



# IBM Alumni Club Newsletter



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## President's Chat

Another year has passed and the festivities of the holiday season are just memories. Time to plan for some fun in 2016. The committees of the club have lots of opportunities for you to choose from. A trip to Europe? A river cruise right here in the USA? How about a day trip adventure? How about a trip to an Indian Casino? And don't forget the ongoing club activities like the June Picnic, RV Club, the PC Club, and the Hiking Group. Also, for active alumni there is bowling and golf. Find your interest and go for it!!

Why not ask a few IBM Alumni who are not attending any of the above to join you? Read this newsletter and sign up for an activity.

Please take note that the Annual Picnic has been moved to Thursday, June 9, from 2 days earlier, so you will have a full day to go to the polls.

Have a great spring.

See you at the picnic!

**George Walker**

## Annual IBM Alumni Club Picnic

Thursday June 9, 2016 –10:30 AM to 3:30 PM



The annual Club Picnic will be held at Guglielmo Winery, 1480 East Main Avenue, Morgan Hill. (Coming south on Hwy 101, turn left at E Dunne Ave, left at Condit Rd and right at East Main Ave. Coming south on Monterey Road or Santa Teresa Blvd turn left on Main and go over Hwy 101.) Free parking is available across the street at the High School parking lot.

More information and a sign up form will be in the April and May newsletters.

*Mark your calendar now!*

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**sjqcc.com**

**IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting**  
Thursday, March 17, 2016, 10:00 AM  
LDS Church  
150 Bernal Road, San Jose, CA 95119

**IBM PC Club Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 5:00 pm  
**Windows 10**  
Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

**Membership Report**

**Bev Baker**

**February 18, 2016**

Active Members: 1662  
Newsletters mailed: 64  
Members who read online: 1441

**Change of Address**

Please send in your new mailing address,  
your new e-mail address, your new phone  
number, or a request for on-line news-  
letters.

By e-mail: [membership@ibmsjrc.org](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)

By U. S. Mail: Walt Cole  
5868 Pentz Way  
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**New Member**

**Rich Chacon**

**In Memoriam**

**Jim Belleson  
Raymond Jue  
Susan Mary Kane**

**Dick Klann**

**Willie B. Murray**

**Ron Robinson**

*from February newsletter*

**Harry L. Hill  
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and to find answers to benefit  
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**800-796-9876**

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**IBM Club Discounts**

**Movie passes & See's Candy Discounts**  
*The above items are available at the  
ticket office at SVL. Everything else the  
IBM Club offers is available only online.*

AMC: gold \$8.25  
Regal/United Artists: \$7.00; Cinelux: \$7.25  
Century/Cinemark: \$8.00

Payment by check or money order only, made paya-  
ble to **IBM Club**. No cash. No credit cards.

**Ticket Hours:**

**Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

IBM Club Office Contact:

**Frank Vitale - 408-927-2106**

**e-mail: [tcsports@us.ibm.com](mailto:tcsports@us.ibm.com)**

See other ticket discounts at  
[www.ibmsjrc.org](http://www.ibmsjrc.org)

Click **IBM CLUB ANYDAY TICKETS**

Discount tickets to many places are  
online at the IBM Club website:

**California Academy of Sciences**

**Six Flags Discovery Kingdom**

**Monterey Bay Aquarium**

**Legoland, Universal Studios**

**SeaWorld, Disneyland**

*There is a link on the club web site,  
"Bay Area IBM Club Discounts,"  
that will get you more directly to the  
discounts in the above list.*

**Sunshine**

**Don House** is continuing his battle  
against cancer and has been keep-  
ing it in control for more than 3  
years. He is not in remission nor is  
the cancer growing so he is main-  
taining the status quo. He has a very  
optimistic outlook and appreciates  
all the support of family and friends.

If you know of anyone who is under  
the weather or is facing medical  
problems and could use a greeting  
card from the Club, please call me.  
Newsletter publication only occurs if  
the person named agrees to share.

