



IBM Alumni Club Newsletter



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President's Chat

2016 is underway. It's time to plan for some fun. 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.

See you at the picnic!

George Walker

Annual Silicon Valley IBM Alumni Club Picnic

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Guglielmo Winery

1480 East Main Ave., Morgan Hill

\$25.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: June 3, 2016. No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!

Menu: C. B. Hannegan's BBQ meats, and all the trimmings

Cancellations must be received by June 3, 2016, if you wish a refund!

Directions to Winery: go south on 101 or on Santa Teresa, go east on East Dunne Ave., left at Condit Road, right at East Main Ave. There is free parking across the street in the High School parking lot.



Schedule: The facility is ours for 5 hours
10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Visiting, Drinks, Gift Shop
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm - Announcements, Raffle
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Games (Bingo & Golf Putting)

This facility does not require setup so we will not have morning coffee or goodies.

There will be wine for sale by the bottle or the glass. Their gift shop will be open.

Picnic Reservation Form

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1480 East Main Ave., Morgan Hill

No tickets will be mailed. You pick them up at the registration table the day of the event.

Don't forget to bring old eyeglasses.

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____ 2nd Guest: _____

Total number of persons who will attend the Picnic ____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to IBM Alumni Club, and write PICNIC in the memo field.

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IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 10:00 AM
LDS Church
150 Bernal Road, San Jose, CA 95119

IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 5:00 pm
Photoshop Elements 14
Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Bev Baker

March 17, 2016

Active Members: 1662
Newsletters mailed: 45
Members who read online: 1462

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 newsletters.

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

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

none this month...

In Memoriam

**Marjorie Foskett
Leno Gemo
Grace Gemo
Virgil Lester Hall
Dennis Kennedy
Richard Allen Lyon
Robert Masterson
Michael Mounts
Marcella Olsen
Dennis Wheelwright**

To report life-changing events, and to find answers to benefit questions, contact:
IBM Employee Services Center

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 payable 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

See other ticket discounts at
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

Betty Cobarrubias is at home after a stroke and is receiving physical therapy trying to recover movement on her left side. She has a lot of work ahead of her.

Bill Bartz is recuperating from a second back surgery and is resting at home.

Betty Botoni had a bad fall but is getting better every day. She has a positive attitude and is grateful she had no broken bones.

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

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Apr 12, 2016	PC Club - Photoshop Elements 14		2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Apr 16, 2016	Hike: West Pinnacles National Park		8	Bruce Baumgart	408-799-8998
Apr 21, 2016	IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408 268-7623
Apr 22, 2016	Hike: Sierra Azul		8	Henry Bender	408-225-3039
Apr 29-May 13, 2016	England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales		—	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
May 3, 2016	Casino: Colusa		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 12, 2016	Elkhorn Slough Safari <i>(sold out)</i>		—	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
May 12-27, 2016	Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean		4	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
May 20, 2016	Hike: UC Berkeley Botanical Garden		8	Bev Baker	408-930-3618
May 26, 2016	A Day With Doug McConnell		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
June 9, 2016	Annual IBM Alumni Club Picnic		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		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437

Krazy Kampers

We are a group of IBM Alumni 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 Alumni who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area.

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; home phone: **831-438-3437**; cell phone: **831-818-4313**

Hawaii

April 23 - May 8, 2017

A fifteen-night cruise on board the Grand Princess sailing round trip from San Francisco

The ship will visit these ports (tours available at each one):

Hilo, Hawaii (the Big Island): a city like a giant greenhouse with tropical flowers at every turn. Only 30 miles away is the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, the home of the active Kilauea Volcano.

Honolulu, Oahu: Home to almost half a million people, offering a wealth of historic, cultural and scenic attractions. Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head are two of the city's enduring symbols. Pearl Harbor is the site of the USS Arizona Memorial, a World War II historical site. The Polynesian Cultural Center transports you into a different world.

