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Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

Branch 35 web site: [www.sir35.org](http://www.sir35.org)

February 2015

## – NEXT MEETING –

**3rd Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

**Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto**

Social Hour 11 a.m. – Lunch 11:40 a.m.

***Please, IF BRINGING A GUEST OR NOT ATTENDING!***

**CALL 650-823-0702**

**or E-MAIL [sir35notify\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sir35notify(at)gmail.com)**

**by SATURDAY, Feb. 14th (Leave name and badge #)**

## PROGRAM

Speakers: Ray Rothrock and Christopher DiGiorgio

Topic: The Venture Capital Industry – Trends

While Chair of the National Venture Capital Association in 2013, Ray Rothrock led the association in developing a "report card" on the venture capital (VC) industry. Chris DiGiorgio, senior partner and recently retired from a 30-year career at Accenture, facilitated the effort. This project involved face-to-face interviews with interested parties of the VC industry including five dinner meetings held all over the United States with about 80 people from the business. Further, research information was collected about the industry. The report card was provided to the board of the NVCA as Ray stepped down as chair. Chris continued to research the project and developed a much more granular view of the industry backed by first-hand data collection and analysis. This picture, coupled with the interviews conducted from the industry itself, made for a presentation road show which Ray and Chris have given either together or separately for the last year to about 25 groups.



Ray is a partner emeritus of Venrock. His formal education is in nuclear engineering with a BSNE (summa cum laude) from Texas A&M University and SM from the M.I.T. and ultimately an MBA (with distinction) from Harvard Business School.

Chris is a Distinguished Alumni of California State University and holds a BS in Computer Science and a BS in Business Administration.



## The Big Sir Says . . .

Dear Fellow Sirs, so much has been done by so many people thus far to assure a smooth transition from our former home at IFES Hall to our new location at the Elks Lodge for our February meeting. The work of tying up all loose ends by meeting time continues. To all of you who are making this transition happen, we can't thank you enough.

Change always has its difficulties. We certainly anticipate your getting used to a whole new set of parking opportunities at our new location. Please do not get frustrated over the course of the next few meetings. We will have ample parking for you and we will have parking monitors stationed by the parking venues in an attempt to make this parking transition as smooth as possible. After awhile you will feel as comfortable with the new parking arrangements at the Elks Lodge as you felt with the old ones at IFES Hall. Patience please.

I look forward to seeing you on February 18th. Let's make this inaugural meeting at our new location as successful as possible. What an exciting "new beginning" for Branch 35!

*Dan*

**Note: The February meeting is at the Elks Lodge in Palo Alto. See Page 5 for more information.**

We have received a number of duplicate payments of dues. If you are not sure if you've paid, please contact Don Cameron, Treasurer, at 650-968-9103 or [dbdon\(at\)sonic.net](mailto:dbdon(at)sonic.net).

### \$23 FEBRUARY HOT-PLATE MENU \$23

**Bistro Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu  
with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables  
Cheesecake**

To reserve a vegetarian meal, contact Terry Barnhart at 408-960-6674 or [terry.b2007@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terry.b2007@sbcglobal.net)

### \$23 FEBRUARY COLD-PLATE MENU \$23

**Salad of the month  
Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, or Vegetarian Sandwich  
Assorted Chips, Dessert**

To reserve this meal, you must call 650-823-0702  
or e-mail [sir35notify@gmail.com](mailto:sir35notify@gmail.com) by **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**.  
You can also make a permanent reservation for cold plates.

## ROSTER CHANGES

**Active Members: 354**      **Net Monthly Change: -1**

### NEW MEMBERS

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Computers, Hiking, Bicycling, Geocaching	
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Los Altos, CA 94022	Apple, HP, Palm
Golf, Travel, History	
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Mountain View, CA 94043	PAUSD
Bowling, Golf, Inventing	

### Red Dots & New Members Table

Look for those red-dotted newcomers and show them real SIR hospitality by making an introduction. Invite a new member to sit at your table.

