Roundtable Notes: Close Quarters at Hayward

- Whenever you get in a tight situation, or something's not quite going like you want, make sure you have flying airspeed and a clear flight path. (Richard)
- Of the two threats here, a mid-air collision and a stall-spin close to the ground, the stall-spin is the more dangerous item. It's a big sky and you can probably avoid the other airplane. (Sarah)
- The south wind means the pilot must turn past runway heading to avoid the overshoot. (Sarah)
- There's no guarantee the Tower controller will see this situation in time to prevent a collision. (Kevin and Richard)
- Cirrus guidance on a go-around says to apply full power and level the wings. (Sarah)
- Cirrus guidance doesn't take into account there being another airplane in the direction of a wings-level climb. (Kevin)
- In gliders, it's standard procedure to practice rope breaks by unloading the wings and banking steeply. The glider turns just fine without back pressure. (Wally)

"If only the Cirrus pilot had been a little more focused on positioning his own airplane, and flying predictably and precisely, this scenario could have been avoided." — Dave

- During the go-around, you may lose sight of the other airplane(s). (Wally and Dave)
- Banking steeply close to the ground is a serious mental challenge for any pilot not trained for it. (Sarah and Dave)
- The natural inclination is to bank away from a potential collision. What you should do is bank to keep the conflicting airplane in sight to maneuver clear of it. (Richard)
- The opposite pattern is to a runway with a displaced threshold, so the Cessna on base traffic is likely higher than the Cirrus. (Wally)
- The pilot should have briefed the fact that a tailwind on base (and the low traffic pattern) would likely cause an overshoot. (Sarah)
- A low pattern requires attention to maintain enough distance on downwind. (Tom)
- Parallel offset runways are the highest risk scenario for collisions in the pattern. (Richard)

