



# 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

### Vientos Bajos Update.

As we enter June, 2020, Costa Rica has added more deaths, now a total of 10. However, this appears to remain the lowest number deaths and the lowest per capita death rate in the Western Hemisphere. San Ramon, in the past two weeks, has had a flurry of cases, more than tripling from last month's 11 to 36; this apparently has not yet impacted the retired, expat community of the San Ramon area yet.

**So, What's Happening at VB?** Last month we reported several changes and improvements, either actively being pursued or at least being contemplated. Here's an update:

**Management.** Rick Reimer and Kim Colthart continue scheduling and coordinating activities. When we resume operations they will be in charge of parking, collecting money, supervising cleaning, and helping with the marketing and conduct of special events.

**Golf Simulator.** The upscale golf simulator and all its pieces have arrived in FL—but due to continued flight restrictions, we haven't been able to pick it up, let alone install it.

Currently we have tickets to return to the States to pick it up in early JUL, but Costa Rica still hasn't relaxed travel restrictions, so this may need to be postponed.

**Activities.** As the Costa Rican government begins to lift restrictions, we have slowly begun to open up the activities center. We are currently providing space for leisure pickleball every other day at 1:30 PM. On Friday afternoons we have begun a small group for penny-ante poker. If you're interested in either group, please contact us at [vientosbajos@gmail.com](mailto:vientosbajos@gmail.com)

**Activities Room.** There is no change in converting the upper pickleball court to an activities room yet. The workers have been very busy assisting the Municipality on very necessary roadwork (see below).

**Apartments.** We remain about a month out on completion of the two bed/two bath apartment at Vientos Bajos. Everything but a few details are complete, but with the workers focused on the road work, we're saving inside work for the rain days to come.

**Houses.** We have rented Loro House and welcome Laraine Altun who is moving in JUL 1. We will close on the sale of Toucan on June 4 and welcome new owner Mark Lemke. We are also a month out on completing the additional master suites for each of the duplex units, making them 2 bed/one bath. Charles Evans moved out of Colibri, the lower duplex unit, as of 31 May, and we will use the next month to complete the master suite. So, if you're looking for a little more room on a secure campus, either at Vientos Bajos or Jardin la Torre, feel free to contact John Buford at [vientosbajos@gmail.com](mailto:vientosbajos@gmail.com) or visit our websites at [www.latorrecostarica.com](http://www.latorrecostarica.com) and [www.vientosbajos.com](http://www.vientosbajos.com) for more information.

**Landscaping and New Acquisition.** As mentioned last month, we have added property adjacent to Jardin La Torre. After massive work with a backhoe, we have roughed in an off-road parking lot for about 20 cars and a service road to the houses on the upper part of Jardin La Torre, now accessible by golf cart, scooter, or ATV.

**Roadwork.** Although the Municipality of San Ramon has taken the lead and is providing materials, skilled labor, and leadership, they have asked that we contribute at least two workers daily to assist with the manual labor. A month ago, they requested these for a two-week period. One month in, we're still providing (at our cost) two to five workers daily as the Municipality tries to stabilize the road just beyond Vientos Bajos and Jardin La Torre which has washed away for the past two years. The plan is to lay asphalt, and all of us hope that the JUL letter will happily announce completion of the project.

**Future Opening Date:** The Costa Rican government has lifted the restrictions on many of the social activities. Although we are now free to host limited activities, we are moving slowly in that direction. We've got a couple of shows and other organized activities in the can, but it will take us a couple of weeks to get activities up and running and even longer to program events since presenters will need to knock of the rust. We're hoping that by mid-JUN, we might begin a few more activities, but are keeping our ear close to the ground concerning the virus and government restrictions. Watch our Facebook page! In the meantime, keep your heads down, stay safe and healthy.