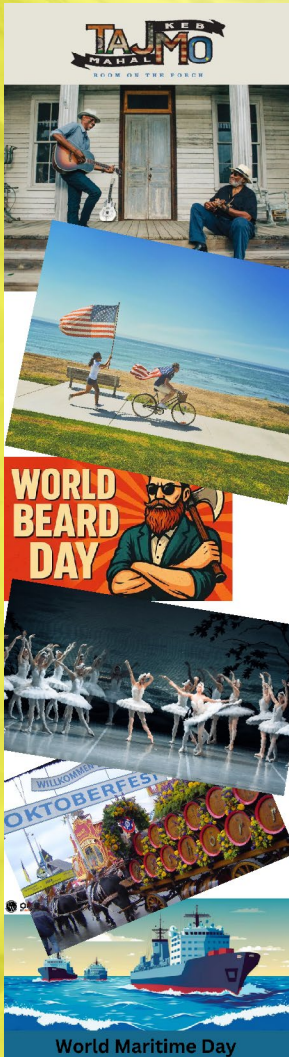
Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Tony Beech	Bob Booth	Gerry Cooley
Rick Crego	Roger Estrella	Jim Harvey
Harold Kaye	Fred Landis	Dale Leonard
Matt McCormick	Ron Nakamoto	Venicio Navarro
RD Patel	Herb Petersen	Mike Roanhaus
Greg Ross	Scott Rotondo	Tom Taboada
John Tucker	Van Van Hauser	Bruce Winterhof
James Yoshida		

SEPTEMBER'S SPECIAL DAYS

PAT O'CONNOR
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- 3rd Taj Mahal & Keb Mo, Mountain Winery
- 4th-6th Monster Jam (trucks), SAP Center
- 5th Beard Day
- 5th Deep Purple + Kansas, Shoreline
- 6th Read a Book Day
- 7th Labor Day
- 8th Star Trek Day
- 8th-13th Beauty and the Beast, Broadway San Jose, SJCPA
- 11th Patriot Day (First Responders)
- 11th-13th Smuin Ballet, French Kiss, MVCPA
- 13th Grandparents Day
- 13th Andrea Bocelli Concert, SAP Center
- 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th, 27th Don Giovanni, Opera SJ, CA Theater
- 17th Citizenship Day
- 17th The Temptations & The Four Tops, Mountain Winery
- 18th Airforce Birthday
- 19th Start of Oktoberfest
- 20th America, Mountain Winery
- 22nd National Voter Registration Day
- 23rd Autumnal Equinox (Fall start)
- 24th World Maritime Day
- 24th Swan Lake: Symphony of Lights, MVCPA
- 26th National Pancake Day
- 26th The Concert (ABBA tribute), Mountain Winery
- 26th-27th El Viaje de Los Cantores, MVCPA
- 27th MTV Video Music Awards
- 27th Croce plays Croce, Mountain Winery



Golf	PGA Tour 17-20 Biltmore Championship, Asheville NC 24-27 Presidents Cup, Medinah, Chicago IL
Basketball	Golden State Warriors N/A Valkyries 18 G.S. Valkyries vs Portland Fire 19 G.S. Valkyries vs Seattle Storm 22 G.S. Valkyries @ Portland Fire 24 G.S. Valkyries @ LA Sparks
Baseball	S.F. Giants 1-3 SF Giants @ Pittsburgh Pirates 4-6 SF Giants @ NY Mets 7-9 SF Giants vs St. Louis Cardinals 11-13 SF Giants vs Padres 14-16 SF Giants @ Cardinals 18-20 SF Giants @ LA Dodgers 21 SF Giants vs Minnesota Twins 25-27 SF Giants vs LA Dodgers
SF 49ers	10 SF 49ers vs LA Rams 20 SF 49ers vs Miami Dolphins 27 SF 49ers vs Arizona Cardinals
Soccer	Quakes 5 SJ Quakes vs Austin FC 9 SJ Quakes vs San Diego FC 12 SJ Quakes @ Houston Dynamo 19 SJ Quakes @ LAFC 26 SJ Quakes @ Portland Timbers Bay FC 12 Bay FC vs Seattle Reign 16 Denver Summit FC @ Bay FC 20 Bay FC @ Racing Louisville FC 27 Bay FC @ Orlando Pride

Pat O'Connor

REPORTS FROM OUR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

BOOK SWAP

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Welcome to the Book Swap Notes for September 2026.

You saved all your unwanted books for the August meeting, as we started with five books and ended with 43! Many books were also selected and taken by you. There were many taken by John Grisham and Ken Follett.

Remember to bring your completed or unwanted books to swap at the September meeting. Also, no magazines please. That is unless you have some Life Magazine you want to bring for me?

Bob Steinberg

BOOK CLUB

See our [web page](https://sir35.org/?page_id=3262) at
https://sir35.org/?page_id=3262

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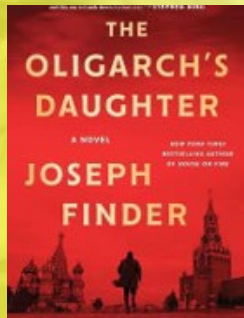


The next Book Club meeting will be on Wed. September 9th

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.

