



TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Silicon Valley, California

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

So grab your bandanas, hiking boots, and backpacks and join us on October 21.

Art Bernstein

President's Message



I have to admit, I love October! The weather begins to cool, the leaves start to change, and there is something special about the arrival of fall. Halloween has always been one of my favorite holidays—and perhaps that explains why I still have such a sweet tooth!

October is also an important month for SIR Branch 35. At our October lunch, we will be voting on the members who have been nominated to serve as our **2027 Branch Executive Committee officers**. I want to thank everyone who is willing to step forward and help lead our branch. The strength of Branch 35 has always been our members and the willingness of so many of you to contribute your time, ideas, and energy.

As we look ahead, we also have an opportunity to think about the future of our branch. **We are now 315 members strong**, and we continue to welcome new members each month. That is something we should all be proud of. But growth also brings an important question: **What can we do to make Branch 35 even more attractive to both our current members and those who are considering joining us?**

Are there new activities we should consider? Are there existing activities that could use a change or a fresh approach? Should we make changes to our lunch meetings or try something different with the format? Maybe you have an idea that hasn't been discussed before.

We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas with any member of the Executive Committee or with me. No idea is too small. Our branch belongs to all of us, and the best way to keep it vibrant and growing is to have our members involved in shaping its future.

A reminder that **all of our remaining lunch meetings in 2026, including our December holiday lunch, will be held at the Mountain View Community Center**. And speaking of December, we have another wonderful holiday gathering to look forward to. Once again, the Madrigal singers will entertain us, and we'll have some great table favors and a raffle to add to the festivities. It promises to be a terrific way to celebrate the holidays together.

Next Meeting

Wednesday October 21, 2026

11:00am - 1:30pm

Lunch 11:45am

Program 12:15pm

Mountain View

Community Center

Guest Speaker: Steve Andrew
Thoughts from
the Appalachian Trail

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Thoughts from the Appalachian Trail – It Started with a Pair of Socks



So, you say you want to go off the grid and go for a little walk in the woods. How about, perhaps, section-hiking the Appalachian Trail, the longest pedestrian-only walking path in the world?

Then you think, hmm, I haven't backpacked in 30 years, don't really do any hiking, but hey, how hard can this be? This was what went through Steve Andrew's mind a few years ago as he began thinking about

section-hiking the Appalachian Trail.

One of the first tasks was to buy some clothing. How hard can that be? Well, after a 2-hour trip to REI, he comes home, proudly, with a pair of socks. That's right, one pair of socks. His wife was astounded and, well, maybe happy as this is the first interest Steve had shown in clothes shopping in years.

Please join us on October 21 when Steve Andrew will be talking about his adventures in preparing for and hiking a couple of sections of the Appalachian Trail. There will be stories of his learning to hang a bear bag in full view of his neighbors at home, his Trail family, almost being blown off a hillside, and, oh yes, hitchhiking and being picked up by a wild-eyed mountain man.

Thank you for everything you do to make Branch 35 such a great group. I look forward to seeing everyone at our October lunch—and to hearing your ideas about where we go from here.

Happy October, everyone. And remember, if you see me reaching for the dessert table, just blame Halloween!

Scott Hiller

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Jerry Ososkie has listed Scott Hiller's nominees to the Branch 35 Executive Committee for 2027. See the table in this newsletter before the movies sections near the back.
- 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 **Happenings** are in this newsletter. Print them out and stick them up on your refrigerator!

OCTOBER 2026 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

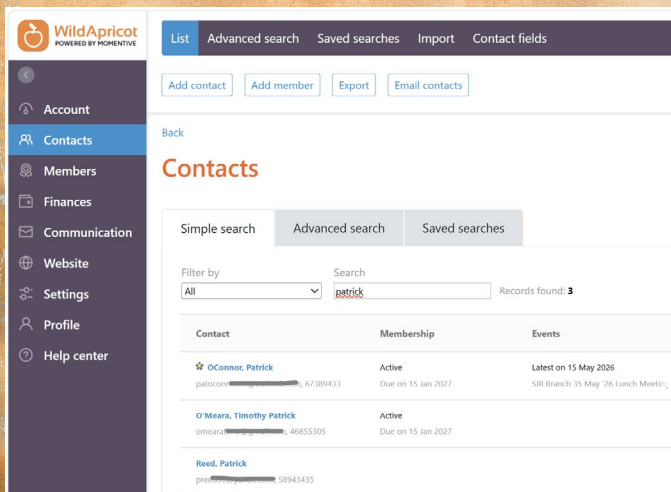
Active Members: 315 Net Monthly Change: +7

We had eight new members join our branch and one resignation in August, so the net Branch membership at the end of August is 315. 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 \(wildapricot.org\)](http://SIR Branch 35 - Membership Directory (wildapricot.org))

<https://sirbranch35.wildapricot.org/directory>



SIR Branch 35 Membership Directory at wildapricot.com

NEW MEMBERS

We had eight 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
Dan Bikle	Los Altos Hills	Bikle.com, Bikle.art	Art Bernstein
Rohit Desai	Dublin	FAA, Bureau of Reclamation, Davy International	Ramesh Patel
Dave Kolm	Los Altos	HP, Yahoo, Microsoft	Alan Gaudie
Masil Masilamani	Mountain View	Oklahoma City Comm. College	Richard Oehlberg
Bill Mason	Los Altos	UCLA	Dan Zemanek
Matt McCormick	Aptos	Nestle, Clorox, Otis Spunkmeyer, Time Warner, Coldwell Banker	Richard Oehlberg
Peter Perkins	San Carlos	Lockheed Martin	Paul Schutz
Jeff Schiffer	Palo Alto	Intel	Oren Abramson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

We have 13 member anniversaries in October, including two who have been with us for 20 years or more!

