



# Vientos Bajos Codger



## Activities in and around San Ramon

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### Upcoming Activities and Events

**Daily:** Walking Club, 7 AM, Vientos Bajos

**On Call: Libraries:** DVDs, CDs, Books, Picture Puzzles

#### Activities:

- Contract Bridge (**New info**) (TUE, 1:30 PM) (Join WhatsApp List)
- Ukulele practice (**New info**) (WED, 10:00 AM)
- Recorder Ensemble practice (**New info**) (WED, 1 PM)
- Bluegrass pick-up band (**New info**) (WED, 2 PM)
- Low Brass practice (**New info**) (WED, 3 PM)
- Exercise Classes (**New info**) (See below)
- Mixed Chorus (**New info**)
- Poker (FRI or SAT, 12:30 PM) (Join WhatsApp List)
- Gym open (DAILY, 7 AM-4 PM)
- Golf Simulator: Reservations required. (Join WhatsApp List)
- Pickleball: Per reservations. (Join WhatsApp List)

#### Events:

- Christmas Show, DEC 2021 (Date TBD)
- Cruise Costa Rica, JAN 22-29, 2022

**Vientos Bajos Social Calendar Update.** In July, we held our *Celebration of Everything and Anything* event for a full house (capped at 40 people for health reasons). We like to think it was quite successful, and from the comments we received, many of the attendees did, too! With that show out of the way, our calendars are clear to begin rehearsals for the upcoming December *TubaChristmas* and *Madrigal Dinner*. See below for rehearsal schedule!

### Current Events

1. **Christmas Show, December, 2021! (NEW)** We're still waiting to gather more responses from perspective participants to find out which weekend works better— 4-5 December or 11-12 December, but this week, August 2-6, we begin rehearsals

for the show—and that's what's new. **All musical groups are open to newbies and first-time participants for a limited time.** Again, this year, we are combining the two events, opening with our twelfth consecutive *TubaChristmas* and immediately follow with our tenth annual madrigal dinner. See below for the various musical groups we're forming to see if there's one or more in which you'd like to participate. If you're interested, please let us know!

## 2. Naturally Costa Rica, Star Legend, Windstar Cruise Line, 22-29 JAN, Puerto Caldera to Puerto Caldera



### **Windstar Legend: Star of the movie *Speed 2: Cruise Control***

Yes, it's still on the books and there is still room for anyone wanting to join us. As a reminder, the cruise ship departs and returns to Puerto Caldera, only an hour's drive from San Ramón—no expensive, long flights to get to or from the port. This is a great cruise line offering first-class service. Caryl and I cruised with them in **JAN 2020** and were impressed with their small ship experience. It stops at a different port each day, giving all an opportunity to walk around and explore. We're working through Tye Rogerson [tye.rogerson@windstarcruises.com](mailto:tye.rogerson@windstarcruises.com) an employee and direct representative of Windstar. In order to get the best deal, please mention *Vientos Bajos*. You can get more detail on the ship and the cruise on the Windstar website: <https://windstarcruises.com>

**Overview:** Visit Nicaragua's San Juan del Sur, then relax on one of Corinto's white-sand beaches and swim in the inviting clear blue water. Enjoy breathtaking views in Playas del Coco, then visit Quepos for rainforest adventures in Manuel Antonio National Park. From Quepos, head to UNESCO site, Bahia Drake, and stop at Bahia Herradura before returning to Puerto Caldera. This cruise highlights history, flora and fauna by local naturalists and has a naturalist aboard who provides lectures

### **Regular Activities: Here's what's happening at Vientos Bajos now**

3. **Contract Bridge (NEW): TUE, 1:30 PM.** Also known as party bridge, this is for those who want to spend a couple of hours together playing a little less competitive

form of bridge than duplicate bridge. Most of us are pretty rusty on our skills, and play is more social than competitive. Please contact us beforehand if you want to play. We'd like to form groups in tables of four and would hate to have you come without having enough to complete a table. **Now open for beginners!**

- 4. Pickleball:** We continue to offer space for two pickleball groups. The first group is a private group, limited as long as the Corona virus remains a major issue. The second group is open. All levels of players are welcome in this group. Because of the popularity of the game, we have instigated the use of SignUp Genius. If you're interested, please contact us to get on the SignUp Genius list.