September days for book lovers:

- September 7: Buy a Book Day
- September 8: International Literacy Day
- September 11: Libraries Remember Day
- September 13: Roald Dahl's birthday
- September 22: Hobbit Day (celebrates the birthdays of Frodo and Bilbo Baggins)



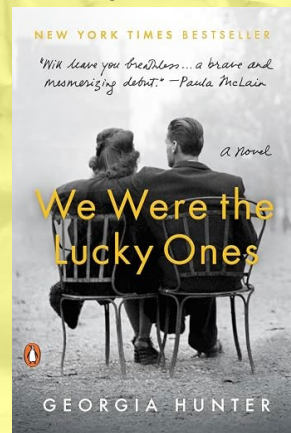
Greetings from the land of literature. At our August meeting we discussed *The Oligarch's Daughter*, written by Joseph Finder, recommended by Don Gladstone. Here is Don's summary:

Paul Brightman is a man on the run, living under an assumed name in a small New England town with a million-dollar bounty on his head. When his security is breached, Paul flees into the New

Hampshire wilderness to evade Russian operatives who seem to be able to predict his every move. Flash back to six years earlier: Paul is a rising star on Wall Street who falls in love with the beautiful Tatyana--unaware that her father is a Russian oligarch, the object of considerable interest from several US intelligence agencies. In order to save his own life, Paul must unravel a

decades-old conspiracy that extends to the highest reaches of the government.

The group reacted positively to the book as a fast-paced page turner. Some members pointed out that there were almost too many plot twists and a lack of character development. One member had incisive comments about inaccuracies in the depiction of the FBI as portrayed in the book. The rankings of the book ranged from 1.5 to 5.0 with an average ranking of 3.27.



For September we'll be reading and reviewing Jean Mordo's recommendation *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter.

Please feel free to join us on September 9th at 1:30 pm in the Live Oak room at Los Altos United Methodist Church. If you would like more information about the books we read or if you want to visit the group, please contact either Ed Mills at (408)439-2234 or Dave Gobuty at (650)325-2533

Ed Mills

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 (and stories).



L. Foppiano Red Blend es primero!

We are back to regular meetings now. We have added two new couples to the group and welcome more.

The winning wine in August was L. Foppiano Red Blend, cost \$19.99, brought by Bob Cain!

Alan Gaudie

BOWLING

See our [web page](#)

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BOB GARTEN
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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. Improve your balance, arm strength and mental focus while enjoying a good time!

The Spring Bowling Season ended with a great match for first place between Team Ososkie (Jerry and Ruth Ososkie, Larry Malbaum) and Team Jonekait (Jay Jonekait, Paul Cook, Joe Hauser). These two teams battled for first place most of the season. Going into the final week, Team Ososkie led by 1/1/2 points over Team Jonekait. Team Jonekait needed to win three games to be the bowling champs. The teams each one game and the final outcome rested on the final game. That's when Team Ososkie turned it on, bowling 10 strikes in the first five frames for a record 888 to win by 100 pins. "A well-deserved bowling championship" in the words of Jay Jonekait."



Our Spring Season bowling champions Ruth Ososkie, Jerry Ososkie and Larry Maibaum (who could only attend in spirit for the photoshoot!)

Bowling Fall Season Week 1 Standings		Wins
1st	Doug Anderson, Larry Malbaum, Gary Coluccio, Larry Low	4
2nd	Karen Soules, B Soules, Bob Garten,	4
3rd	Les Fisher, Bob Froelich, Peter Wong, Jay Jonekait	3
4th	Ron Grace, Chris Weberg, Man Tran, Ken Allen	2.5
5th	Gordon Frierson, Nazeem Nordeen, Paul Cook, Joe Enos	2
6th	Lynn Emmenegger, Fred Emmenegger, Tim Petro, Scott Hiller	2
7th	Joe Hauser, Brad Ashmore, Bob Taggart, Perry Brown	1.5
8th	Ruth Ososkie, Ari Stassart, Jerry Ososkie,	1
9th	Aram Darmanian, Bob Feigelsen, Ric McColloch, Brian Ward	0
10th	Ramesh Patel, Al Gaudie, Stan Barkey, Jack George	0

Week 1 Top Scores			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
Men 1	567 Larry Low	1	208 Jay Jonekait
2	535 Brian Ward	2	184 Peter Wong
3	498 Scott Hiller	3	178 Tim Petro
Women	413 Ruth Ososkie		148 Karen Soules
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
Men 1	682 Gary Coluccio	1	239 Perry Brown
2	626 Bob Garten	2	229 Paul Cook
3	615 Al Gaudie	3 T	213 Ric McColloch
Women	593 Lynn Emmenegger	3 T	213 Bob Taggart

The Fall Session of SIR bowling started on August 18th so if you are interested in joining a team, this is a good time to do it. Contact Bob Garten (408)253-5860 if you'd like to join!

Bob Garten

BOCCE BALL

See our [web page](#)

RICHARD OEHLBERG
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MICHAEL MAURIER



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

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

Bring a guest, as guests are welcome and encouraged! Come and meet old friends and make new ones. We welcome all skill levels from beginners who have never played before and those who have been playing for quite a while. We love to coach new players. Come and join us and have fun.



As you can see from the photo, we had a good group attending recently. Unfortunately some of our attendees had to leave before the picture was taken

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

Richard is entertaining grandchildren and so will not be able to make it. Mike plans to be there to add his humor and get things organized.