**Pat Motta 408-264-5821**

**[paelgin@yahoo.com](mailto:paelgin@yahoo.com)**

## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Mar 7-9, 2016	Snow Train to Reno		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Mar 8, 2016	PC Club - Windows 10		2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Mar 17, 2016	IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408 268-7623
Mar 18, 2016	Hike: Rancho Canada del Oro		8	Henry Bender	408-225-3039
Apr 22, 2016	Hike: Sierra Azul		8	Henry Bender	408-225-3039
Apr 29-May 13, 2016	England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
May 3, 2016	Casino: Colusa		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 12, 2016	Elkhorn Slough Safari		8	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
May 12-27, 2016	Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean		4	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
May 26, 2016	A Day With Doug McConnell		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
June 9, 2016	<b>Annual IBM Alumni Club Picnic</b>		1	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
June 12, 2016	William Florian Concert & Luncheon		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
July 12, 2016	Casino: Feather Falls		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 24-29, 2016	Big Hike: Mammoth Lakes area		—	Bill Desler	408-268-3025
July 24-Aug 1, 2016	Inspiring Iceland		5	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Aug 2-4, 2016	Reno: Hot August Nights		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 28-Sep 4, 2016	Best of Eastern Canada		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Sep 13, 2016	Afternoon in the Vineyard		—	George Nale	408 779-4275
Sep 25-Oct 3, 2016	Mississippi River Cruise		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
Oct 11, 2016	Casino: Cache Creek		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Oct 23-Nov 4, 2016	Cruise: Seine River from Paris to Normandy		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Mar 23-Apr 6, 2017	Hawaii Cruise from San Francisco		—	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437

### Krazy Kampers

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club, the Krazy Kampers. The club has been around for over 20 years and we would like to invite other IBM retirees who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a

Feb 18-21, 2016	Pismo Coast Village	Bruce Reed	408-268-5393
March 17-20, 2016	Marina Dunes	Joe Barcellos	408-776-1533
April 7 - 9, 2016	Paso Robles	Gil Hernandez	408-315-8183
May 12 - 14, 2016	Smithwoods, Felton	Larry Turley	408-629-5371
June 22 - 25, 2016	Jackson Rancheria RV Park	Les Greatbanks	510-234-9271
July 28 - 31, 2016	Flag City RV Resort, Lodi	Ted Head	408-440-7137
Sep 15 - 17, 2016	Bodega Bay	Joe Barcellos	408-776-1533

### TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block of the bus or hotel
- 3 Average walking (3 blocks or more) sightseeing in museums and attractions
- 4 Very active walking, may include airport departures, climbing on and off trains and attractions, may involve high altitudes (9000+) and possible weather extremes

# Travel Adventures

## The Great American Steamboat September 25 - October 3, 2016

The American Queen will bring us down the Mississippi from St. Paul, MN, to St. Louis, MO, during the most beautiful time of the year. Autumn should be ready to show off its vibrant colors and the many shades of foliage.

From Hop-On Hop-Off buses we can comfortably walk right into the different towns to explore their histories, discover interesting places and do some shopping. Great care has been taken to restore beautiful and important buildings—the 1930's Art Deco Theater, the Dubuque Grand Opera House, the Smithsonian-affiliated National Mississippi River Museum and of course, the Dubuque County Jail, where Butch Cassidy once resided. View antique cars at the Dahl Auto Museum, see the friendship and botanical gardens, heritage centers, Native American stores and Historic Nauvoo's Family Living Center and board the Twainland Express for a journey in the spirit of Samuel Clemens. In St. Luke's church, the light is filtered through over 100 Tiffany stained glass windows and in Quad Cities we will be treated to American Roots, music at the River Music Experience.

On our trip from St. Paul, going south to St. Louis, we'll visit Red Wing, La Crosse, Dubuque, Burlington and Hannibal.

This 9-day tour starts at **\$3800** and includes air, transfers to and from airports, luggage handling, hotel in St. Paul, travel insurance, all meals and entertainment aboard ship, free Hop-On Hop-Off bus, complimentary beer and wine for dinner, port taxes, gratuities for dining and cabin steward and more...