Leonard Chan (13)	Buck Kendrick (28)	Armond King (10)
Peter Lau (13)	George Mednick (10)	Bob Moss (20)
Dave O'Hara (16)	Tim O'Meara (12)	Steve Pomeroy (17)
Cliff Reinhardt (10)	Paul Suchma (11)	Darryl Walker (16)
Larry Wray (12)		

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

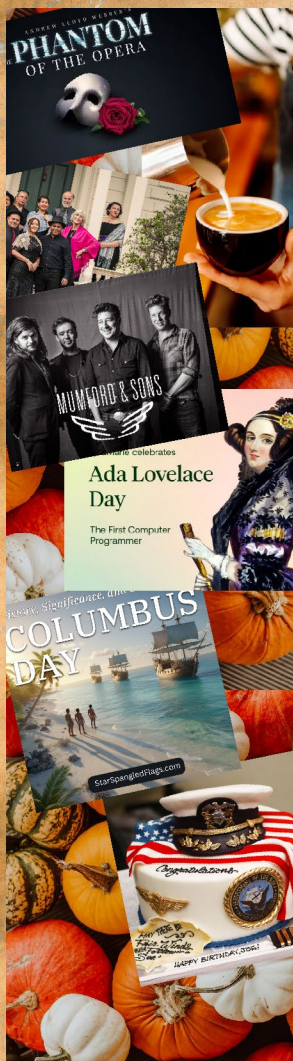
Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Doug Anderson	Alvin Begun	Howard Bull
Peter Daley	Brooks Esser	John Hall
Mike Jacobson	Norm Kitching	Mark Levi
Art Liberman	Dan Linebarger	Shaun Millard
Steven Moss	Pete Moulds	Bill Nix
Dave O'Hara	Peter Perkins	Campbell Scott
David Skurnick	Larry Wall	Rick Wheat
Chip Williams	Walt Wilson	

Richard Blackborow

OCTOBER'S SPECIAL DAYS

PAT O'CONNOR
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- 1st International Coffee Day
- 1st Lynyrd Skynyrd, Mountain Winery
- 2nd Peninsula Symphony, John William's World, Heritage Theatre Campbell
- 3rd & 4th Symphony San Jose, The New World, CA Theatre SJ
- 3rd & 4th Teatro Nahual, The Journey of the Singers, MVCPA
- 5th Child Health Day
- 5th World Teachers Day
- 7th-18th Broadway San Jose, Phantom of the Opera, SJCPA
- 7th-31st Theatre Works, Dracula, MVCPA
- 8th Mumford & Sons, Prizefighter Tour, Shoreline Amphitheatre
- 9th Rumours of Fleetwood Mac (tribute), Mountain Winery
- 11th Chicago Marathon Day
- 12th Columbus Day
- 12th Indigenous Peoples Day
- 13th Georgian National Ballet, Sukhishvili, CA Theatre SJ
- 13th Navy Birthday
- 13th Ada Lovelace Day
- 16th James Pietragallo and Jimmie Whisman, Small Town Murder, CA Theatre SJ
- 17th National Pasta Day
- 24th & 25th Symphony San Jose, Symphonic Spectacular
- 24th United Nations Day
- 26th National Pumpkin Day
- 31st Halloween

Golf	PGA Tour 1 st Bank of Utah Championship, Ivins UT
SF 49ers	4 th Denver Broncos @ SF 49ers 11 th SF 49ers @ Seattle Seahawks 19 th Washington Commanders @ SF 49ers 25 th SF 49ers @ Atlanta Falcons
Baseball	San Francisco Giants N/A

Basketball	Golden State Warriors 4 th GS Warriors @ LA Clippers (Pre.) 6 th LA Lakers @ GS Warriors (Pre.) 7 th GS Warriors @ Portland Trail Blazers (Pre.) 10 th Sac Kings @ GS Warriors (Pre.) 13 th GS Warriors @ LA Lakers (Pre.) 16 th Portland Trail Blazers @ GS Warriors (Pre.) 23 rd Memphis Grizzlies @ GS Warriors 24 th GS Warriors @ Phoenix Suns 26 th GS Warriors @ Denver Nuggets 28 th GS Warriors @ Minnesota Timberwolves Golden State Valkyries 2 nd Dallas Wings @ GS Valkyries (Game 3) Next round: Valkyries or Wings vs. Aces or Fever
Soccer	San Jose Earthquakes 10 th Colorado Rapids @ SJ Quakes 14 th Real Salt Lake @ SJ Quakes 17 th SJ Quakes @ Nashville SC 24 th FC Dallas @ SJ Quakes 28 th SJ Quakes @ Colorado Rapids 31 st SJ Quakes @ Real Salt Lake Bay FC 3 rd Kansas City Current @ Bay FC 18 th Bay FC @ Portland Thorns FC 24 th Angel City FC @ Bay FC
Hockey	San Jose Sharks 1 st Florida Panthers @ SJ Sharks 3 rd LA Kings @ SJ Sharks 5 th SJ Sharks @ Dallas Stars 8 th SJ Sharks @ St Louis Blues 10 th Edmonton Oilers @ SJ Sharks 13 th Boston Bruins @ SJ Sharks 15 th SJ Sharks @ Nashville Predators 17 th SJ Sharks @ Detroit Red Wings 19 th SJ Sharks @ Toronto Maple Leafs 20 th SJ Sharks @ Montreal Canadiens 22 nd SJ Sharks @ Ottawa Senators 24 th SJ Sharks @ Boston Bruins 27 th Buffalo Sabres @ SJ Sharks 29 th Vancouver Canucks @ SJ Sharks 31 st Ottawa Senators @ SJ Sharks

Pat O'Connor

MEMBER PROFILE LES MILES

BY ROY NAKAMURA AND LES MILES

Fun Facts about Les Miles

- Favorite foods: BBQ, Italian, Chinese noodles, French cuisine, especially escargot
- Favorite music: Country & western, light classical music
- Favorite city: Paris
- Greatest life achievements: marrying his wife Monika and raising his three sons



Les with his Dad

Les describes his childhood growing up in Garland, Texas, as "pretty nice." It was the kind of upbringing where you rode your bike to school and stayed outside playing until dinner. Garland was still a growing Dallas suburb back then, with only a couple of high schools.

