



Vientos Bajos Codger

Activities in and around San Ramon



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Upcoming Activities

TubaChristmas / Madrigal, SAT, Dec 12	Vientos Bajos Activities Center (VBAC) SOLD OUT!
“O Christmas Tree”, DAILY, 6–7.30 PM (until 7 JAN)	Jardin la Torre (opp VBAC)
Walking Club, DAILY, 7AM:	VBAC
Pickleball, varied	VBAC
Golf Simulator, DAILY, 7 AM – 4 PM	VBAC
Contract Bridge, TUES, 1.30PM	VBAC
Gym, on call:	VBAC
Basketball, on call:	VBAC
Libraries, on call:	DVD, CD, Books, Picture Puzzles at VBAC
From JAN:	
Ukulele Band, WEDS, 10 AM	VBAC
Blue Grass, WEDS, 12.30 PM	VBAC
Recorder Ensemble, WEDS, 1.30 PM	VBAC
Low Brass, WEDS, 2.30 PM	VBAC

Vientos Bajos Update. We continue to guard against the virus, but construction and maintenance continue. We continue to maintain our small bubbles of activities, to include various music groups, cards, and pickleball. We have heard rumor that the vaccine may be available in Costa Rica by the end of FEB to mid-March. Costa Rica has taken the lid off international flights and we should see tourism slowly returning to normal, although the virus is still present. **Bottom line:** Until a vaccine is available to the general public, continue to social distance, wear masks when going out, and guard your bubble.

Here's what's happening at Vientos Bajos now:

1) Activities.

- a. **Pickleball:** We continue to offer space for two pickleball groups, one a more competitive group, the second a leisure group. Days and times vary, so if you're interested, please contact us to get on the WhatsApp list by emailing Rick at rickreimer49@gmail.com. Both groups continue to protect their bubble, playing with people with whom they've been playing for months, if not years.
- b. **Poker:** We moved poker to Saturdays since driving restrictions have been lifted for weekends.
- c. **Contract Bridge (new):** We're not looking for grand masters—just 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.
- d. **Music groups.** All practice groups are in final rehearsal for Madrigal, and will open for new members in January (each Wednesday). Please see schedule days/times in the Upcoming Activities table above. We've added another music group, Blue Grass jam. This latest group currently has a cello fiddle lead, along with a mandolin, guitar, bass, and accordion. We're open to anyone wanting to jam with us.
 - i. **Ukulele Band**
 - ii. **Blue Grass (new)**
 - iii. **Recorder Ensemble**
 - iv. **Low Brass**

This small bubble remains small. All groups are from four to eight in size. If interested in any of these groups/activities, please contact us at vientosbajos@gmail.com

- e. **Golf Simulator:** The golf simulator is up, running, and open for play. We can host as many as a foursome, and several of us are learning the intricacies of running the system. During the month of December, we will offer two play dates for you to determine if this is something you may want to do. We have extra sets of men's and women's clubs, although we currently don't have any left-handed sets for your use. After December, there will be a one-time buy-in of \$150 for use, and only those who have bought in will be able to use it. Monthly use fees for Vientos Bajos, 10,000 CRC/month will also apply. We're excited about how it's shaping up. Please email Rick at rickreimer49@gmail.com



f. **Other:** The gym and library remain available for members. The court is available for basketball when pickleball is not in play.

- 2) **Upcoming Events: *TubaChristmas/Christmas Madrigal, SAT, 12 DEC, 2020--SOLD OUT.*** *TubaChristmas* will begin at 11:30 AM, preceding the Christmas madrigal dinner on SAT, DEC 12, on the first floor of Vientos Bajos. The one-time performance for 2020 is sold out. If you feel we may have missed you accidentally and would like to be placed on the waiting list in case of cancelations, please email us at vientosbajos@gmail.com



TubaChristmas, San Ramon Gazebo, 2017

- 3) **O Christmas Tree!** We have completed the set up and “performances” will run from 6 PM to 7:30 PM through 7 JAN. If you come by in your car, the FM radio frequency for the music with which the lights are synchronized is 105.8.



Christmas Tree and Decorations

4) **Landscaping the New Entrance and Parking Lot.** After seven months of back-breaking construction, we're wrapping up the major landscaping and erosion control measures on our new addition, the connector between Jardin La Torre residences and our new lot development. This 3,500 square meter development includes the new off-road parking lot for Vientos Bajos, and a connecting service road from Call Empalme (the major road through El Empalme) leading to the upper residences on Jardin La Torre. It also will provide a lower entrance for the residential lot development—Jardin La Torre (2). Minor work will continue through the upcoming dry season.



New Entrance Gate to Parking Lot



Construction of ADA Ramp from Parking Lot to Road

With all the changes that are taking place, we're refreshing signage and exterior wall decorations, too.



New Sign with artist, Josef

5) **Residence Availability: Jardin La Torre and Vientos Bajos Residences for sale or rent.**

- a) **Colibri.** Two bed, one bath, \$750/month. Now ready for move-in, furnished or unfurnished.
- b) **Toucan. 2b2b, Furnished.** Available for a long-term lease, \$950/month.
- c) **Mariposa.** Two bed, three bath, lock-out mother-in-law apartment, furnished, \$1200/month.

If you're interested in any of these, please give us a call or email us at vientosbajos@gmail.com

6) **Residential building lots for sale.** In August, one of our neighbors approached us with a "deal we couldn't refuse." We now have purchased an additional 3,500 square meters of ocean view property adjacent to Jardin La Torre. Within in the next six months, we plan to turn it into several residential building lots, but given the entry into the rainy season, we plan to let it sit idle until the sun reappears for most of the day. If you have any interest, please feel free to contact us.

Merry Christmas, and stay safe!