For a brochure or for more information, contact **Christina Anhorn**. email: [leswede@aol.com](mailto:leswede@aol.com); home phone: **831-438-3437**; cell phone: **831-818-4313**

## Exploring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

April 29 – May 13, 2016

Discover the cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on this comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Includes a city tour of London, dining in a British pub, a tour of Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the changing of the guard. On to Stonehenge with its mysterious formations that date back to the Stone Age. See the elegant city of Bath and visit the 2000 year old Roman Bath Museum. Off across the beautiful Welsh countryside and on to the coastal town of Fishguard, where we'll board a ferry crossing the Irish Sea and arrive in Ireland. Travel to historic Blarney Castle and then on to the Ring of Kerry with its magical scenery. Marvel at the vista of windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. We'll venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. We ferry back to Holyhead, Wales. We will stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle where The Prince of Wales was crowned. Journey on to Lake Windermere, Ambleside, and Grasmere, crossing into Scotland. Stop at Gretna Green and a guided tour of Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city and Castle (home to the Scottish crown jewels). Take a guided tour of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence and former home to Mary, Queen of Scots. Back en route to England visit Hadrian's Wall. In York walk the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th century Minster. On to Coventry and charming Stratford-upon-Avon as we visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and Anne Hathaway's thatched-roofed cottage.

Deposit to hold your seats is \$250 per person. Included -- 20 meals (13 breakfasts, 7 dinners), round trip air from SFO, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, hometown pickup/return, free parking at the secured IBM site on Bailey Road. After October 30, the regular base per person rates are Double \$4949. Single \$5849. Triple \$4899.

Contact: **Sharry and Art Dill** email: [arthdill@comcast.net](mailto:arthdill@comcast.net) for bro-

## Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean with 2 nights in Rome

May 12 - 27, 2016

Visit the beautiful island of Sicily. We will stay in the lovely cities Taormina, Syracuse, Agrigento, Palermo and Rome. Stroll the markets, visit medieval seaside towns, and take a walk through Corleone, the city made famous in the Godfather novel. We will take an excursion to the Valley of the Temples, see some ancient Greek ruins and the Temple of Concordia, and have lunch with a Sicilian family at their country house. We will have a guided tour of Ortygia, the historical gem of Syracuse where we experience medieval streets, and Baroque structures. In our stay in Taormina, we will visit the city's greatest landmark, the Greco-Roman amphitheater, built in the third century BC. Our tour will take us to towering Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. In Mitogio, we will experience a traditional home-hosted lunch by another Sicilian family. In Rome, after breakfast, we will have a panoramic tour of the city and see a number of landmarks and monuments that depict the history of this beautiful city.

This amazing 15-day tour is priced at **\$4,345** (air included) per person, double occupancy or single occupancy (yes, no single supplement charge), also includes transportation from San Jose to SFO, air taxes and fees, hotels and 26 meals: 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners. Brochure available upon request.

Contact: **Bob Martinez 408-778-2978 cell 408-835-3393**, e-mail: [bobloves2travel@yahoo.com](mailto:bobloves2travel@yahoo.com)

# Travel Adventures

## The Best of Eastern Canada

### Niagara Falls and Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa

1000 Lakes region, Niagara-On-The-Lake

August 28 - September 4, 2016

This tour begins in the largest French-speaking city in the world, Montreal. Our city tour takes in Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University, views of Notre Dame and St. Joseph's Oratory, and concludes high atop Mount Royal, with some breathtaking views of the scenery below. Later you can explore the city's famous underground shopping. We now move on to the fabulous Quebec City where we have a sightseeing tour, and that evening enjoy dinner at one of Quebec's fine restaurants. The next day we have breakfast at a local sugar shack in the Quebec countryside. Learn about the traditions of maple syrup making and sample some delicious traditional foods made with maple syrup. We now head for Ottawa, the capital city of Canada. We will visit Byward Market known for fruits, vegetables, flowers, and arts and crafts. While in Ottawa don't forget to try the local specialty pastry, Beavertail, a must. On our way to Toronto, we stop in Rockport to enjoy a memorable cruise of the 1000 Islands region. We end our tour in Toronto, capital of Ontario, where we visit the amazing Niagara Falls and board a ship for an incredible journey under the falls. We will also have some time to visit and shop in the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a beautiful place to stroll or take a carriage ride.

This exciting 8 day tour is priced at **\$2,999** per person, double occupancy. Included: hotel, roundtrip airfare, air taxes, hotel transfers and 11 meals: 7 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Brochures available upon request.