He has fond memories of huge family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but summers were an entirely different story—those were all about the water. Thanks to his dad, who worked in the printing business for 40 years and bought a boat, Les got the perfect chance to get into waterskiing.

After graduation from high school Les attended Texas Tech., where he actually considered being a lawyer. He picked accounting as his major just as a backup plan, figuring it was a smart safety net if law school didn't work out. But life threw him a curveball. He got married young and started a family, and suddenly law school had to take a backseat.

After graduating with his accounting degree in 1976, the reality of paying bills led him to his first job. Instead of crunching numbers at an accounting firm, he clocked in at Texas Instruments in Lubbock, Texas, working the graveyard shift supervising a line that made battery packs for the TI calculators.

When the right opportunity popped up, Les jumped at the chance to finally use his degree. He joined a small accounting firm in Lubbock, Texas that focused on auditing local banks and small hospitals. To his surprise, he actually loved the work. Even better, the job came with a major perk: the hospital kitchens were staffed by local ladies who were incredible cooks. Les ended up gaining five pounds during those hospital audits!

Once his wife graduated, the family packed up and moved to Dallas where he landed a job at Recognition Equipment, right in the middle of the fast-paced "Silicon Prairie" tech scene. The company was way ahead of its time. They invented what they called "retina character readers"—which is basically the optical character recognition (OCR) tech that banks, credit card

companies, and post offices use today. Their enormous systems could scan what was then considered an incredible 2,000 characters per second, instantly replacing whole departments of manual typists. Working there as a financial analyst gave Les a front-row seat to cost accounting in a high-tech manufacturing environment.

Around that time, the oil and gas industry was absolutely booming, so Les uprooted the family and moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to join the accounting team at Phillips Petroleum. It was the ultimate "company town" environment, where the financial health of the business directly affected the entire community. It was during this time that Les first took up golf.

Les was at Phillips between 1980 and 1990, a time when the entire accounting world was going through an immense face-lift:

- **Green-Screen Terminals:** Paper ledgers disappeared as everyone switched to IBM mainframe "dumb terminals," typing directly on old-school green-screen command lines.
- **The Rise of Lotus 1-2-3:** Personal computers arrived in the mid-80s, allowing accountants to build financial models using revolutionary Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheets.
- **Massive Paper Trails:** Even with the new tech., teams still drowned in "green-bar" continuous-feed printer paper, packing giant binders with general ledger printouts every single month-end close.

In 1990 he left Phillips to move to El Paso Texas where he came back to public accounting at Coopers and Lybrand. Most of the clients were small real estate developers.



Monika and Les

After a divorce, Les met Monika, a fellow accountant who had graduated from UTEP. After dating for a few years, an opportunity presented itself to come to the Bay Area. And ready for a bigger challenge, they took a major leap of faith and moved to Cupertino, and in true California fashion, ultimately got married at Mirassou (now Testarossa) winery in Los Gatos.

It was originally supposed to be just a one- or two-year experiment, but the gamble paid off big time. Les started as a manager at Deloitte & Touche in 1995, quickly climbed the ranks to senior manager, and made partner by 1999, a title he held all the way until he retired in 2012. Deloitte was just starting to dip its toes into the world of venture-backed tech startups, and this new direction suited Les perfectly. During his time with the firm, he got to ride the wave with several clients as they went public, while also managing his fair share of established, long-standing companies.

Les's secret recipe for success was simple: find something you like to do that nobody else wants to do, and then totally crush it. When it comes to his personal tastes, Les has a great appreciation for good food, including BBQ, Italian dishes, Chinese noodles, and French cuisine—with a special fondness for escargot.

When he is relaxing or driving, his go-to soundtrack is a mix of country and western music alongside light classical tracks.

Les has two pet peeves. First up: lateness. He has been known for starting meetings exactly on time, no matter who is missing. If you show up late, don't expect a recap—Les believes it's unfair to everyone who actually bothered to be on time. His second pet peeve is poor phone etiquette. He can't stand it when people bury their faces in their cells during a meeting, viewing it as a total lack of basic courtesy to the people in the room.

Speaking of pets, Les and Monika have adopted boxer dogs from Nor Cal Boxer Rescue for over 25 years. They currently have Dave, a 5-year-old brindle boxer who rules the house.

When asked about his greatest achievement in life, Les doesn't point to a business deal—he points to marrying his wife, Monika and raising his 3 boys. Monika has been an invaluable support throughout his career, all while building her own successful sales and use tax business.

- Jack is turning 50 soon and lives in Greenville, South Carolina. His son, Joseph, is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina.
- Joseph is 45 and also lives in South Carolina.
- James is 40 and lives in Austin, Texas, with his wife and their 4-year-old son.



Left to right: Grandson Kohen, son James, Les, son Joe, grandson Joseph and son Jack at their favorite beach: Kiawah Island, SC

Here is some of Les's best advice for young people starting out:

- Practice patience: Success doesn't happen overnight. You have to accept that missteps and detours are just an inevitable part of the journey.



- Travel abroad: Something he learned from his wife, Monika, is the importance of expanding your horizons beyond your own backyard. Shortly after they met, they took his very first international trip to London. Since then, they've been to Paris—Les's absolute favorite city—many times, and

have taken Alaskan cruises. Her advice was simple: just try different things.

- Live below your means: Save your money and forget about chasing fancy status symbols. In accounting terms, those things are just depreciating assets that lose value over time anyway.



- Pick up golf early: It's a tough sport, and it might even be frustrating at times, but you will be incredibly grateful later in life if you stick with it.