### EMAIL CHANGE

Robert Dunn    [madnrtd\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:madnrtd(at)gmail.com)

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Peter Barba	Doug Ericsson	Don Peglow
Don Berglund	Jack Evans	Don Peterson
Peter Bergsman	Terry Hayes	Ron Reis
Leland Chan	Syd Jacobsen	Arnie Satterlee
Frank Crossman	Chuck Little	Jim Schlatter
Jim DeLong	Duncan MacVicar	Ron Schoengold
Dave Downing	John McGowan	Bob Strohecker
Chuck Dunker	George O'Brien	Larry Yelowitz
Gary Edwards	Ralph Otte	

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS\*

Jim Balanesi	25	Hardin Smith	13
Jack Evans	23	Bob McNamara	12
Joe MacIntosh	22	Bill Nugteren	11
Roy Presley	17	Guy Thompson	11
Ken Clifford	14	Dick Wilson	11
Del Fillmore	14	Dallas Denery	10
Don Peglow	13	Don Gladstone	10
Paul Scherer	13		

\* Anniversary of membership in SIR Branch 35 for ten years or more.

## MACINTOSH GROUP

SKIP ROSS 541-857-6224  
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Contact Skip Ross to join this e-mail group where SIR members in all branches can exchange Mac-related news, get answers to questions, and share experiences.

## BOOK SWAP

JOHN GERICH 650-969-6679  
[jgerich\(at\)juno.com](mailto:jgerich(at)juno.com)

During the social hour before every luncheon, 11:00 a.m.

Bring a few and take a few – FREE! After the meeting, residuals go to Friends of the Library of Los Altos. **February is History month.** It is time to share some great books that you don't think you will read again.

## Member Profile

RON NAKAMOTO 408-440-2330  
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This is the inaugural issue of "Member Profile," a monthly article that highlights one of our branch members. We hope that you will enjoy knowing a little more about your fellow members and the interesting life they have had. If you have someone you would like to nominate for next month please email [ron.nakamoto\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:ron.nakamoto(at)yahoo.com)

### Creed Morgan – Director and Former Big Sir

It is always interesting to talk to Lt.Colonel (ret) Morgan, or Creed as we know him. He often treats you with a story of history come alive with famous people he has met, dates, circumstances and some activity he was engaged in at the time. His memory is superior to most recounting who said and did what at the time. Much like Forrest Gump's travel through history, Creed in Panama played softball with then Lt.Col. Manuel Noriega. Creed's wife, Patty, never cared for Noriega and we know what happened to Gen. Omar Torrijos in 1981 that brought Noriega to power. In Japan he met Maj. Gen. Minuro Genda who was the Air Operations Officer who helped plan the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor for Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto. In Europe he was the Deputy Field Station Commander for Field Station Berlin and dealt with Yuri Plieve, the local KGB Commander. You may recall the Four-power partnership that rotated the guarding of Rudolph Hess, former Deputy Fuhrer, co-author of Mein Kampf and the only prisoner at Spandau Prison between 1966-1987. All four nations were required to verify that the prisoner was alive on a monthly basis and Creed at one point was appointed to represent the U.S. while Plieve was the Russian lead. You should hear from Creed how the Russian-hosted party went that evening.



Creed grew up in Kellogg, Idaho where his father owned and operated numerous gambling joints in Northern Idaho through 1945. Creed learned the ropes early in life. Unfortunately, his father suffered a fatal hunting accident and Creed soon thereafter became a self-made person leaving his home and living on his own at age 13. In 1954 at the age of 18 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and one year later he was commissioned an Artillery officer. Three weeks after his commission he married Patty and they grew into a family of four.

This interesting man spent some 30 years in the U.S. Army in the Intelligence arena working with or for the National Security Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office and various Department of Defense organizations. His assignments brought him to Korea, Vietnam, Germany, Japan and South America. But even beyond that full career, his boundless energy drove him into a second one with Lockheed Martin Corp. There he spent another productive 26 years building military and intelligence systems. His proudest achievement is his "Service to the Nation" and his biggest regret is his loss of security clearances so he cannot attend the daily morning intelligence briefing for our top leaders.

Over his two careers he has earned many unique awards for his service including two Legion of Merits, two Bronze Stars from the military and the Eagle and Nova awards given for exceptional service in 2004 from Lockheed Martin Corporation. He recounts in Vietnam how he could have received a Purple Heart but declined to do so when he was shot. The entire story is a riot and involves the Intelligence Officer to Gen. Duong Van Minh, Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

Creed's current exploits with SIR brought him responsibility early with his selection as the Little Sir in his first year as a member and as Big Sir the following year. In the evenings Patty (his wife of 59 years) and he are often out exploring familiar and new restaurants in the area. On the weekends they are winetasting, riding their bikes on 20+ mile trips or volunteering with the local veterinarian.