Richard Oehlberg & Michael Maurier

BRIDGE

See our [web page](#)



The Bridge Club is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the Los Altos Senior Center at 12:00 o'clock. We typically have two tables but are happy to have new members join our group.

If you're interested in trying it out, send me an email.

Mark Levi

MARK LEVI
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PERSONAL FINANCE

BILL MACK
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The next meeting is Wednesday September 2nd at 1PM at the Moffett Musuem.

On Aug. 5th the Personal Finance Group met at the Moffett Museum. Our own Bruce Entin & Howard Kalt presented a talk about how company Investor Relations works and the impact on us Investors, based on their extensive experience.



Investor Relations. Telling your story to Wall St.

Real-World Examples

Both sides interact continuously through research, sales coverage, and trade execution

SELL SIDE	BUY SIDE
Firms that originate, distribute & execute	Firms that allocate & deploy capital
Investment Banks Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan, BofA	Mutual Funds & ETFs BlackRock, Vanguard, Fidelity, T. Rowe Price
Broker-Dealers Jefferies, Piper Sandler, Raymond James	Hedge Funds Bridgewater, Citadel, Two Sigma, Elliott
Equity Research Firms Needham, Roth Capital, Bernstein, ISI	Pension Funds CalPERS, Ontario Teachers', Norway's GPFG
Market Makers Citadel Securities, Virtu Financial	Endowments & Family Offices Yale Endowment, Rockefeller Capital

A glimpse at one of Bruce & Howard's slides

What Management Says	What Wall St. Hears
Macroeconomic headwinds	Demand weakened
Customer timing	Orders slipped
Portfolio optimization	Selling businesses
Workforce rightsizing	Layoffs
Strategic alternatives	We may sell the company
Prudent capital allocation	We are conserving cash
Transformation	Current business is not working
Investing for future growth	Earnings will be weak for a while

Corporate Speak and Investor Translations

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 2nd at Moffett Museum. 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, September 10th, 2026 (2nd Thursday of the month), meeting at 11am.

Wives and guests welcomed and helmets are required. If it is raining, we will cancel the ride.



A view from Sawyer Camp Trail

The next SIR 35 Bike Ride will take place on September 10th, 2026 starting at 11:00am. The ride will be the Sawyer Camp Trail, Address: Skyline Blvd and Crystal Spring Road, San Mateo, CA

Sawyer Camp Trail

Ride: This is a relatively new ride that was added to our SIR Branch 35 list of rides a few years ago. It's a beautiful, scenic ride around tall, majestic trees on a paved path. There are a few city streets connection the trail with clearly marked bike lanes along the way. There are also 3 inclines - each incline slightly steeper than the next. We'll ride across a path that overlooks a reservoir for beautiful photo. The ride is about 9 miles one way or about 18 miles total. We will stop for lunch at a Lunardi's Market and then ride back the way back to the starting point.

Directions: From southern peninsula, take I-280 N, continuing past the Half Moon Bay turnoff. Exit on Bunker Hill Drive (Exit 34), then turn left across the overpass, taking the first right onto Skyline Blvd. Continue on Skyline Blvd about a mile to the entrance "Sawyer Camp Trail South 950 Skyline Blvd" on the left side of the road. Find a parking spot along Skyline Blvd. Enter through the gate to find trail information, benches, drinking fountains and restrooms. Our riding group will assemble in this area.

If you plan to ride, or have questions, please contact me, number above, or find my email in the [Branch Directory](#).

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SPORTS CAR GROUP

JOHN TUCKER
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Our next SIR Sports Car FunRun will take place on the second Wednesday, September 9th, 2026. 🚗 🗓️

We had a great turnout for our August FunRun, starting at Alice's Restaurant and winding our way through the Santa Cruz Mountains to lunch at the Trout Farm Inn in Felton.



14 people joined our FunRun in August

We had 14 people and 11 cars. In addition to our usual Porsches, the lineup included a Corvette, several BMWs, a Cadillac XLR, a Lexus SC 430, and a sharp-looking Chevy El Camino. We couldn't have asked for better driving weather—blue skies, clear roads, and beautiful scenery.



'Our usual Porsches' are looking good!

From Alice's, we headed southeast on Skyline Boulevard before turning south onto Highway 9. We traveled through Boulder Creek, Ben Lomond, and Felton before finishing at the Trout Farm Inn on East Zayante Road. The Trout Farm Inn was a new restaurant for most of us, and it turned out to be a great choice. We enjoyed a very good lunch, plenty of conversation, and the camaraderie that makes these FunRuns what they are – fun!



The fun continued in the Trout Farm Inn

Our next FunRun will be **Wednesday, September 9th**. We'll have a new route and a new place for lunch, so come join us for another great day of driving cars, food, and good company!

John Tucker

HIKING

See our [web page](#)

JOHN TUCKER
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Our next SIR Hike will be **Friday, September 25, 2026**.

July SIR Hike – Escaping the Summer Heat

We had an excellent turnout for our August 28th hike, with many new people joining us. In all, 28 people made the hike on the Fall Creek to the Lime Kilns Trail. This is one of the prettiest hikes we take, and the trail provided a wonderful opportunity to see the power of nature at work.



Quite a gang! We had new members join our steadfast regulars!