As golf chair, Les really wants to see more golfers out on the greens for SIRS events. To make that happen, he's pushing to spread the word through social media and plain old-fashioned word of mouth. He also thinks targeting younger retirees in their

early to mid-60s is a win-win—it will boost the golf group and help the whole chapter grow.



Les says work hard, make your own luck, be patient and look to the future

REPORTS FROM OUR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

BOOK SWAP

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Welcome to the Book Swap Notes for October.

When I arrived at the September luncheon, at 11am, three bags of books were awaiting me. Two or more of you had brought 33 books. Thank you so much.

We started with 38 books, including our carryover from August. The selection process was active, and we delivered 28 to the Friends of the Los Altos Library.

We will start the October meeting with five new books that I selected for carryover.

Remember to bring your completed or unwanted books to swap at the October meeting. See you there!

Bob Steinberg

BOOK CLUB

See our [web page](https://sir35.org/?page_id=3262) at
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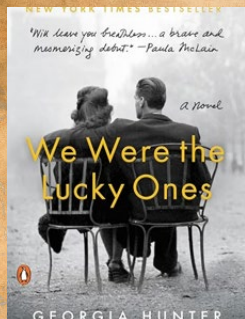
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The next Book Club meeting will be on Wed. October 14th

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.



Happy fall to everyone. At our September meeting we discussed Jean Mordo's recommended book, *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. Here is Jean's summary:

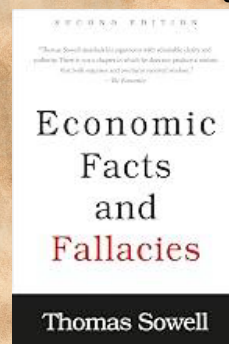
The book is historical fiction based on the true history of the author's family. The Polish Jewish family was dispersed during WWII, some caught in the German occupied area, some in the Russian

occupied zone. Amazing luck and sheer pluck led them to safety after harrowing adventures.



September's meeting. Notice the *excellent* cookies on the table!

Our readers found the story compelling but found that keeping track of all the characters was a challenge. Other readers were profoundly affected by the depictions of cruelty directed at the protagonists and others. The rankings of the book ranged from 3.0 to 5.0 with an average ranking of 4.



For October we'll be reading and reviewing *Economic Facts and Fallacies* by Thomas Sowell recommended by Dave Skurnick.

Please feel free to join us on October 14th 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 or Dave Gobuty. See our reading list at our website (see above).

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).



En El Camino 2021 Bierzo from Uncorked stole the show!

In September we tasted Spanish Reds. The winner was En El Camino 2021 Bierzo from Uncorked in Truckee. This was brought by Oren Abramson, a first-time attendee. October will be our last event of the year, but you can sign up to be included next year.

Alan Gaudie

BOWLINGBOB TAGGART
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Note – change in time! We meet every Tuesday, now at 12:50 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 12:50 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!

Bowling Fall Season, Week 6		
Standings		Wins
1st	Gordon Frierson, Nazeem Nordeen, Paul Cook, Joe Enos	21
2nd	Doug Anderson, Larry Malbaum, Gary Coluccio, Larry Low	17
3rd	Ruth Ososkie, Ari Stassart, Jerry Ososkie,	13
4th	Karen Soules, B Soules, Bob Garten,	12
5th	Ron Grace, Chris Weberg, Man Tran, Ken Allen	12
6th	Lynn Emmenegger, Fred Emmenegger, Tim Petro, Scott Hiller	12
7th	Ramesh Patel, Al Gaudie, Stan Barkey, Jack George	11
8th	Les Fisher, Bob Froelich, Peter Wong, Jay Jonekait	10
9th	Joe Hauser, Brad Ashmore, Bob Taggart, Perry Brown	7
10th	Aram Darmanian, Bob Feigelsen, Ric McColloch, Brian Ward	5

Week 6 Top Scores

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
Men 1	625 Larry Low	1	241 Perry Brown
2	482 Peter Wong	2	181 Chris Weberg
3	479 Scott Hiller	3	172 Joe Enos
Women	390 Ruth Ososkie		151 Karen Soules
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
Men 1	726 Bob Garten	1	243 Paul Cook
2	658 Ramesh Patel	2	225 Doug Anderson
3	618 Rick McColloch	3	218 Bob Froelich
Women	568 Karen Soules		

We are now at week 6 of the Fall session of SIR bowling. Contact Bob Garten (408)253-5860 if you'd like to join!

Bob Garten**BOCCE BALL**RICHARD OEHLBERG
650-823-7720See our [web page](#)

MICHAEL MAURIER

(Normally) every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Guests are welcome.

We plan to have our Quarterly Bocce Ball Lunch Meet-up after we play on October 9, at a place chosen by Bocce Ball attendees that day. You are welcome to join, whether a player or not.

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, 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 Oehlberg & Michael Maurier**BRIDGE**MARK LEVI
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The Bridge Group is enjoying fun games of bridge, with two tables playing a relaxed and social version. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at the Senior Center at the Los Altos Community Center on Hillview. Join us and meet some nice bridge players.



A happy bunch of Bridge players posing

Mark Levi

PERSONAL FINANCE

BILL MACK
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The next meeting is Wednesday October 7th at 1PM at the Moffett Museum.

On Sept. 2nd the Personal Finance Group met at the Moffett Museum.



The group discussed how to assess company fundamentals, how to use form SSA-44 to lower Medicare IRMAA fees when income drops, how Large vs. Mid-Cap funds have performed in recent years, and an article on stock charting.

The next meeting will be on Wed. Oct. 7th at 1PM at the 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, October 8th, 2026 (2nd Thursday of the month), meeting at 11am.

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



A view from Sawyer Camp Trail

The next SIR 35 Bike Ride will take place on October 8th, 2026 starting at 11:00am. For this ride we will make another attempt at the beautiful Sawyer Camp Trail, Address: Skyline Blvd and Crystal Spring Road, San Mateo, CA. In September, we had to change plans because the trail was temporarily closed.

