

# Vientos Bajos Codger

## Activities in and around San Ramon

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### Upcoming Activities

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

**On Call: Libraries:** DVD, CD, Books, Picture Puzzles

#### Activities:

- Contract Bridge (1:30 PM, TUE) (Join WhatsApp List)
- Ukulele practice (10:30 AM, WED)
- Recorder Ensemble practice (1 PM, WED)
- Bluegrass pick-up band (2 PM, WED)
- Low Brass practice (3 PM, WED)
- Poker (12:30 PM FRI) (Join WhatsApp List)
- Gym open 7 AM-4 PM, DAILY
- Golf Simulator: Reservations required. (Join WhatsApp List)
- Pickleball: Per reservations. (Join WhatsApp List)

**Vientos Bajos Social Calendar Update.** In January, we began anew with activities in small, coordinated groups. Music groups, listed above, will remain open through February. Pickleball and golf will continue to remain open. If you want to participate, please contact us to coordinate dates and times: [vientosbajos@gmail.com](mailto:vientosbajos@gmail.com)

**Vientos Bajos Construction.** During the first week of January, we permanently closed the upper pickleball court in order to complete our 36' x 40' activities room. More detail below.

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

#### 1) Activities.

- 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: [vientosbajos@gmail.com](mailto:vientosbajos@gmail.com) Both groups continue to protect their bubble, playing with people with whom they've been playing for months, if not years.

- b. Golf Simulator:** Now fully functional, the Vientos Bajos golf experience is waiting for you. Whether it's the driving range, or you want to play 18 with a twosome, threesome, or foursome, the Opti-Shot system is now fully functional. Play requires knowledge of the system, which means that a qualified instructor will need to set you up and probably accompany your play, at least for the first time or two. Please contact us 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: [vientosbajos@gmail.com](mailto:vientosbajos@gmail.com)
- c. Poker:** Due to new license plate restrictions, we have moved poker to Fridays. 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 SignUp Genius app to ensure you're included for the Friday game: [vientosbajos@gmail.com](mailto:vientosbajos@gmail.com)



*Space for Eight*

- d. Contract Bridge:** Tuesdays, 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. 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.
- e. Music groups.** All practice groups are now in session. Since we are developing new repertoires, all groups will remain open, but only through February as we prepare a repertoire for a MAY 16 show.

- i. **Ukulele Band, 10:30 AM, WED.** Now ten players strong, this is the group to join if your music skills are not well developed, but you want to learn an instrument. We DO have an extra uke or two, but please let us know ahead of time if you plan to come so we can bring an extra instrument and run extra sheets of music for hand-out.
  - ii. **Recorder Ensemble, 1 PM, WED.** 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. **Blue Grass, 2 PM, WED.** Consider this at this time to be a 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. Advance notice is appreciated since we're playing from sheet music and we'll need to make copies for you.
  - iv. **Low Brass, 3 PM, WED.** Trombones, baritones/euphoniums, and tubas. All musicians in the group can read music, but none is ready to play in the Boston Pops Orchestra. Our sheet music is generally level 1.5 to 2.5. All players welcome, but please let us know ahead of time so we can copy music for you.
- f. **Other:** The gym and library remain available for members. FYI: Recently, we added an inversion table/board to our gym equipment. The court is available for basketball when pickleball is not in play. We also have a professional ping pong table.

2) **Upcoming Events: Veterans of Service Organizations Day, SAT, MAY 16.** Saturday, May 16 is US Armed Forces Day. We plan to celebrate it by hosting a recognition day for anyone and everyone who has served in uniform. This includes first responders, such as police, medical, or firefighters, and also uniformed government veterans such as postal workers and state and national park employees. The celebration will consist of a noon potluck and be accompanied by entertainment provided by our various musical groups. There will be a small fee to cover set-up, service, and clean-up, and it will be BYOB. The event will be open to both veterans and those who want to celebrate the contributions of veterans. If interested, please contact us: [vientosbajos@gmail.com](mailto:vientosbajos@gmail.com)

3) **VB Construction/Changes:** Conversion of upper pickleball court to Activities Room. Vientos Bajos began the year with new construction—beginning the long-planned third floor activities room. This 36' x 40' room will hold concerts, community theater, music rehearsals, ping-pong matches, card and other table games, potlucks, big-screen cinema, and any other recreational and

social activities which fit comfortably into this large space. We are also installing a small kitchenette, which will be available for the various activities. Design also includes an additional area for storage, the library, and a music practice room. Completion is expected by the end of March, although the room currently is in use.



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

**a. Colibri.** Two bed, one bath, \$750/month. Now ready for move-in, furnished or unfurnished.



b. **Mariposa.** Two bed, three bath with lock-out/mother-in-law apartment, furnished or unfurnished, \$1200/month.



c. **Amapola.** Two bed, two bath, furnished or unfurnished (\$1100/month), Vientos Bajos.



5) **Landscaping our New Development, *Vientos Altos*.** Our new subdivision is open for inspection. The service road is complete and the seven lots are now laid out.



*Curb and Gutter will be finished by mid-February*

By the end of February, we plan to have the road asphalted. In March and April, we will continue with anti-erosion work. *Vientos Altos* offers lots of various sizes, all with phenomenal views of the Gulf of Nicoya, the Nicoya peninsula, Puntarenas and Esparza, and the Pacific Ocean.



*5,000 Liter Tank now installed for Potable Water System*

By the end of March, all lots will have electricity and potable water run to the edges of all lots. If you're interested in seeing what we're doing, please contact us for a free tour.