We followed the **North Fork of Fall Creek** through the beautiful redwoods until we reached the ruins of the historic lime kilns. The kilns were active from the mid-1800s into the early 1900s, when lime was produced for use in making plaster. We stopped at the lime kiln ruins for our trail lunch, where storyboards provided an interesting look at the history of the area.

For our return trip, we followed the **South Fork of Fall Creek**, giving us a different perspective and even more beautiful scenery.



Working our way up the canyon

After the hike, most of us headed to the **Trout Farm Inn on East Zayante Road in Felton** for refreshments. And, according to several of us, **the garlic fries may have been the best we've ever tasted!**



There were several water crossings along the way, but we all made it back safe and dry!

Our next hike is **Friday, September 25, 2026**. We hope you'll mark your calendar and join us for another great day of hiking, scenery, and fellowship!

John Tucker

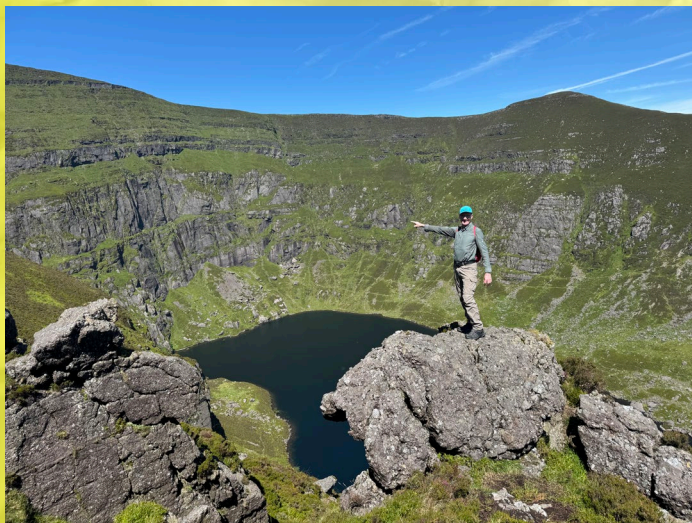
A SUNNY GETAWAY IN IRELAND (REALLY!)

Since I retired in 2020, I've been lucky to get away for a couple of months every summer to our place in Waterford, Ireland. Being a small(ish) island, Ireland's climate is ruled by the Atlantic Ocean, which is notoriously unpredictable. Words used to describe the weather include 'mild', 'fresh', 'soft', etc. The bottom line – summer, and especially July, is usually changeable, alternating between warm, muggy days and not-so-warm misty or rainy days. Planning any outdoor activity always involves a Plan B in case of rain.

So what happened this year? The hottest, driest summer in 50 years! Now, when the Irish say 'hot', it means temperatures in high 70's and low to mid 80's, but coupled with generally higher humidity, despite my training in Californian climes for 30 years, I did find it hot. But it was gorgeous! Here's a few pics I took along the way, between running, cycling and hiking. Enjoy!



Looking over Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, towards Ring



Posing on the ridge above Coumshingaun in the Comeragh Mt.s



Coumshingaun from the high ridge, looking eastward



Dungarvan's surfing seal – a wild seal uses a moored surfboard as a resting spot



Dungarvan's estuary at night, looking towards the sports fields

Pat O'Connor

GOLF

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Fixtures for October – sign up now!

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday Sept 11

Seascape (SCP)	Thu Oct 1	10:00	\$89
Garten 408-253-5860 xnon1@comcast.net / ** NEED ATC **			
Boulder Ridge (BRG)	Mon Oct 5	10:00	\$95
Joint w/ Monterey Bay Seniors Nakamoto 408-440-2330 ronandela@comcast.net / Kalsi			
Sunnyvale (SVL)	Thu Oct 8	9:30	\$43
Stephens 408-489-1758 wendellstephens@mac.com / ** NEED ATC **			
Baylands (BAY)	Mon Oct 12	9:00	\$75
Club Championship DBL PTS Miles 408-264-1899 impomi@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **			
San Jose Muni (SJM)	Thu Oct 15	9:30	\$52
Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / Kalsi			
Metropolitan (MET)	Mon Oct 19	10:00	\$54
Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **			
Crystal Springs (CSP)	Thu Oct 22	9:30	\$72
Stephens 408-489-1758 wendellstephens@mac.com / ** NEED ATC **			
Baylands (BAY)	Mon Oct 26	10:00	\$75
Club Championship DBL PTS Miles 408-264-1899 impomi@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **			
Baylands (BAY)	Thu Oct 29	10:00	\$75
Club Championship DBL PTS Miles 408-264-1899 impomi@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **			

Oh Man, O'Meara! Tim Has the Round of the Month

It's not often that one of our golfers really smokes a course, but **Tim O'Meara** mastered Dublin Ranch on Aug. 27, going 9.9 strokes "under" and carding a net 53 on the Par 63 layout. Well done, Tim! I hope the afterglow from your great round lasts a long, long time!