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 street connections on 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 a beautiful view (see photo above). The ride is about 9 miles one way or about 18 miles total. We will stop for lunch at 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 for 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, October 14th, 2026. 🚗👉.

The SIR Sports Car Group took a new route this month, with some beautiful roads and scenery along the way.

We had 15 people, including several new folks. After meeting up on Cañada Road, we drove past Filoli, the Pulgas Water Temple, and along Crystal Springs Reservoir. From there, we headed up Highway 92 to Skyline Boulevard, then south on La Honda Road to Highway 1 and north to Half Moon Bay Brewing.



15 people joined our FunRun in September

The weather was clear and comfortable, and we managed to avoid the valley heat, which was in the mid-90s. It was a great day—good roads, good weather, and lots of friendly conversation. One of the best things about these runs is the opportunity to spend time with the friendly and interesting people in our group.



The group, ready to enjoy lunch, at Half Moon Bay Brewery

Next month's run will be a special, longer trip to Marin County. We'll follow Highway 1 along the western flank of Mount Tamalpais, past Muir Beach and Stinson Beach, to our lunch destination in Point Reyes Station. On the way home, we'll take Sir Francis Drake Boulevard through the redwoods of Samuel P. Taylor State Park, then wind our way through the farmland along Lucas Valley Road before returning to Highway 101.

It should be a really fun day. October usually brings beautiful weather and less coastal fog, so we're looking forward to another great drive!

Spouses and Friends are always welcome. Don't have a sports car but would like to join us? Everyone and every car is welcome. Like to ride along? We may have several drivers who are driving solo and have an available seat

John Tucker

HIKING

See our [web page](#)

JOHN TUCKER
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Our next SIR Hike will be Friday, October 23, 2026.

September SIR Hike – A milder seaside ramble

The last hike of the summer took us from the baseball field on Wavecrest Road in Half Moon Bay, past the Ritz-Carlton, and along the coast to Cowell Ranch State Beach.



The happy hikers on the trail

We had a great turnout with 24 hikers. Halfway through the hike, we headed down the stairs to the beach, where we enjoyed lunch with our backs against the bluff. The weather was perfect—clear, sunny, and comfortable.



Beach-side view for our lunch break

After lunch, we hiked back to our cars and then headed into downtown Half Moon Bay for our usual post-hike debriefing.

Our next hike is Friday, October 23rd 2026. After that, we have just one more hike before the end of the year. We hope you'll mark your calendar and join us for another great day of hiking, scenery, and fellowship!

John Tucker

GOLF

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See our [web page](#)

Fixtures for October – sign up now!

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday Oct 9				
Poplar (POP)	Mon Nov 2	10:00	\$49	
Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **				
Shoreline (SHR)	Thu Nov 5	9:30	\$46	
** NEED TC ** / ** NEED ATC **				
Moffett Field (MFD)	Mon Nov 9	9:30	\$60	
Stephens 408-489-1758 wendellstephens@mac.com / Wong				
Blackhorse - Sir State	Tue Nov 10			
Bayonet - Sir State	Wed Nov 11			
Los Lagos (LLS)	Thu Nov 12	9:36	\$39	
Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / ** NEED ATC **				
Wente Vineyards (WNT)	Mon Nov 16	9:30	\$110	
7 day Lock-in McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / ** NEED ATC **				
Bayview (BVU)	Thu Nov 19	9:36	\$60	
Scramble ** NEED TC ** / ** NEED ATC **				
Crazy Horse Ranch (CZR)	Mon Nov 23	9:30	\$75	
** NEED TC ** / ** NEED ATC **				
Spring Valley (SPR)	Mon Nov 30	10:00	\$51	
** NEED TC ** / ** NEED ATC **				

Knopf has the Round of the Month

The best round of the month was shot on September 10 at Los Lagos by **Jeff Knopf**. He shot 8.3 strokes under his expected score and won his flight by 6 strokes. Way to go, Jeff!

Monday Qualifier, Sunday Champion

Four spots in the field at most PGA tournaments are reserved for players who qualify in an 18-hole competition on Monday. The lucky four who get into the tournament seldom make the cut, but sometimes, just sometimes, a miracle occurs. The majority of the info below is from an article on GolfCompendium.com that was written in 2019.

To even get into the Monday qualifier a player may need to do well in a "pre-qualifier" tournament held the prior week. Both PGA pros and low-handicap amateurs can sign up; amateurs pay \$100 to \$300 for the privilege.

It is rare for a golfer to get into a PGA Tour tournament through Monday qualifying and go on to win. It's only happened 2 times this century and 5 times since 1980.

Corey Connors, 2019 Valero Texas Open (he won that tournament again in 2023, his only other PGA Tour victory to date)

- Arjun Atwal, 2010 Wyndham Championship
- Fred Wadsworth, 1986 Southern Open
- Kenny Knox, 1986 The Honda Classic
- Jeff Mitchell, 1980 Phoenix Open

Connors, the most-recent winner on the list, won the Texas Open after surviving a 6-man playoff for the final spot out of the Monday qualifier. It was his first PGA Tour win. He is still an excellent golfer and ranked 56th in the FedEx Cup standings for 2025-26.

Kenny Knox's 1986 victory was the first of three PGA Tour wins for him. Knox was known as a fantastic putter and at one time shared or held several PGA Tour putting records.

Atwal, Wadsworth and Mitchell each retired with just one Tour victory – but what great memories each of them must have of their golden week!