Contact me, **Bob Martinez**, [bobloves2travel@yahoo.com](mailto:bobloves2travel@yahoo.com), or phone: 408-778-2978 home, 408-835-3393 cell

## Inspiring Iceland

July 24 - August 1, 2016

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature. Massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. Travel the incredible GOLDEN CIRCLE, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100 foot double cascade. Journey to the Snaefellsnes Peninsula. Catch a glimpse of Hallmundarhraun, the largest lava field in this region, where lava emanated from the northwestern slopes of the Langjokull (long glacier). Embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400 year old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland Shark. See the fishing boat that was used by their grandfather, visit the tiny church, and explore the museum to learn more about Iceland's deep relationship with this trade. We travel north and stop at the home of Erik, the Red, now a museum. Enjoy immersing yourself in the nature of Iceland on your horseback riding excursion, or spend the day reflecting and relaxing in the geothermal Myvatn Nature Baths. Travel out to the Reykjanes Peninsula, home of the famed Blue Lagoon. Enjoy a short ferry ride to Videy Island to dine at Videyjarstofa (Vidy House), the original residence of Skuli Magnusson, known as the "Father of Reykjavik," who founded Iceland's first industrial enterprise, woodworking shops.

Includes airfare. 10 meals included: 7 breakfasts and 3 dinners. There are no more than 24 people per tour!

Cost is **\$5199** until January 25, 2016, then it goes to **\$5399**

Contact **Bill Bartz** 408-971-8928 email: [bartz.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:bartz.bill@yahoo.com)

## Cruise the Beautiful Seine River from Paris to Normandy

October 23—November 4, 2016

Cruise the Seine River for 11 nights, exploring fascinating stops along the way. Spend one night Paris, and only unpack 2 times the whole trip! We will have a panoramic Paris city tour and some free time in this magnificent city.

We will join the cruise ship in Paris and enjoy a magical illuminated evening sail on the River Seine. Our tour continues with an excursion through the "Rivers of Light," traveling to the picturesque village of Auvers-sur-Oise, a creative inspiration to many impressionists from Van Gogh to Cezanne and Monet. Sail on to Vernon and visit Giverny, home and gardens of famous impressionist Claude Monet. Enjoy a home-hosted visit and explore Chateau Gaillard, fortress of Richard the Lionheart, and delight in gourmet-tasting of French delicacies. We will have included walking tours of historic Rouen, Caudebec, the Palace of Fecamp and explore the Cliffs of Etretat. Discover Honfleur, a charming fishing village and historic old port.

We will have a full-day visit to the beaches of Normandy including the battery at Longues-sur-Mer, Pointe du Hoc, and Arromanches. Stand atop the cliffs of Omaha Beach and pay your respects at the WWII American Cemetery. Choose to go to the optional town of Bayeux to see the Bayeau Tapestry, 230 feet embroidered with the scenes of the 1066 Normandy invasion of England. Enjoy your own personal headset on all included and optional tours during the base trip.

Experience this wonderful tour for \$3995. Cost of tour includes all port fees. Plus add \$1300 for the cost of international air which includes airport transfer and taxes, fees and fuel surcharges. Or feel free to make your own air arrangements. Local guide and bus driver gratuities are included in the cost of the tour.

We will have a trip presentation on April 21, 2016 at 11:00 am at the Cup and Saucer Restaurant, 1375 Blossom Hill Rd., San Jose, Coffee and muffins will be available. Please RSVP to **Sharry and Art Dill**, 831-338-3069 or email, [arthdill@comcast.net](mailto:arthdill@comcast.net)

## Day Trips

### A Day With Doug McConnell

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Don't miss this special opportunity to spend a day with Doug McConnell from Bay Area Backroads and Open Road. Doug will be your guide as you visit Bear Valley at Pt. Reyes. Spend some time at the visitors center and then take an easy walk along what's called the Earthquake Trail that interprets the huge 1906 quake and how it affected that area. For those who can manage a short, paved, uphill stroll, you'll also visit the Morgan Horse barns and interpretive center. Doug will travel aboard the coach sharing facts and personal stories along the way. A picnic lunch from Whole Foods is included.

Escorted tour includes: roundtrip transportation, guided tour, hosted lunch and driver gratuity. All this for **\$86** per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact

**Bill Souza at (408) 335-9263 (Cell) or  
bsouza6280@aol.com**

### William Florian Concert & Luncheon

Sunday, June 12, 2016

William Florian, former lead singer of pioneering folk act The New Christy Minstrels, takes you on a trip down memory lane with the songs you love—Those Were the Days: (The Spirit & Songs of the '60s), NCM hits such as "Green, Green" and "This Land Is Your Land." Florian performs favorites from Peter, Paul and Mary, John Denver, Pete Seeger, The Mamas & the Papas and Bob Dylan, plus some uplifting original tunes. In this intimate show at Antioch's El Campanil Theatre, Florian will also entertain with behind-the-scenes stories that'll bring to life that dynamic decade.

