



Vientos Bajos Codger

Activities in and around San Ramon



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Upcoming Activities

7 AM, Daily:	Walking Club, 7 AM, Vientos Bajos
On Call:	Libraries: DVD, CD, Books, Picture Puzzles
12:30 PM, Now Saturdays	Poker
10 AM, Wednesdays	Ukulele Band
1:30 PM, Wednesdays	Recorder Ensemble
2:30 PM, Wednesdays	Low Brass
11:30 AM, DEC 12	TubaChristmas
12 noon, DEC 12	Madrigal Dinner (only six seats left!)

Vientos Bajos Update. Another month, and the virus continues to dominate the local, regional, national, and global news. From a recent *Tico Times*, "Costa Rica has the 31st-most new cases per 100,000 residents over the past seven days, according to data compiled by *The New York Times*. At 21.1 new cases per 100,000 people, this immediately trails the United States (21.4)." As of NOV 1, Costa Rica also has eliminated a Covid test requirement for those entering the country or the need to quarantine for 14 days once they arrive. **Bottom line:** Although we remain cautiously optimistic, until a vaccine is available to the general public, we highly recommend caution. Continue to social distance, wear masks when going out, and guard your bubble. We continue to guard our bubbles here, but that doesn't mean that we have shut down completely. 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, at 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. **Poker:** We're moving the Friday poker to Saturdays now that driving restrictions have been lifted for weekends. This small bubble remains small--about eight in size. If interested in either of these groups/activities, please contact us at vientosbajos@gmail.com

- c. **Music practices.** All practice groups are in final rehearsal for Madrigal, and will open for new members in January. If interested, please contact us at vientosbajos@gmail.com
- i. **Ukulele Band.** Meets 10 AM, Wednesdays]
 - ii. **Recorder Ensemble.** Meets 1:30 PM, Wednesdays
 - iii. **Low Brass.** Meets 2:30 PM, Wednesdays
- d. **Golf Simulator:** The golf simulator parts have all arrived and we are nearing completion of construction. We hope to be open for play in DEC. 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. We're planning that, during the month of DEC, we will offer two play dates without buy-in so you can 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 to rent. We're excited about how it's shaping up.



Golf simulator

2) Upcoming Events: *TubaChristmas/Christmas Madrigal, SAT, 12 DEC, 2020.* Because of the continuing Corona virus, we have scaled back both *TubaChristmas* and the Christmas Madrigal. *TubaChristmas* will precede the Christmas madrigal dinner on SAT, DEC 12, beginning at 11:30 PM on the first floor of Vientos Bajos. We have shortened the TC presentation from one hour to one-half hour, and are immediately following it with the Christmas Madrigal Dinner, to begin at Noon.



2019 Madrigal—Recorder Ensemble

The Madrigal Dinner also has been scaled back, eliminating the chorus this year, holding it to only one performance, and limiting the number of attendees to family and close friends of cast members. There are ONLY six seats left for our one-time performance for 2020. If you feel we may have missed you accidentally and would like to book or be placed on the waiting list in case of cancelations, please email us at vientosbajos@gmail.com

3) Landscaping the New Entrance and Parking Lot. Now, six months along in the process, 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.



Landscaping the steepest slopes—The hardest part is done



Stolen from Disney—Concrete-soaked material to cover the tire walls



Platform for Christmas Tree—Ready and Waiting



Construction of ADA Ramp from Parking Lot to Road



Bridge over not so troubled waters—now completed and awaiting traffic



Latest fleet addition--our yard mule

4) O Christmas Tree! We have completed the deck on which we plan to set up the 24-foot Christmas tree. We plan to set it up the week of NOV 16, and “performances” will run from 6 PM to 7:30 PM through 7 JAN.

5) Jardin La Torre (2). We completed the purchase of Jardin La Torre (2), an additional 3,500 square meters adjacent to our current holdings in late August, and began clearing the area of overgrowth. We have not disturbed major plantings, but have added some trees to the property. When the rainy season ends, we plan to complete a service road that links Calle La Torre to Calle Empalme through the VB parking lot for VB.

6) And finally, the Classified Ad: Jardin La Torre and Vientos Bajos Residences for sale or rent. Please look at our websites www.latorrecostarica.com and www.vientosbajos.com for general information or contact jcbuford@aol.com. The following is the most current information on availability:

- 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.
- d. **Amapola.** Two bed, two bath, located in Vientos Bajos, \$1,100/month. Ready for move-in, furnished or unfurnished.

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

In the meantime, watch our Facebook page for any mid-month updates, keep your heads down, stay safe, and healthy. We hope to see you as this pandemic slows down and allows us to circulate more.

9. 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.

Again, wishing you the best. Stay safe!