September'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
2	The Villages	Dave Squellati and Ben Gikis tied	Even	N/A
Semifinal	Poppy Ridge	Jay Jonekait def. B. Soules	6 & 5	\$10

2026 Team Match Play Tournament Results

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
Qtr. final	N/A	Soules & Enos def. Nakamoto & O'Meara	Forfeit	N/A

San Jose Muni			Par 72			Aug. 31, 2026		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Bob Garten	70	\$23	Ken Jones	73	\$23	W. Stephens	69	\$25
J. Rittweger	72	\$17	Tom Taboada	73	\$17	Jim Thorne	72	\$19
Larry Low	75	\$12	D. Squellati	75	\$12	Balbir Kalsi	72	\$14
B. Soules	75	\$7	Bill Hall	76	\$7	Man Tran	72	\$9
						Peter Wong	72	\$5

Shot his age: **Bob Garten** (age 84) shot 84

Low Gross (forward tees): John Hall 82

Low Gross (back tees): Martin Virelas 90

Spring Valley			Par 70			Sept. 3, 2026		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Larry Low	70	\$25	D. Squellati	68	\$25	Don Mattson	67	\$25
R. McGrath	70	\$20	Larry Baugher	72	\$20	Tim O'Meara	71	\$20
V. Sanchez	70	\$14	Bob Fahey	72	\$14	K. Cochrane	71	\$15
Joe Cioni	70	\$10	Terry Bland	73	\$10	Larry Wall	71	\$10
						Jeff Knopf	72	\$7

Shot his age: **Don Mattson** (age 94) shot 91, **Joe Cioni** (87) shot 84

Low Gross (forward tees): John Hall 78

Low Gross (back tees): Rick Wheat 82

Rancho Solano			Par 72			Sept. 9, 2026		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
John Rittweger	67	\$17	Ben Gikis	75	\$17			
Dale Leonard	68	\$10	Jeff Knopf	77	\$10			
Jay Jonekait	74	\$5	Joe Enos	79	\$5			

Low Gross (forward tees): Larry Low 83

Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger and Dale Leonard tied at 80

Los Lagos			Par 68			Sept. 10, 2026		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Larry Low	67	\$18	R. Pattison	71	\$18	Jeff Knopf	60	\$21
B. Soules	67	\$14	Bill Hall	73	\$14	Balbir Kalsi	66	\$16
Rich McGrath	69	\$10	D. Squellati	76	\$10	Ramesh Patel	67	\$10
						V. Navarro	73	\$5

Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 78

Low Gross (back tees): Larry Low 78

Eagle Ridge			Par 72			Sept. 14, 2026		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Bob Garten	75	\$18	Balbir Kalsi	71	\$17			
Mike Lamble	75	\$14	Larry Wall	72	\$10			
Stan Scardino	78	\$10	Jeff Knopf	75	\$5			

Inside Putter Length: **Larry Wall** on #2 (\$15)

Low Gross (forward tees): Balbir Kalsi 93

Low Gross (back tees): Bob Garten 94

The Villages			Par 72			Sept. 17, 2026		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Dale Leonard	70	\$20	Terry Barnhart	69	\$20	Jeff Knopf	66	\$21
Les Miles	74	\$15	Bill Hall	72	\$15	Peter Wong	70	\$16
John Hall	75	\$10	Jerry Ososkie	75	\$10	G. O'Brien	70	\$10
Bob Garten	75	\$5	Jay Jonekait	76	\$5	V. Navarro	73	\$5

Inside Putter Length: **Terry Barnhart** on #4 (\$15)

Low Gross: Dale Leonard 81

Callippe Preserve			Par 72			Sept. 21, 2026		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
J. Rittweger	69	18GC	H. Petersen	72	18GC	Dave Ogle	69	26GC
Les Miles	71	15GC	R. Nakamoto	75	15GC	Balbir Kalsi	71	22GC
R. McGrath	72	12GC	Bill Hall	76	12GC	John Ray	74	17GC
Mike Lamble	74	\$6	L. Baugher	77	\$6	R. Estrella	76	\$10
Inside Putter Length: Rick Wheat on #6 (\$15) and Joe Enos on #6 (\$15)								
Low Gross (forward tees): Tanya Gacs 93								
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 82								

Poppy Ridge			Par 72		Sept. 24, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Les Miles	70	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	78	\$17	
Bill Hall	71	\$21	Jeff Knopf	78	\$10	
Joe Cioni	72	\$16				
Martin Virelas	75	\$11				
Dave Squellati	75	\$9				
Shot his age: Joe Cioni (age 87) shot 82						
Inside Putter Length: Jeff Kelley on #17 (\$15)						
Low Gross (forward tees): Joe Cioni and Alex Bush tied at 82						
Low Gross (back tees): Les Miles 85						

Bruce Karney

STATE SIR GOLF

State SIR will have a number of events in October.

Individual State Championship

Teal Bend Golf Club in Sacramento, on Thursday Oct. 1st. Registration for the Teal Bend event on October 1st has CLOSED.

State SIR Golf events in Seaside, Monterey:

November 10th, Bayonet, with its narrow playing corridors and steep, penal bunkering, has long been considered the most difficult test of golf on the Monterey Peninsula. The par-72, 7,104-yard course is famous for playability and strategic options.

November 12th, Black Horse, a 7,024-yard, par-72 layout, features sweeping vistas of the Pacific and is highlighted by fescue-framed fairways, bunkers with distinctive, serrated edges and slickly-contoured greens. The par-3 15th, faces the bay and is sure to emerge as one of the great holes on the Peninsula.

Registration will close October 31st or when the tournament is full.

See the State SIR Golf website for further event and registration details <https://sirgolf.org/>

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/>

Pat O'Connor

SPECIAL: BRANCH 35 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES FOR 2027 BY JERRY OSOSKIE

At our October 21st Luncheon, Branch 35 members will vote to elect a Branch Executive Committee (BEC) for 2027. The following nominees will be presented by President Scott Hiller:

BEC Position	Nominee
Branch President	Art Bernstein
Branch Vice President	Paul Wcislo
Treasurer	Larry Low
Assistant Treasurer	Ken Allen
Secretary	Bruce Karney
Assistant Secretary	Dave Squellati
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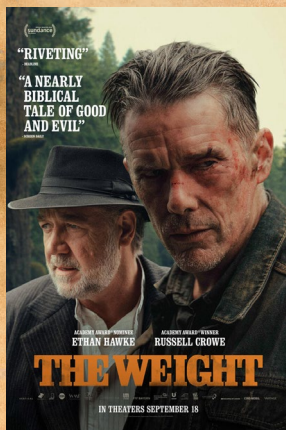
 MOVIES

MOVIES

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

Our Movies group's next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday October 20th at 3 pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Jim Quillinan.