As a patriot you would expect that his words to his fellow members are to "Continue to pray for the Country we love. KTF!"

**BOWLING**

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[marktinti\(at\)aol.com](mailto:marktinti(at)aol.com) Prizes: Roy  
 Robinson

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino.

We finished the Fall/Winter session the end of January and the winning team was Doug Ericsson, Alan Gaudie, Arnie Satterlee and Ranney Thayer. After the 4<sup>th</sup> week they were wallowing in 5<sup>th</sup> place –



having lost more games than they won – and then they started on their way to the top.

**Congratulations, gentlemen--!**

The Winter/Spring session starts on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> with all new teams. We

have immediate openings for bowlers of all levels. The cost is \$15 per week and everyone wins money during the "Sweeps" (17<sup>th</sup>) week.

**Call Bob or Doug with any questions.**

**FINAL STANDINGS**

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – Ranney Thayer, Alan Gaudie, Arnie Satterlee, Doug Ericsson

2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE – Pth Bennett, Fred Schwalbach, Perry Brown

3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE – Bill Webster, John Faucett, Phil Vanderwerf

4<sup>th</sup> PLACE – Harold Kaye, Doug Anderson, Joe Enos

5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Roy Robinson, Carl Moyer, Ron Nakamoto, Al Runge

6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Bill Finkemeier, Jerry Ososkie, Robert Dunn, Tim Eastham

7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Erv Erickson, Darryl Walker, Bob Taggart

8<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – Fred Emmenegger, Chuck Huff, Jeff Grundy

**THESE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE PAST 16 WEEKS****HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH**

1st – John Faucett: 621

2nd – Phil Vanderwerf: 576

3rd – Tim Eastham: 538

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**

1st – Jeff Grundy: 732

2nd – Robert Dunn: 685

3rd – Alan Gaudie: 672

**HIGH GAME - SCRATCH**

1st – Al Runge: 223

2nd – Doug Ericsson: 222

3rd – Bob Taggart: 214

**HIGH HANDICAP GAME**

1st – Ron Nakamoto: 263

2nd – Perry Brown: 255

3rd – Carl Moyer: 253

**BIKING**

JERRY BUTLER 650-494-8078  
 GXB366(at)aol.com

2nd Thursday, February 12, 11:00 a.m.

Wives and guests are welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required.

**Location:** Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)

**Ride:** We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Four Points Sheraton Inn at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel parking lot for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the round trip to 12 miles.

**Directions:** The Four Points Sheraton Inn is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/ 85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park in the hotel parking lot behind the furthest hotel building on the right.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jerry Butler as per above, or Karl Reseck at 650-941-8837, [karl.reseck\(at\)stanfordalumni.org](mailto:karl.reseck(at)stanfordalumni.org).

**TENNIS**

BILL SCHICK 650-948-8768  
 billschick(at)att.net

Every Monday and Thursday, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Rinconada Park Courts – Located on Hopkins Avenue, off Newell near Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. We play a relaxed doubles spin in open format. Sirs and non-Sirs alike are welcome.

**TRAIL BIRDS**

DON BOECKLING 650-965-2659  
 donboeckling405(at)gmail.com

Rehearsal: 2nd Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room, Los Altos Methodist Church.

Pre-Meeting Rehearsal: February 18, 11:00 a.m., Elks Lodge.

Parody Writers: Bob Simon, David Skurnick

Accompanist: Don Cameron

Bob Simon will write the parody for the February meeting. All are welcome to join our singing.

**BOCCE BALL**

NORM PASS – SCHEDULE/

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Every Friday, 10:00a.m. at the Bocce Ball Courts (between second and last wing), Los Altos Senior Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos (just off San Antonio Rd.) Parking near baseball fields.

We are having good fun and getting know the game and each other better. There are about a dozen of us who play each Friday, 10 a.m. to about 11:45 a.m. with refreshments and conversation after.

Our rules are simple, guests and wives are invited, and we don't play if it has rained within the preceding three days.

If you are curious, come and join in with us. No cost or obligation or expectations. Just good fun.