Prior to the show we'll enjoy a hosted luncheon at La Veranda in Old Town Pittsburg, with an entrée choice of grilled salmon, chicken saltimbocca, or eggplant parmigiana with nonalcoholic beverage and dessert.

All this for \$98.00 per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact

**Bill Souza at (408) 335-9263 (Cell) or  
bsouza6280@aol.com**

## Bowling

### One More Time League

#### Cambrian Lanes (Camden & Union)

The standings are:

First Place Team - *Team 11* - Maria Stout, Georgi Carls,  
and Kathy Gavino

Second Place Team - *Patty's Devils* - Pat Falkowski, Charlie  
Camilleri, Jim Porter, and Sal Garcia.

#### HIGH SCORES

##### WOMEN

##### MEN

#### SCRATCH GAME

236—Faye Fritz

269—Kelley Wood

#### SCRATCH SERIES

569—Marilyn Bianco

693—John Cesario

#### HANDICAP GAME

229—Betty Cobarrubias

279—Jim Porter

#### HANDICAP SERIES

713—Marilyn Bianco

741—Kelley Wood

We had a meeting regarding the uncertainty of Cambrian bowling alley due to the sale of the shopping center and contracts running out next year. It was decided that we will move to Morgan Hill bowling alley beginning with the Summer League this year. If you want to join us there please contact me.

We do have openings due to the drop outs for health reasons and surgeries.

We have not heard anything about the Watson Trophy tournament, so stay tuned for info to follow.

Carol Hughes - secretary 408-224-1739

## Casino Trips

All the day trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

**Parking:** Capitol Expressway & Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G.

Depart: 7:30 am. Openings exist for all trips. Call today!

**March 7-9, 2016, Snow Train to Reno** The bus takes us to the train, baggage goes by bus, 2 nights at El Dorado hotel in Reno with breakfast buffet each morning.

**May 3, 2016, Colusa Casino**

**July 12, 2016, Feather Falls Casino**

**August 2-4, 2016, Hot August Nights, Reno**

**October 11, 2016, Cache Creek Casino**

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, 408-377-4314,  
topray4314@att.net**

## Tee-2-Tee Golf

### Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

**February 4, 2016:** It didn't rain!

Low Net:			We also counted the number of putts.
1st	Armin Kluth	55	1st Don Striecher 29
2nd	Bill Bartz	59	2nd Armin Kluth 30
3rd	Patrice Haggerty	60	3rd Jim Stonehouse 34
4th	Jim Stonehouse	61	Bill Bartz 34
	Nestor Delevaux	61	

The weather was a bit cool, but enjoyable. Deep Cliff Golf Course had some course remodeling during the past several months. It's much more enjoyable now, and with all the rain, the grass is even GREEN!

The next golf dates are Thursdays, March 3 and April 7, 2016. Play starts at **10:00 am** sharp. Please be there by **9:30 am** to sign in and get your lunch ticket.

If you wish to play, call or email Bill Bartz or Darrel Jensen and bring your check to the golf course on the day of the tournament.

Make checks payable for **\$26.00** to "Tee-2-Tee Golf."

You will receive a round of golf, a sandwich, a soft drink and maybe prize money!

If it rains, call the Deep Cliff Golf Course to find out if we have canceled, 408-253-5357, extension 5.

**More Golfers Needed!**

**Bill Bartz, 408-971-8928, bartz.bill@yahoo.com**  
**Darrel Jensen, 408-371-6652, dj-special.use@att.net**

## Par Tee Golf

**Contact: Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329 or lascolandy@comcast.net**

**Coyote Creek-Valley February 8, 2016.** The Shot-of-the-Day goes to Fred Mitchell. On #1, a 347-yard par four, Fred hit his third shot 50 yards over a barranca (ravine) into the cup for birdie! Great shot, Fred! We had a large turnout of 61 golfers on a beautiful, warm and sunny day. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 121	Terry Gray	Dennis Niemeyer	Lewis Brady	Greg Turner
2 / 124	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Darell Bellah	James Taubodo*
3 / 125	Khanh Nguyen	Wayne Hayes	Jorge Gonzalez	Magnus Mathiasson