August'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
Play-in	Cinnabar Hills	Balbir Kalsi def. Larry Baugher	3 & 2	\$10
1	Santa Teresa	Dave Squellati def. Balbir Kalsi	3 & 1	\$10
Qtr. final	Poplar Creek	Jay Jonekait def. Chris Weberg	3 & 2	26GC
Qtr. final	Baylands	Bill Hall def. Richard McGrath	2 & 1	\$10
Qtr. final	DeLaveaga	B. Soules def. Les Miles	5 & 4	\$10

2026 Team Match Play Tournament Results

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
2	Dublin Ranch	Soules & Enos def. McGrath & Bush	6 & 5	\$10@

Cinnabar Hills			Par 72		July 30, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Jay Jonekait	73	\$25	Jeff Knopf	72	\$17	
B. Soules	76	\$19	Ramesh Patel	79	\$10	
John Rittweger	77	\$14	Sam Im	81	\$5	
Robert Manetta	78	\$9				
Nazeem Noordeen	79	\$5				
Inside Putter Length: Martin Virelas (#8) \$15 and Joe Enos (#5) \$15						
Low Gross (forward tees): Jeff Knopf 101 (Balbir Kalsi shot 98 in a match)						
Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 87						

Poplar Creek			Par 70		Aug. 3, 2026	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.
B. Soules	67	25GC	John Gerich	70	25GC	Jeff Knopf
Jeff Kelley	67	22GC	D. Squellati	73	22GC	Tim O'Meara
Joe Cioni	70	18GC	Mike Lamble	73	18GC	John Ray
R. McGrath	72	12GC	Bill Hall	74	12GC	R. Estrella
N. Noordeen	75	\$6	S. Scardino	74	\$6	Larry Wall
						Peter Wong
Shot his age: Joe Cioni (age 87) shot 83						
Low Gross (forward tees): Mike Lamble 90						
Low Gross (back tees): B. Soules 82						

Shoreline Chapman 2-Man Team Tournament			Score	Prize
Tony Beech and Jeff Knopf			63	\$25@
Venicio Navarro and Mike Lamble			65	\$18@
Bill Hall and George O'Brien			69	\$12@
Dave Ogle's \$5 prize fee is refunded, his partner was a no-show			N/A	\$5

Baylands			Par 72			Aug. 10, 2026		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Jeff Kelley	75	\$21	Mark Taylor	73	\$21	Tim O'Meara	70	\$25
Joe Cioni	75	\$16	Tom Taboada	75	\$16	Don Mattson	75	\$19
J. Rittweger	75	\$10	John Gerich	76	\$10	Ramesh Patel	78	\$14
Chris Weberg	76	\$5	D. Squellati	79	\$5	Balbir Kalsi	78	\$9
Shot his age: Joe Cioni (age 87) shot 85								
Low Gross (forward tees): Sam Im 90								
Low Gross (back tees): Joe Cioni, Dale Leonard and Nazeem Noordeen tied at 85								
Low Gross: xx								

Metropolitan			Par 72		Aug. 13, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Chris Weberg	73	\$18	Man Tran	68	\$18	
Richard McGrath	73	\$14	Peter Lau	74	\$12	
Joe Cioni	73	\$10	Venicio Navarro	75	\$7	
Shot his age: Joe Cioni (age 87) shot 83						
Inside Putter Length: Balbir Kalsi on #7 (\$15)						
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath and Joe Cioni tied at 83						
Low Gross (back tees): Venicio Navarro 94						

Santa Teresa			Par 71		Aug. 17, 2026	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.
Chris Weberg	66	\$23	Mike Lamble	70	\$23	Peter Wong
N. Noordeen	69	\$17	Tom Taboada	70	\$17	Man Tran
N. Prabhakaran	70	\$12	John Gerich	71	\$12	Kary Cochran
V. Sanchez	71	\$7	Bill Hall	71	\$7	Dave Dardis
Low Gross (forward tees): Chris Weberg 77						
Low Gross (back tees): Narayan Prabhakaran 88						

Redwood Canyon			Par 71		Aug. 20, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Chris Weberg	67	\$25	Man Tran	76	\$15	
Mike Lamble	71	\$19	Jeff Knopf	76	\$7	
Nazeem Noordeen	71	\$14				
Dale Leonard	72	\$9				
Low Gross (forward tees): Rick Wheat 79						
Low Gross (back tees): Chris Weberg 80						

DeLaveaga			Par 70		Aug. 24, 2026	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.
Dale Leonard	69	\$18	Mike Lamble	69	\$18	John Ray
Jeff Kelley	72	\$14	Stan Scardino	69	\$14	Peter Wong
D. Skarlanic	74	\$10	Gerry Feeney	73	\$10	Balbir Kalsi
						Jeff Knopf
Low Gross (forward tees): Balbir Kalsi 96						
Low Gross (back tees): Dale Leonard 85						

Dublin Ranch			Par 63		Aug. 27, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Richard Pattison	60	\$18	Tim O'Meara	53	\$15	
John Rittweger	64	\$14	Man Tran	57	\$7	
Larry Low	65	\$10				
Narayan Prabhakara	67	\$5				
Shot his age: Joe Cioni (age 87) shot 83, Bill Hall (88) shot 88						
Inside Putter Length: Delete row if none.						
Low Gross (forward tees): Man Tran 75						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger and Larry Low tied at 78						

Bruce Karney

Upcoming SIR State Golf Event: SIR State Fall Classic

September 16th-17th

- Sept. 16th: Turkey Creek 4-man scramble format
- Sept. 17th: Lincoln Hills (Hills course) 4-person team format with best 2 balls net

See the detailed flyer here: <https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/wp-content/uploads/2026-Fall-Classic-Flyer.pdf>

Click here to sign-up **BY SEPTEMBER 5th**! It's \$75 per player or \$300 per 4-man team *per day*:
<https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/sir-state-fall-classic/>

Contact Ben Gikis for other information.