The Weight. It is the depth of the great Depression and World War I veteran Sam Murphy (Ethan Hawke) finds himself on the wrong side of the law as part of a road gang. Desperate to reconnect with his young daughter, he takes a special job for the warden (Russell Crowe) to smuggle a bunch of gold bars through 100 miles of dense wilderness. The gold bars when delivered will get Murphy a ticket out of prison. There is quite a bit trouble

along the way which is played to the hilt by Hawke. Crowe does a great job as the slimy warden. Based on my calculations each sack of gold weighed 137 lbs which would be quite a chore on foot climbing over mountains. Rated R for language and some violence/bloody images. In Theatres.



Practical Magic 2. The girls are back. Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman, Diane Weist and Stockard Channing are back as the Owens family, a coven of witches. They have been cursed to be loveless for centuries. They try to break the spell by facing down secrets and reliving parts of their shadowy past. The film is just a light comedy that tries very hard to be relevant to current

women's issues. The film is just fun. Wait for it to stream. Rated PG-13 for some violent content, suggestive material and brief strong language. In Theatres.

**Pressure.**

The days leading up to D-Day, June 6, 1944, are the focus of this ultimate real-life thriller. General Eisenhower must make the final "go" or "no go" with the weather forecast vitally important and a point of controversy between the British Meteorologist (Stagg) and the US Meteorologist (Krick). The fate of the allied invasion of Nazi Europe hangs in the balance.

General Eisenhower makes the right decision by siding with the Brit and his scientific weather modeling. Andrew Scott as Stagg carries the film and keeps us interested in his stiff, quirky and very British demeanor. Unfortunately, Brendan Fraser as Ike misses the mark and does not engage. The film is still worth seeing as it gives another insight into WWII and the men and women that won it. Rated PG-13 for war violence, bloody images, some strong language, and endless smoking. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Ride or Die. This is an 8-episode action thriller currently streaming on Amazon Prime Video. The main reason to see this is Hannah Waddingham's performance as Judith, the assassin. She is a mature woman and performed most of the stunts herself. Octavia Spencer plays Debbie, a suburban housewife with nothing too exciting in her life. She discovers that her friend of 20 years, Judith, is secretly an assassin. After a hit goes awry, they are hunted

by the Albanian mafia, among others. The agency Judith works for is run by a slimy "Director", expertly played by Bill Nighy. The movie is 8 hours of chase scenes, close escapes, revealed secrets and misdirection. There is quite a buildup to a spectacular ending that is just a lead in to Season 2. Rated TV MA for language, violence and some drug use.

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

A Tribute to Dolly Parton, an All-American Singer, Actress, and Genuine Human Being



By now, you have heard of Dolly Parton's passing and no doubt have seen at least one of the many tributes to her life and career. She was beloved by her family, friends and fans for her songs, her upbeat personality, her all American values, and her unwavering faith. She first publicly sang at her grandfather's

"Church of God" in the Smoky Mountains when she was six years old. By age 10 she was a regular on "The Cas Walker Farm and Home Hour Show", a local radio program, which aired every morning, Monday – Friday, at 7 am. At 13 years old, she performed at the prestigious "Grand Old Opry", introduced by Johnny Cash. At 21 years she was a regular on the "Porter Wagoner Show" which was the number one syndicated country music television program at the time.



Dolly Parton debuts at the Grand Ole Opry at age 13

She was the fourth of 12 kids in the family, living in a two-room log cabin in Locust Ridge, in the Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee. The winters would get to 28 degrees, and their cabin had no insulation, electricity, or water but as Dolly is proudly quoted as saying, "We slept tucked tightly together like spoons in a drawer, sharing every bit of warmth we had." Her mother, Avie Lee, was a singer and part of a family gospel group with her sisters, but transitioned to a traditional wife and mother role after marriage.



Dolly singing with her parents circa 1976

Here is a special video clip of Dolly singing "In the Pines", a gospel song with her parents and seven siblings (her two brothers had long hair in the 1970's).

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1106424355141090>

Here is a video clip of her singing her new song "Jolene". live, for the first time in 1974. She was pretty, a good singer, young and unique, so much so that you can see why Porter had her as a regular on his program.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/897711976399559>

Over her lifetime, Dolly wrote over 3,000 songs which sold over 100 million records. She was awarded the National Medal of Arts and was inducted with the Kennedy Center Honors in 2006 for her lifelong contribution to the arts. She was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2022. Her philanthropy was generous and impactful with her "Imagination Library" charity which has given over 300 million books worldwide and her Dollywood Foundation which helps support education programs and fights poverty in East Tennessee.

Top Hits

Here are her top three hits and the Dolly stories behind them.



1. Jolene

The song released in 1973 sold 14 million copies and achieved Diamond status.

Dolly wrote the song in 1973, the same year she wrote "I Will Always Love You". The song became her first solo number one country hit.

The story goes that shortly after she married, she noticed a red-headed bank teller flirting with her man. She also noticed that Carl was visiting the bank more often than their tight finances warranted. A little jealous, Dolly wrote what she was feeling. Written in a day, the song has been described as "An iconic, heart-wrenching country ballad. Instead of anger, the song expresses raw fear, insecurity, and vulnerability. The singer admits she felt she could not compete with Jolene's beauty."