**TRAVEL**

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Join your SIR friends for an enjoyable one day excursion-

**August 20, 2015 Phantom of the Opera** - Includes round trip motor coach w/ driver tip, hosted lunch at the Fog Harbor Fish House on Pier 39, and admission to loge seating for a 2:00 P.M. performance at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco. The cost is **\$178 per person** with full payment due on sign-up. **Checks** are preferred and trip costs are NON-Refundable—although they may be transferred if minimum count has been met and/or there is an active waiting list. Sign-up deadline is July 6th, 2015. An early sell-out is expected so don't wait until the deadline. Make checks payable to: **Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account**. For more information and reservations contact SIR Escorts Mike Console (408) 246-1080 or John Pletsch (408) 274-2992.

**October 6, 2015 California Railroad Museum via AMTRAK** - The California Railroad Museum in Sacramento is noted for fine displays of railroad history in California including a number of full size cars and locomotives. This one day trip extends the railroad experience with a round trip from the South Bay on the AMTRAK Capitol Corridor train. Meet at the Great America AMTRAK station at 9 AM to catch the 9:19 AM train. Lunch (sandwiches and fruit) will be provided by the SIR escorts on the train. Arrive in Sacramento at 12:15 PM, take a 10 minute walk to the Museum, spend almost 4 hours touring the Railroad Museum and maybe Old Sacramento, then return to the station to catch the train at 5:40 PM arriving back at Great America at 8:33 PM. The price is \$95, or perhaps less if there are 10 or more participants. For more information and reservations call SIR Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) or Roy Jordan (408-735-8765).

**Our 2014 Branch Travel Contest to be Awarded at February meeting** - Branch 35's two most intrepid travelers of 2014 will receive a bottle of Johnny Walker Black Label, Veuve Clicquot champagne or equivalent wine of choice.

See our Travel Bulletin at the Travel Table or on Branch 35 website: <http://www.closereach.com/sir/newsletters/travel1502.pdf>.



BOB GARTEN, GOLF CHAIRMAN  
408-253-5860, xonon1(at)comcast.net

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by February 12th at 650-969-6679 or  
jgerich(at)juno.com for the following:

<b>Sunnyvale (SVL)</b>	Mon Mar 2	8:30	\$32
4 Club 2 Man 1 Best Ball	Taboada 925-785-4318 ttaboada(at)earthlink.net /Griffin		
<b>San Ramon (SRM) (Cart)</b>	Mon Mar 9	9:30	\$47
Thomson 650-967-0474 iantdianet(at)sbcglobal.net /Larson			
<b>Wente Vineyards (WNT) (Cart,Range)</b>	Mon Mar 16	10:00	\$70
Lau 408-730-9115 rvjlau(at)sbcglobal.net /Nakamoto			
<b>Carmel Valley (CVR) (Cart,Range)</b>	Mon Mar 23	9:30	\$80
Shotgun	Jonekait 650-965-9786 jay(at)jonekait.com /Cooke		
<b>Poppy Ridge (PPR) (Cart)</b>	Thu Mar 26	9:00	\$45
4 Man 2 Best Ball	Cooke 408-997-0511 cookegt(at)sbcglobal.net /Schlatter		
<b>Rancho Canada W (RCW) (Prize)</b>	Mon Mar 30	10:00	\$33
Mattson 650-949-3739 donmattson(at)yahoo.com /Larson			

## GOLF RESULTS

Deep Cliff DCL1			January 5					
Palmer FLT	NET	\$\$	Nicklaus FLT1	NET	Nicklaus FLT2	NET	\$\$	
Gerich J	58	\$21	Anderson D	66	Danver A	47	\$23	
Garten B	60	\$16	Gikis B	69	Taggart B	60	\$17	
Parra A	62	\$10	Squellati D	70	Enos J	60	\$12	
Cooke G	62	\$5	Thomson I	70	Ogle D	61	\$7	
Closest-to-Pin Contest:								
Garten B		7-4	Thomson I	4-3	Ogle D	5-2	\$2	
Wilson D		13-3	Larson G	18-2	Danver A	11-10	\$1	
Low Gross Phil Vanderwerf 72								