- 5. Golf Simulator:** Our golf simulator remains popular. Rick Reimer, our resident golf pro, has played all fifteen courses and will walk you through the use of the simulator. We have clubs available for all except men's LH. We DO have women's LH, so if you're willing to play with a club that's shorter by 1", you're welcome to use these. Play requires knowledge of the system, and Rick will be happy to set you up and accompany your initial play. Please contact Rick at [rickenreimer49@gmail.com](mailto:rickenreimer49@gmail.com) to schedule a time if you want to try it out or join the league, now forming. Regular use is for golf club members only.



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- 6. Poker:** Penny-ante poker remains a moving target because of license plate restrictions. Depending on the restrictions, play can be either Friday or Saturday, so check with us. If you want to get in on a big game, this isn't the place. The bets are small, but the fun is big. Play begins at 12:30 PM and goes to 3:30 PM, but feel free to come late or leave early. Please get on our WhatsApp to ensure you're included for the "big" game.



***Now Forming:*** Music Groups for Christmas Show!

**7. Music groups:** We're re-starting our music groups, now in rehearsal for the 2021 Christmas show. We provide sheet music for all groups, and instruments for many. All groups will remain open for the month of August and into September. In mid-September, we will close these to new players as we lock down the Christmas show.

**i. Ukulele Band, WED, 10:00 AM (*Now open to beginners*).** This is a fun beginning music group. Please check in with us if you're interested in learning to play the ukulele and enjoy singalong with the rest of us Bremen Town musicians. For the Christmas show, we will be playing four or five sing-along numbers. We can provide a ukulele or two if you need an instrument. If you've ever strummed a uke or guitar, you're qualified for this group—and if you haven't but want to learn, we'll be happy to show you how!



**ii. Recorder Ensemble, WED, 1 PM (*Now open to beginners*).** This group is for those who read music and have been exposed to the recorder. We currently have openings for all four parts—soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. We can provide a soprano recorder, but if you want to play an alto, tenor, or bass, you'll need to provide your own instrument.



iii. **B flat instruments, TubaChristmas, WED, 2 PM (Now open to those with some experience).** Trumpets, Clarinets, Trombones, Baritones/Euphoniums, and Tubas. All musicians in the group should be able to read music and have experience with their instrument. Our sheet music is generally level 1.5 to 3.0. We have an extra trumpet and baritone for your use. If you need a different instrument, please let us know and we'll see what we can do.



iv. **Mixed Chorus, THU, 1:30 PM (NEW, Now open to beginners).** With most having received their second vaccination, we are re-starting mixed chorus with a focus on the Christmas show. The numbers we will be singing will be unison or two-part, and all will be beginning-easy level. If you're interested, PLEASE contact us so we can start a roster. Also, if Thursday afternoon doesn't work and you're interested, please let us know what does work for you and we'll see if we can arrange a different day and time.



"No, this is the choir, NOT your backup group!"

8. **Exercise Group (NEW, now forming).** With the completion of the activities room, we now are offering organized exercise classes led by DVDs in our exercise collection. Classes can be offered in the morning once or twice weekly. Based on participant interest, classes can be stretching, Pilates, yoga, or general low-level work-out. There is charge for the class(es), but monthly activities center membership of 10k CRC will be required. Please contact us at [vientosbajos.com](http://vientosbajos.com) to discuss.



9. **Other:** The gym and library remain available for members.

# Jardin La Torre Construction and Unit Update

**New Website:** We've updated our website. Please take a look at [www.jardinlаторre.com](http://www.jardinlаторre.com) and let us know what you think!



