



# Vientos Bajos Codger



## Activities in and around San Ramon

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### Upcoming Activities

#### NEW!

**MON, 2 SEP, WED, 4 SEP: Beginning Pickleball**

**Daily Walking Club**

**Tu, Th, Sa, Su Pickleball (Regular Play)**

**NOV 17 Little Theatre Group**

**DEC 1, SUN TubaChristmas**

**DEC 14 & 15 Christmas Madrigal Dinner**

**Court Sports Basketball, Volleyball, Ping Pong, Badminton—Contact us**

to join Vientos Bajos—membership is 10k colones per month or 2k colones per use of the court. The classes will continue to be free. If you can't make the first or second class, no problem. Contact Rick or Kyle and see what you can schedule. If you can't make MON or WED, Kyle or Rick also may be available to schedule an alternate time if there are other students available.



### Free Beginning Pickleball Class, SEP 2019.

We know you've heard about the game. Interesting in seeing what it's like? Vientos Bajos is offering a one-month beginner's class—and it's FREE! Join our instructors, Kyle Baker and Rick Reimer to learn the basics of the game. Classes are offered Monday mornings at 8:30 AM, beginning 2 SEP, and Wednesday 4 SEP at 9 AM, on the VB courts. No previous sign-up is necessary—just show up, but be sure to wear appropriate shoes and shorts. (It can be a warm game.) Paddles and other pickleball equipment will be provided.

**Details:** The beginning class will last four weeks, teach the basics, and allow for play-time. Classes last 90 minutes. Attend your first two classes for free. If you decide to stick with it, you will be asked

**Proviso:** Not an athlete? Not to worry. Although basic athletic skills are an advantage, these skills aren't necessary to have fun, learn, and play the game. If you've been wanting to start or gently increase your exercise regimen, this may be what you've been looking for—an opportunity to learn a new game, increase your exercise, meet new people, and most importantly, have FUN. Don't let any perceptions like "I'm not an athlete" hold you back. Pickleball is the fastest growing 55+ recreational activity in the world. Join us to find out the reason.

### Walking Club - Daily.

For the past eight years, walkers have met regularly to experience different parts of the San Ramon area. Some bring dogs. This is a "join us if you want, or don't" activity. We generally meet at the chosen place to begin the walk at 7 AM and finish the walk within an hour. On a scale of 1-5, 5 being high, the walks generally are between 2.5

and 3.5. We walk seven days a week. Walk at your own pace. Some of the walks are loops, many are



25 to 30-minute walks with a turn-around. to be added to the email list, please contact [jsummers@gmail.com](mailto:jsummers@gmail.com)

### Low Brass Group.

We're distributing music and soon beginning rehearsal for this year's presentation of *TubaChristmas*, SUN, 1 DEC at Vientos Bajos, followed by a presentation at the Christmas Madrigal Dinner on 14 and 15 DEC, 2019. This will be our ninth consecutive *TubaChristmas* in Costa Rica and our seventh consecutive appearance at the Madrigal Dinner. If you have played a low brass instrument-- baritone/ euphonium, trombone, or tuba—have we got a deal for you! The music is level 1.5 to 2.5—pretty easy—and we've got three months to rehearse! If you're interested, please contact John Buford at [jcbuford@aol.com](mailto:jcbuford@aol.com) to get music and even coordinate an instrument!



**First *TubaChristmas* in Costa Rica, 16 DEC 2011**

### ***TubaChristmas*, SUN, 1 DEC, Vientos Bajos.**

This year, we'll be hosting the ninth consecutive *TubaChristmas* at Vientos Bajos. Music will begin at 2 PM, and the cost is FREE!

Of the more than 150 *TubaChristmases* to be performed around the world, *TubaChristmas Costa Rica* is the only one south of the United States in the Western Hemisphere. So if you're looking for something to put you in the Christmas spirit, we hope you'll join us. No RSVPs required—just show up!

### **Christmas Madrigal Dinner.**

Who's thinking about Christmas in September? We are! The Christmas Madrigal Dinner will be held at Vientos Bajos on SAT, 14 DEC, and SUN, 15 DEC, this year. If you're interested in attending, we're accepting reservations.

**Details:** The Dinner will start at 12 noon. RSVPs are required, but it's Pay-At-The-Door. Cost is 15k colones per person, or for groups of four or more, 13k colones per person. Price includes the full meal and entertainment, but not alcohol. VB has a BYOB policy. RSVP to [jcbuford@aol.com](mailto:jcbuford@aol.com)



Interested in being more than an audience member? We are looking for volunteers to serve as table coordinators. You'll be in costume (which we will provide) and have a very few responsibilities—such as introducing people at your table to the process, standing when the lord of the castle stands (and asking your table mates to do the same), introducing the table to the hall, leading the table through toasts, etc. If you've done this before, you'll find it's very easy. If you haven't, just watch the head table and follow what they do.

Unfortunately, there's only a small financial break for being a table host—the cost of the meal, costumes, and help will keep us at break-even at the current price. However, it will give you the opportunity to be in costume for a special occasion. If interested, please contact John Buford at [jcbuford@aol.com](mailto:jcbuford@aol.com)

### Variety Show, 11 AUG, 2019.

Several weeks ago, we were honored to present a Variety show, which showcased local and regional talent. Below are some photos which we hope you'll enjoy. If you were there, you may remember the moment the photo captured. Thank you, Janice Summers, for taking and sharing the photos!



George Sapio and Maura Stephens  
*Hocking Murray*, an original play by George Sapio



Over 60 attended the Variety Show.  
Thank you for your patronage!



Milt Peterson as Charley Weaver,  
presenting *Letters from Mt. Idy*



Recorder ensemble. L-R, Milt Peterson, John Buford, Terry Handler, Ben Knab, Kirk Thill



Susan and Ben Knab sang.



Terry and Laura Handler played.



And a potluck followed.  
Thank you all for the wonderful food!!



Judy Kerry supported Laura and Terry in an unforgettable performance.



And try as we might, how can forget "*If I Were Not Upon the Stage?*" L-R-Milt, Laura, Terry, Judy, Ben, May Worth, and John Buford