Sunnyvale			January 8					
Palmer FLT	NET	\$\$	Nicklaus FLT1	NET	Nicklaus FLT2	NET	\$\$	
Vanderwerf P	67	\$18	Gikis B	69	Spindt C	65	\$18	
Cioni J	71	\$14	Barkey S	73	Danver A	74	\$14	
Lau R	72	\$10	Mattson D	74	Larson G	75	\$10	
			Wong P	76	Nipper E	75	\$5	
Closest-to-Pin Contest:								
Lau R		5-7	Wong P	11-4			\$2	
Taboada T		9-0	Squellati D	25-10			\$1	
Gikis B		27-10	Vanderwerf P	32-5			\$1	
Low Gross Phil Vanderwerf 80								

Deep Cliff DCL2			January 13					
Palmer FLT	NET	\$\$	Nicklaus FLT1	NET	Nicklaus FLT2	NET	\$\$	
Wilson D	52	\$21	Squellati D	54	Nelson H	54	\$20	
Cooke G	54	\$16	Gikis B	56	Ogle D	55	\$15	
Parra A	54	\$10	Nakamoto R	57	Danver A	58	\$10	
Vanderwerf P	55	\$5	Thomson I	59	Enos J	60	\$5	
Closest-to-Pin Contest:								
Jonekait J	14-10	Nakamoto R	5-8	Walker D	1-5	\$2		
Vanderwerf P	23-5	Hall B	10-1	Nelson H	18-11	\$1		
Low Gross: Phil Vanderwerf 65								

Los Lagos LLS1			January 15					
Palmer FLT	NET	GCs	Nicklaus FLT1	NET	Nicklaus FLT2	NET	GCs	
Davis J	61	27	Falconer D	63	Nipper E	61	22	
Grace R	61	23	Shigemoto F	68	Holman J	65	18	
Dixon H	64	18	Wong P	69	Danver A	68	15	
Lau R	66	17	Mattson D	69	Hall B	77	\$8	
Closest-to-Pin Contest:								
Wilson D		12-8	Cooper J	22-11	Nipper E	30-7	\$2	
Reis R		13-4	Wong P	26-9	Hall B	50-6	\$1	
Low Gross: Phil Vanderwerf 78								

Santa Clara			January 20					
Palmer FLT	NET	\$\$	Nicklaus FLT1	NET	Nicklaus FLT2	NET	\$\$	
Lau R	61	\$25	Shigemoto F	58			\$25	
Davis J	62	\$21	Wong P	66			\$20	
Cioni J	65	\$16	Spindt C	68			\$15	
Cooke G	67	\$11	Cooper J	69			\$10	
Vanderwerf P	68	\$9	Mattson D	70			\$7	
Closest-to-Pin Contest:								
Cooke G	5-9	Karney B	11-10				\$2	
Scardino S	19-10	Spindt C	21-6				\$1	
Low Gross: Joe Cioni 79								

Deep Cliff DCL3			January 22				
Palmer FLT	NET	\$\$	Nicklaus FLT1	NET	Nicklaus FLT2	NET	\$\$
Cooke G	54	\$24	Enos J	55	Walker D	56	\$24
Garten B	55	\$18	Nakamoto R	55	Danver A	56	\$18
Parra A	56	\$12	MacIntosh J	55	Taggart B	62	\$12
Vanderwerf P	58	\$8	Schwalbach F	57	Hannigan J	62	\$8
Closest-to-Pin Contest:							
Vanderwerf P	17-9	Firpo B	30-2	Holman J	18-6	\$2	
Garten B	21-5	Mattson D	34-11	Nelson H	20-5	\$1	
Low Gross: George Cooke 66							

Deep Cliff Eclectic			January 2015					
Palmer FLT	NET	\$\$	Nicklaus FLT1	NET	Nicklaus FLT2	NET	\$\$	
Wilson D	43	\$25	Nakamoto R	43	Danver A	35	\$26	
Parra A	44	\$20	Squellati D	44	Nelson H	41	\$21	
Cooke G	46	\$15	Enos J	45	Wong H	44	\$15	
Grace R	46	\$10	Thomason I	45	Walker D	44	\$10	

## ANYONE FOR BRIDGE?

Come join us as we plan the SIR Branch 35 Bridge Club for 2015. Whether you are a beginner or expert, all are welcome. This will be a co-ed activity. So wives, significant others and friends are encouraged to join in. We will meet after the February Luncheon to plan the bridge activities. Hope to see you then. If you are interested in serving on the Bridge Club Committee, please contact Jerry Ososkie by e-mail at jcososkie(at)sbcglobal.net.