**New Mosaic Floor added to Recreation Room, Vientos Bajos**



**Entrance to Vista Alta**



**New Guardrails in place VA**

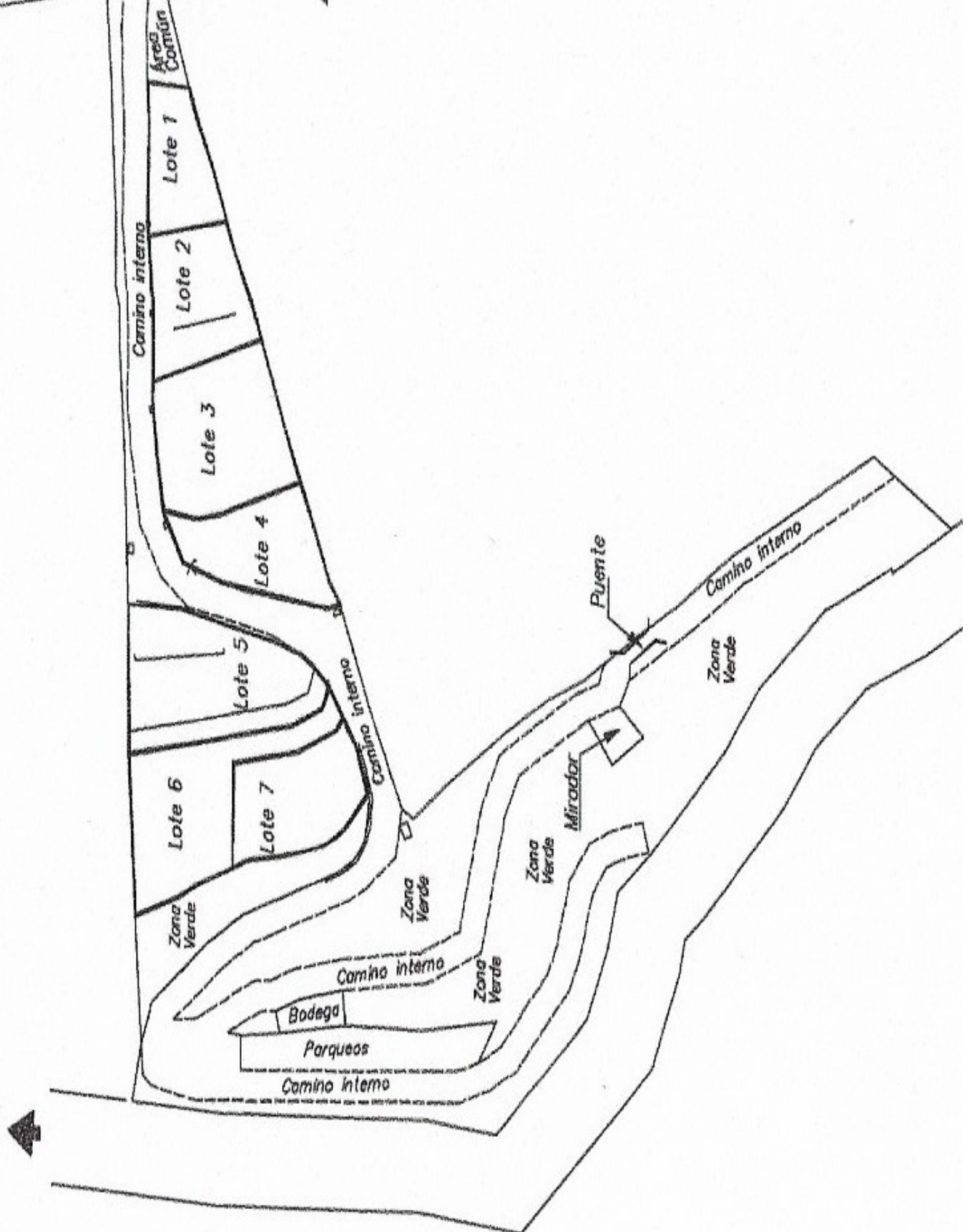
## **Residential Lot Availability: Vista Alta Subdivision**

**New Plats:** Lots in our new subdivision, Vista Alta, are now available. Beginning at \$40,000.

Lots begin at \$40,000 and range in size from 182 meters square (Lot 1) to 445 meters square (Lot 5). All have expansive fifty-mile views or better of the Pacific coastline and Gulf of Nicoya. **Plats available on request.**

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## Residence Availability: Vientos Bajos



Two bedrooms, three-bathroom home with lock-out/mother-in-law apartment, two-car parking. Furnished or unfurnished, \$1,200/month; \$169,000 sale price.

**New Apartments, Vientos Bajos.** We're making great progress on the remaining two apartments in Vientos Bajos. The current inventory is Buganvilla, a two-bedroom/one bathroom apartment, which rents for \$1,000/month, and Amapola, a two bedroom/two bathroom which, fully furnished, rents for \$1,100/month. A minimum six-month lease is required.



**Buganvilla, Available 17 August**



**Amapola Now Available**