Ben Gikis

STATE SIR UPDATES



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 HAPPENING NEWSLETTER

Michael Lee – SIR State Activities Director
(88mlee@gmail.com)



Here are your state activities for August 2026

INVESTING:

The next Zoom on Wednesday, August 26th at 1:30 p.m. will feature Realtor Brian Schwatka who will go into depth about specific options to aging-in-place.

On September 23rd, Ken Fisher: author, billionaire investment analyst, and founder and executive chairman of Fisher Investments, will address market reactions to the mid-term elections. This will be very popular so sign-up early.

Contact Michael Levine for Zoom link:
michael.levine@ehcglobal.net

BOWLING TOURNAMENTS:

Reno: August 10-12 at the National Bowling Stadium, hosted by BR 113.

Grass Valley: September 2 & 3 at Prosperity Lanes, hosted by BR 55.

These events are open to all SIRS, spouse, partner, relative, and invited guests. Bowlers must have a USBC card and verified average.

Summer BBQ: 9/20/26 at 4:30pm in Pinole, CA. \$25 per person and significant others welcome.

For more information, contact Jim Erickson at 925-580-4146 or jim@jterickson.com.

FISHING:

Multiple Dates - SF Bay & Ocean for Rockfish, Halibut, Striped Salmon, with Pedro Contreras

Multiple Dates - Bodega Bay for Rockfish,

Halibut, Salmon, with Matt Richards

August 5th to 8th - Dory Boat fishing trip to

Pacific City Oregon, with Ken Bellendir

August 11th - Delta for Black Bass w/Tom Kostik

August 12th - Antioch Oakley Pier, not luck with

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

 MOVIES

MOVIES

 JIM QUILLINAN
408-838-4379

 See Jim's [web page](#)

Our Movies group's next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday September 15th at 3 pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Jim Quillinan.



The Brink of War. Not many people remember the 1986 meeting between President Ronald Reagan (Jeff Daniels) and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev (Jared Harris) held in Reykjavik, Iceland. It was at the height of the Cold War when some world leaders thought a real war between the USA and the USSR was inevitable. The meeting itself was not considered a success but a missed opportunity. But it set in motion a series of events that led to

the disintegration of the USSR, a 90% reduction in nuclear weapons and the fall of the Berlin Wall. Ronald Reagan is seen as a real statesman trying to make the world a safer place. The tensions are real as the two world leaders jockey for position. Much of the dialogue is the actual words spoken. This docudrama is a must see to revisit a bit of history and to see masterful performances by the two leads and J.K. Simmons as Secretary of State George Schultz. Currently in Theatres. Rated PG. It is a Peggy's Pick.



How to Steal a Million. This 1966 classic starring Audrey Hepburn, Peter O'Toole, Eli Wallach and Charles Boyer is playing at the Stanford Theatre in Palo Alto, CA. It is also available on many streaming services. It is a delicious crime caper with a big dose of romantic comedy and a bit of Keystone Kops. Audrey Hepburn is at her best and the reason women should wear hats. Peter O'Toole uses his blue eyes and his boyish looks to captivate all

of the ladies. The film is a wonderful reminder of cinema at its best with no vulgarity. Rated approved. It is a Peggy's Pick.

**Cookie**

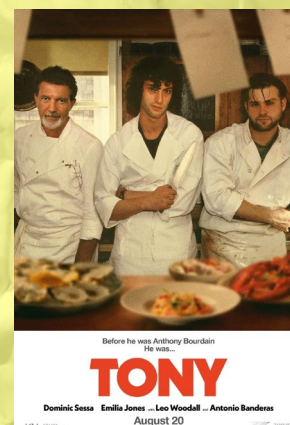
Queens. Girl Scout Cookies are a wonderful part of our American experience. Tasty cookies being sold by adorable girls is an annual rite. This documentary follows four determined girls and their families as they vie to be a top-selling "Cookie Queen". It is a big business with over \$800 million worth of cookies sold annually. The film focuses on the

business side but never loses sight of the spirit of the girls. They learn salesmanship and how to work together to achieve laudable goals. This is a wonderful tribute to the Scouts and their families. Be sure to see it and take the kids and grandkids. Rated G. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



The Dink. Pickleballers and traditional tennis players vie for supremacy at the Country Club. The film plays for big laughs and mostly succeeds. A washed-up tennis pro learns the fine points of pickleball and takes on the tennis establishment. He has the hots for one of the club matrons which adds fuel to the fire. The film pretty much follows the formula for a sports comedy and succeeds. If you are looking for some good laughs, check

this one out. The Dink is streaming on Apple TV+. Rated PG-13 for strong language, and sexual material. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Tony. A formative summer in the life of Anthony Bourdain is the focus of this film. Tony is a troubled college student who lies his way into a job and a love affair that all come crashing in on him when the truth is revealed. His boss, Chef (Antonio Banderas), sees something good in Tony's heart, only to be betrayed. The story is dark and intriguing knowing Bourdain's life in the years he had remaining. This is hard film to watch in that we see the train wreck

coming but can't get Anthony's attention. Rated R for pervasive language, drug use, and sexual content/nudity. In Theatres.

