

Vientos Bajos Codger

Activities in and around San Ramon

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Upcoming Activities at Vientos Bajos Activities Center

Daily	Walking Club: 7 AM
	Gym: 7 AM-4 PM
Tuesdays	Contract Bridge: 1:30 PM. Call to coordinate.
Fridays	Poker: 12:30 PM
On Call	Libraries: DVD, CD, Books, Picture Puzzles
	Golf Simulator: Reservations - Please contact us for scheduling.
	Pickleball: Reservations - If interested, please contact us to be added to the list.
TBD	Ukulele practice
	Bluegrass pick-up band
	Recorder Ensemble practice
	Low Brass practice

Vientos Bajos Update. In January, we begin anew with activities in small, coordinated groups. If you want to participate, please contact us to coordinate dates and times. During the second week of January, we will begin small-group practices for the various music groups. Due to license plate restrictions, we will coordinate with the various participants to determine which days work best. If you are interested in participating, please contact us.

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. 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. Although regular use will be for golf club members only, we're offering free use for a trial run—whether it's the driving range, or you want to play 18 with a twosome, threesome, or foursome. Play requires knowledge of the system, which means that a qualified instructor will need to set you up and probably accompany your play. Please contact us to schedule a time if you want to try it out.
- c. **Poker:** Due to new license plate restrictions, we have moved poker to Fridays.
- d. **Contract Bridge (new):** Tuesdays, 1:30 PM. The date has changed from Sundays because of new license plate restrictions. 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. Please contact us 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 will begin the second week of January. Since we are developing new repertoires, all groups will be open for new members in January. Again, please contact us so we can coordinate days and times convenient for all.
 - i. **Low Brass.** TBD
 - ii. **Recorder Ensemble.** TBD
 - iii. **Ukulele Band.** TBD
 - iv. **Blue Grass (new).** TBD. Consider it 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.
- 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.

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.

3) **Madrigal:** Judy and Alan Kerr served as the lord and lady of the manor this year. Saturday Knight (Kirk Thill) introduced the houses. The servers are Ana, Claudia, Felicia, and Maritza. Terry Handler led the string group on cello. Judy and Alan present the toasts. (Thanks to John Mitchell for these photos.)



Although the Madrigal Dinner went extremely well to a sold-out crowd, we think that the below photo of Caryl Buford captures the year of Covid. (Thank to Kirk Thill for this photo.)



4) **Landscaping the New Development, *Vientos Altos*.** In August, we purchased an additional 3,500 square meters (one-half manzana) that links to our new parking lot. We waited for the dry season to arrive, which thankfully occurred in early December, and have begun the landscaping work to form lots in a new subdivision. Work progressed throughout December, and we hope that the new addition, *Vientos Altos*, will be open for first inspection by the second week of January. Lots of various sizes all have phenomenal views of the Gulf of Nicoya, the Nicoya peninsula, Puntarenas and Esparza, and the Pacific Ocean. All lots will have electricity and potable water run to the lot's edge. If you're interested in seeing what we're doing, please contact us for a tour.



ADA Path to Parking Lot Completed



Garden Pathways Complete



Continuing work with Garden Terraces



Vientos Altos Stairway takes shape



Completed Sign

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

- 6) **Lots Available Soon, Vientos Altos.** If you're looking to build on a lot that provides a spectacular view and easy access to San Ramon, you may be interested in our latest enterprise.

Happy New Year, and stay safe!