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Two Hikes are scheduled in February:

**A leisurely hike at Skyline Ridge on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 10:30 AM.**  
This will be about 3 mi. with less than 200 ft. in elevation change. We will start at the north end of the parking lot off Skyline Blvd., circle Horseshoe Lake and lunch at picnic tables above the lake. Return to parking lot by 1:30 PM.

**A moderate hike at Skyline Ridge on Friday, Feb. 27 at 9:30 AM.**  
This will be about 5 mi. with 400 ft. in elevation change. Start at Russian Ridge parking lot off Alpine Road just beyond Skyline Blvd. intersection, hiking along Bay Ridge Trail to Horseshoe Lake area. Return to parking lot by 2:00 PM.

**Wives and guests are welcome on both of these hikes.**

**Rain cancels.**

We had little participation in the 2014 hikes. So, we are trying to accommodate SIR members and wives that want to hike shorter distances with less elevation change. We are scheduling two hikes each month, with one being less strenuous than the other.

**Contact me if you have any questions and if you plan to attend.**  
This will let us know how many to expect. And, we can coordinate car pools if desired. Also, if you would like receive monthly emails detailing the scheduled hikes, let me know and I will add you to the list.

Branch 35 Piano for sale. Interested? Contact Don Cameron at  
650-968-9103, dbdon(at)sonic.net

## ELKS LODGE INFORMATION

THE ELKS LODGE IS LOCATED AT **4249 EL CAMINO REAL** IN PALO ALTO. IF COMING FROM THE NORTH, DRIVE SOUTH ON EL CAMINO AND MOVE INTO THE LEFT TURN LANE FOR A LEFT TURN INTO DEODAR STREET. IF COMING FROM THE SOUTH, DRIVE NORTH ON EL CAMINO AND TURN RIGHT INTO DEODAR STREET. THEN BEAR RIGHT TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE LODGE AND CONTINUE TO PARKING.

THE FRONT DOOR WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:30AM TO 3:00PM. PLAN TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 11:30AM. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 11:40AM. DO NOT RESERVE MORE THAN HALF THE PLACES AT A TABLE. LUNCH PRICE IS \$23.

PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT THE ELKS, THE SEA, AND AT DINAH'S. IF YOU CANNOT FIND PARKING AT THESE LOCATIONS, YOU MUST TURN RIGHT FROM THE EXITS AND GO TO ASTRADERO RD. TO MAKE A U-TURN.



### 120 On-Site Parking Spaces



60 Spaces Behind the Elks  
Lodge



60 Spaces Right of the  
Elks Lodge

### Short Walking Distance to 145 Additional Spaces



70 Spaces Next to the  
Elks Lodge



25 Spaces in Front of  
Elks Lodge

Plus 50 Spaces at Crowne Plaza (if available)

U-TURN AND CROSS-WALK AT  
DINAH'S COURT STOP LIGHT




# Trail Tips

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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**Next Meeting –  
Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto**

## SIR Branch 35 Activities - February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Spring Valley Shuffle the Deck 10:00 a.m.	3 Bowling 1:00 p.m.	4	5 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 2 9:00 a.m.	6 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m.	7
8	9 Tennis 8:00 a.m.	10 Bowling 1:00 p.m. Hiking 10:30 a.m. Skyline Ridge	11 Trail Birds 10:00 a.m.	12 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Biking 11:00 a.m. Golf- Callippe Preserve Double Points 10:04 a.m.	13 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m.	14 
15	16 Tennis 8:00 a.m.	17 Bowling 1:00 p.m. Golf- Santa Clara 9:00 a.m.	18 Social Hour 11:00 a.m. Trail Bird Rehearsal Book Swap Luncheon 11:40 a.m.	19 Tennis 8:00 a.m.	20 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m.	21
22	23 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Trail Tips Deadline Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 3 9:00 a.m.	24 Bowling 1:00 p.m.	25	26 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Bayonet 10:00 a.m.	27 Bocce Ball 10:00 a.m. Hiking 9:30 a.m. Skyline Ridge	28