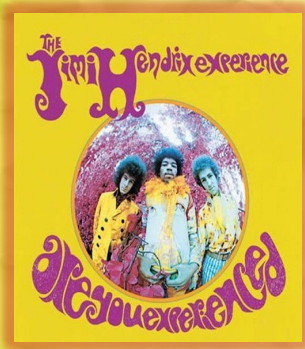
MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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

Music: Three Songs and Singers that defined the Turbulent '60s



Part 3: The Jimi Hendrix Experience, Jimi Hendrix, May 12, 1967

The story goes that his first hit "Hey Joe" was a rearranged version of a song a folk musician wrote in 1962. He sang it as one his songs with his band "The Experience" playing in Greenwich Village, New York.



Hendrix and Chas Chandler during filming of German TV show 'Beat Club'

It caught the interest of Chas Chandler of "The Animals" who thought it would be a hit and decided to promote it. He convinced Hendrix to go with him back to England where he recorded and released it in December 1966. The song became a massive hit in England and his career took off.



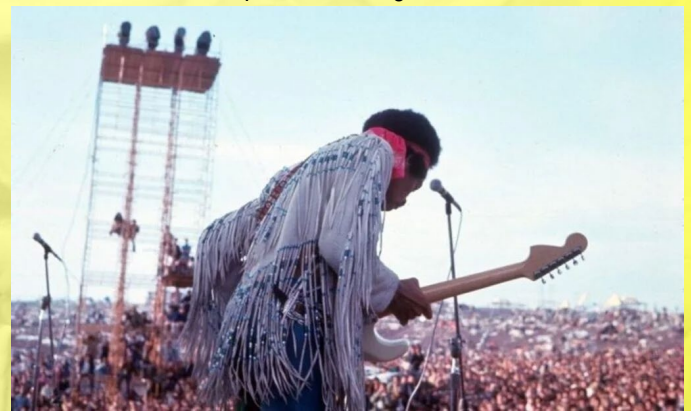
Hendrix playing the Marquee Club, Soho, London in January, 1967



Jimi Hendrix arriving in Honolulu, HI on May 26, 1969.

Jimi Hendrix's debut album was released in May 1967. It's release quickly established Hendrix as a major force in rock music. Jimi wrote most of the songs in the album including, "Purple Haze", "Foxy Lady, and "The Wind Cries Mary". The album released in the United Kingdom spent 33 weeks on the British charts,

peaking at number two. The album was later released in the U.S. and remained on the charts for some 106 weeks. His first album went multi-Platinum. He followed with "Are You Experienced" in 1967, "Axis: Bold as Love" in 1968, and "Electric Ladyland" released in late 1968 which all went Platinum. He was one of the few artists that accomplished that high bar.



Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock in 1969

Jimi didn't know how to read music. He never had formal training, instead he was a fanatic at practicing and learning to play using his ears. He listened and copied B.B. King and Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and The Isley Brothers. He joined the "chitlin' circuit" as a backing guitarist and ground out the music sets without mistakes. His musical talents went where his ears took him, blending blues, rock, R&B, with psychedelic sounds. Instead of musical scales he thought in textures and emotions which many

say made his musical solos like storytelling more so than technique. Jimi was an incredibly driven, dedicated, and often obsessive person when it came to music. He relentlessly pursued new sounds, and his perfectionism would see him experimenting every waking hour of his life. He was the candle that was lit at both ends.



Grace Slick,
Jefferson Airplane

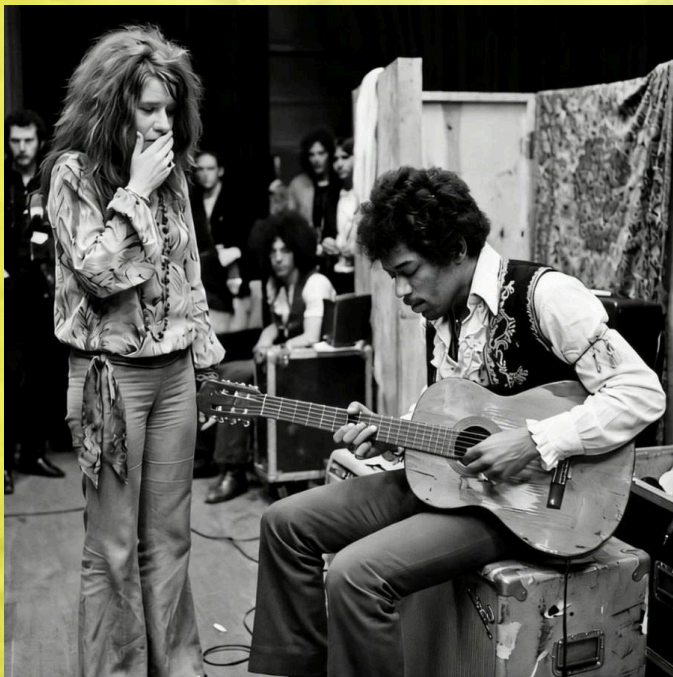


Janis Joplin ,
Cheap Thrills, Big
Brother and the
Holding Company



Jimi Hendrix,
The Jimi Hendrix
Experience

The three musicians discussed in this series defined the sound, attitude, and started to define the new frontiers of the 1960's. Psychedelic, rebellious, experimental – all three performed at Woodstock each representing a part of that turbulent era's music.