\* = Blind Draw

Closest-To-Pin	#7	#11	#13	#17
<b>Men</b>	Eric Schrader	Larry Villatore	Al Carlson	Ray Sanchez
	Patrick Arnett	Dennis Niemeyer	Andy La Scola	Lewis Brady
	Wayne Hayes	Lou Tolbert	Greg Turner	Bud Crockett
<b>Ladies</b>	Rosalie Baylot			Nina Correa

Looking ahead at our schedule:

Date	Course	Cost/Due	Notes
March 14	Spring Hills	\$32.00 February 24	Includes Prize Fund - Cart Optional- Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome
April 4	Laguna Seca	\$40.00 March 16	Includes Prize Fund - Cart Optional- Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome

**Notes:**

1. Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the IBM Alumni Club web site: [www.ibmsjrc.org](http://www.ibmsjrc.org) for latest Par Tee Golf information or call Andy.
2. IBM alumni and friends are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club Tournaments.
3. Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means Jeans or Levi's are NOT allowed.
4. If you have NEVER had an NCGA Card, you may get one by joining the IBM Retiree Par Tee Golf Club. The cost is \$52.00. Contact Terry Gray @ (408) 629-8893, or send an email to: [tgolf18@aol.com](mailto:tgolf18@aol.com)
5. Early signups are very much appreciated. Please do not wait to the last minute to sign up. You might not get in!
6. Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf." Please make your checks for only one tournament at a time. (If you are signing up for two tournaments, send two checks). The mailing address for signups is:

Par Tee Golf                      P. O. Box 53535                      San Jose, CA 95153-0535

Include your GHIN number and your e-mail address (if I don't have already have them on file). Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (Note: If you do not sign up as a foursome, your group may be split up.)

## Hikes

### March 18 Hike: Rancho Canada del Oro, 9:30 am

Meet in the parking lot on Casa Loma Road. Restroom and trail maps are there.

See <http://www.openspaceauthority.org/trails/rancho.html>

We'll hike the Mayfair Ranch Loop 4.3 miles, about 800 vertical feet, gentle up and down slopes, about 2 hours. It has some nice displays of flowers, trees and shade, and one picnic bench near its half-way point.

Getting there: From Highway 101 or 85 or Santa Teresa Blvd., turn west onto Bailey Avenue. At the T-intersection with McKean Road turn left. Drive McKean Road (Highway G8) southeast past Calero Reservoir and a golf course and over the hill to the point where McKean becomes Uvas Road. Turn right onto Casa Loma Road. Avoid hitting a rooster or turkey crossing the road. Drive 1.6 miles to where the pavement ends. Turn left there into the Rancho Canada del Oro parking lot.

Contact: **Henry and Barbara Bender, 408-225-3039**

### April 22 Hike: Sierra Azul, 9:30 am

Meet at the Sierra Azul parking lot on Hicks Road. Maps and a restroom are available there.

We'll hike Woods Trail out 2.7 miles to an intersection with Barlow Road trail and back. For descriptions of the abundant birds, butterflies, wildflowers, trees and shrubs with photos, see <http://bahiker.com/southbayhikes/sierraazul/sierraazul2.html>.

This shady, 5.4 mile out and back hike is moderately easy on a wide dirt fire road, without a lot of up and down—it does have some, of course.

More details in the April newsletter.

Contact: **Henry and Barbara Bender, 408-225-3039**

## New Day Trip

### Elkhorn Slough Safari

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Join your IBM alumni friends for a 2-hour naturalist guided safari cruise through the Elkhorn Slough. This tour is marine mammal and spring babies focused. It's an exciting way to visit this natural habitat that will provide excellent opportunities to view and photograph wildlife close at hand, with an in-depth look at the various aspects of slough ecology and fascinating history shared by your guide. We'll also visit the Elkhorn Slough Reserve visitors center and enjoy a naturalist guided walk. A hosted lunch at Phil's Fish Market is included. Remember to bring a small cooler to do some fresh seafood shopping. We'll also make a stop at a roadside fresh produce stand on our return trip.

All this for \$102.00 per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact **Bill Souza at 408-335-9263 (cell) or [bsouza6280@aol.com](mailto:bsouza6280@aol.com)**.