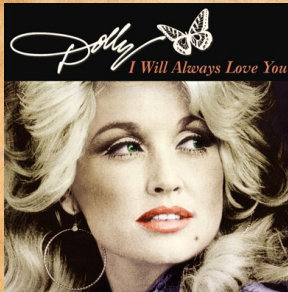
2. 9 to 5

Her #1 hit which became her iconic anthem, received Platinum certification in 1980 and sold over 6.3 million albums and digital downloads.

It was Jane Fonda who heard Dolly's hit song, "Two Doors Down" on the radio and as she recounts, "It was pow, it was a visceral sense that Dolly Parton had to be a secretary in "9 to 5". I had an image of Dolly sitting at a typewriter, and I thought that would be something, to have Dolly in her first movie playing a secretary in a movie that, among many other things, is going to touch upon sexual harassment. She's perfect." She approached Dolly and Dolly was thrilled, and agreed, if she could write and sing the title song. A few weeks into production Dolly approached her co-stars, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin and sang her song, using her long fingernails to click out her melody. They loved it and the rest is music history.

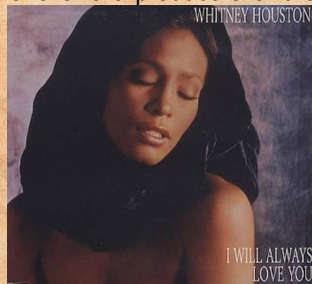
Here is a short video clip of Dolly's interview playing her nails which was part of her inspiration in the creation of the song.

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/sd_PCqFiD64



3. I Will Always Love You

Dolly wrote, sang, and released the song in 1974 as a farewell message to her mentor and business partner Porter Wagoner, who gave her the big break that launched her career. (Editor's note: After seven years, Dolly thought it time to move on so she could continue to grow in her career. Porter disagreed and got angry as he knew she was key to the continuing popularity of his show. He became bitter and bad mouthed her as ungrateful, the bad guy.) Her song became popular, peaked, and passed into music history until in 1982, Kevin Costner, the lead actor and one of the producers of the movie, "The Bodyguard", thought to use the song for the movie. The other producers originally planned to use "What Becomes of the Brokenhearted" as the theme song but Whitney didn't think it was good for her, and they found out later that another film was going to use the song.



Here is the movie trailer for "The Bodyguard", released in 1992.

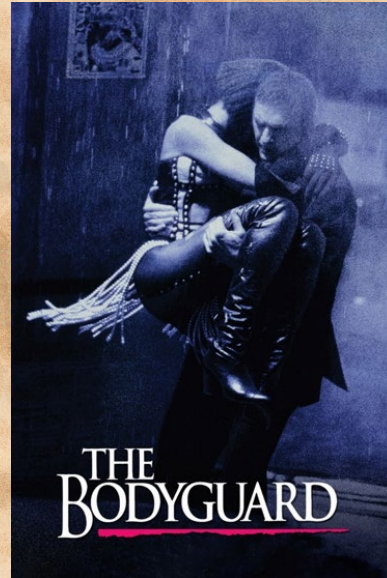
<https://www.amctheatres.com/movies/the-bodyguard-1992-83/videos>

Here is Dolly Parton with her 1974 hit song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0bEZH6ZqG4>

Here is Whitney Houston with her 1992 hit song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JWtaaS7LdU&t=10s>



Neither the record label nor the producers liked Kevin's idea, but Whitney thought she could transition it from a country ballad to a contemporary pop song. Kevin also pushed for the song to start "A Cappella" (without instruments) to maximize the raw emotion of the verse. Clive Davis, head of Arista Records called it raw, haunting, and so emotionally impactful that he made the decision to release the record the way it was sung in the movie, which was never done before as "... songs did not start without music". Released in 1992, the song received Diamond certification and sold over 40 million copies.

Here is Dolly's story of Whitney's rendition of her song. She was genuinely moved by Whitney's version.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/28156308634036411>

Country Music and Movie Star, to National Treasure

Dolly's distinct soprano voice and deeply personal storytelling helped shape the landscape of country music, earning her countless awards and worldwide recognition. Her transition to the silver screen brought her natural charisma and sharp wit to all, in films like *9 to 5*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. Whether she is making audiences laugh or tear-up, her on-stage persona radiated warmth and authenticity.

While her talent made her a star, it was her authentic character that made her a national treasure. Dolly consistently used her platform and fortune to uplift others, driven by a deep sense of empathy and community. Few figures in American entertainment have captured the hearts of generations quite like Dolly Parton.

Dolly Parton is an American original—a brilliant artist, a trailblazing businesswoman, and, above all, a beacon of unconditional love and goodwill. She reminds us that true greatness is measured not by how high you climb, but by how many people you lift-up along the way. She is, without a doubt, one of America's enduring national treasures.

Epilogue

By happenstance, I came across this bit of musical history, when Dolly was a guest of Elvis at his nightly *International Hotel*, Las Vegas show. The story runs a little long, but it is well worth viewing, another great story of why Dolly was so loved by all.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IIBHW8ILk0>

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

Ron Nakamoto

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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 - October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		Bowling 12:50pm Homestead Bowl		Golf 10:00am Seascape \$89	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Golf 10:00am Boulder Ridge \$95	Bowling 12:50pm Homestead Bowl		Golf 9:30am Sunnyvale \$43	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
			Pers. Finance 1:00pm Moffett Field Museum Library	Biking 11:00am Sawyer Camp Trail	Bocce Group Special Lunch	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Golf 9:00am Baylands \$75	Bowling 12:50pm Homestead Bowl	Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church Sports Car Group 10:30am	Golf 9:30am San Jose Muni \$52	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Golf 10:00am Metropolitan \$54	Bowling 12:50pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	Book Swap Branch 35 Lunch Mtg 11:00am - 1:30pm Mountain View Community Center	Golf 9:30am Crystal Springs \$72	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location TBD	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Golf 10:00am Baylands \$75	Bowling 12:50pm Homestead Bowl	Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	Golf 10:00am Baylands \$75	Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	