Hendrix and Joplin share a moment backstage at Monterey 1967

They say that music is an expressive reflection of the cultural change going on in this period. The Vietnam war fractured public trust in their government and leaders. The Civil rights movement forced the country, its social order and legal system, to confront

racial inequality and injustice. And the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr, and Robert F. Kennedy shocked the nation and created a sense of instability and uncertainty about its future. Music and art during this period broke rules and reset expectations. Normal boundaries between Chuck Berry's rock and Muddy Waters blues were fused together by Hendrix's psychedelic guitar distortion, wah-wah and other effects to create his "Purple Haze" and "All Along the Watchtower" music.



Hendrix 'breaks boundaries' at Woodstock, renders *The Star Spangled Banner* as an anti-war tour de force

This was the new music of the '60s which some of us grooved to while others treated as loud noise. The final word on this period is to note that across the country, the "Progressive Movement" was evolving from "Institutional Reform" to "Mass Societal Reform" and the music both reflected that and spurred more revolutionary change.

Here's an old BBC recording from December 1966 with period photos from the time

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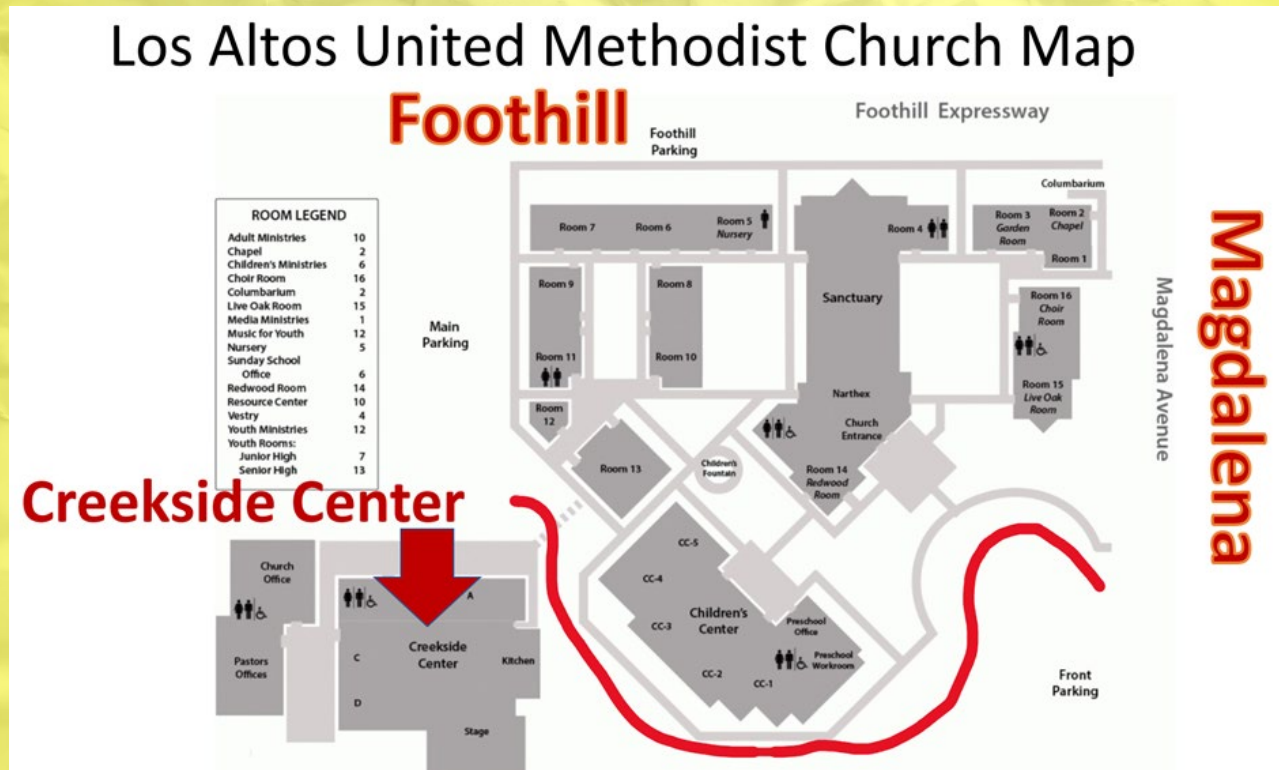
Here's Jimi Hendrix playing The Star-Spangled Banner at Woodstock in 1969

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

Ron Nakamoto

Parking Map for the
Los Altos United Methodist Church
Creekside Center



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SIR Branch 35 Activities - September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	2 Pers. Finance 1:00pm Moffett Field Museum Library	3 Golf 10:00am Spring Valley \$51	4 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	5
6	7 Golf 0:00am Labor Day (No golf) \$0	8 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	9 Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Sports Car Group Destination TBD 10:30am Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church	10 Golf 9:27am Los Lagos \$39 Biking 11:00am Sawyer Camp Trail	11 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	12
13	14 Golf 10:00am Eagle Ridge \$83	15 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:30pm Zoom Meeting	16 SIR State Golf Turkey Creek \$75 Branch 35 Lunch Mtg 11:00am - 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church	17 Golf 11:30am Villages \$88 SIR State Golf Lincoln Hills \$75	18 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	19
20	21 Golf 10:02am Callippe Preserve \$74	22 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	23 Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	24 Golf 11:00am Poppy Ridge \$105	25 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location TBD	26
27	28 Golf 9:35am Coyote Creek \$90	29 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	30	1	2	3