Lahaina, Maui: This island boasts stunning landscapes and superb beaches. Mt. Haleakala, a dormant volcano, rises 10,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean. Maui's Iao Valley is a tropical paradise dominated by the Needle, a volcanic monolith towering over the valley floor. Then there is Lahaina, once home to a royal court and a raucous port-of-call enjoyed by 19th-century Yankee whalers. A trip to Hana in an 8-seat limo over 59 bridges, around 620 curves will take your breath away.

Nawiliwili, Kauai: Named after the Wiliwili trees, which once lined its picturesque harbor, this lovely port of Kauai is your gateway to what many believe to be Hawaii's most beautiful island. On "The Garden Island," nature is truly the star, from the dramatic mountains of Koke'e to the cool rain forests of Haena.

Ensenada, Mexico: 70 miles south of the border.

Prices start at **\$2550** per person double occupancy and includes round trip group transfers to the San Francisco pier, luggage handling, driver and stevedore tips, insurance plus taxes and government fees.

Contact: Christina Anhorn, 831-438-3437, cell 831-818-4313, leswede@aol.com

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 Mitigio, 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**

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, 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

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 Bayeux 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

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

Second Place Team - *Just Throw It* - Bev Ross, John Cesario, and Rick Oliver

HIGH SCORES

WOMEN

MEN

SCRATCH GAME

236—Faye Fritz

278—Kelley Wood

SCRATCH SERIES

569—Marilyn Bianco

693—John Cesario

HANDICAP GAME

266—Faye Fritz

280—Kelley Wood

HANDICAP SERIES

713—Marilyn Bianco

721—Tom Higa

We have received information for our move to the Morgan Hill bowling alley. We will begin with a meeting on May 25th and start Summer League afterwards. Come join us if you would like to bowl in the Summer League. Call me so I can put you on a team.

Cambrian Bowling will end on May 11 for those leaving and a meeting will follow the next week for those who have elected to stay for the Summer League.

There will not be a Watson Trophy tournament this year.

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!

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

March 3, 2016: The weather was nice (no rain) and eleven golfers were present for a nice day of golf.

The results are:

Low Net:		Closest-to-Pin #16:	
1st	Jim Stonehouse 59	Don Striecher	12 ft - 7 in
2nd	Jim Simcox 60		
3rd	Patrice Haggerty 63		

The next golf dates are Thursdays, April 7 and May 5, 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

Spring Hills March 21, 2016. The Shots-of-the-Day go to Andy & Kathy La Scola. On #10, a 154-yard par three, Andy hit his third shot 15 yards into the cup to save par! On #18, a 237-yard par four, Kathy was faced with a dilemma. The green was 110 yards away, but she had to hit the ball at least 90 yards to go over a pond. So, she hit a "trick shot" which bounced three times on a narrow bridge, and safely made it past the water! Great shots, Andy & Kathy! We had 39 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 124	AJ Hart	Jorge Gonzalez	Mel Rodinsky	Pat Boyd
2 / 125	Larry Villatore	Ed Jones	Richard Mace	Terry Gray*
3 / 127	Glenn Yuki	Sid Wong	Dennis Mitchell	Terry Gray*

* = Blind Draw (Yep, Terry Gray was picked twice and aced our team out of 3rd place!)

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	#7	#9	#10	#13	#15
Men	Dennis Mitchell		David Compton	Glenn Yuki	Dennis Niemeyer
	Terry Gray		Patrick Arnett	Larry Villatore	
			AJ Hart	Andy La Scola	
Ladies					Rosalie Baylot

Looking ahead at our schedule:

Date	Course	Cost/Due	Notes
April 4	Laguna Seca	\$40.00 March 16	Includes Prize Fund - Cart Optional- Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome
May 9	Spring Valley	\$50.00 April 20	Includes Prize Fund - Cart Included- 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 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
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

Saturday, April 16 Hike: West Pinnacles National Park , 10:00 am

Directions to Trailhead: Drive south on US-101 to exit #302 in Soledad. Follow the CA-146 signs (a couple of turns) to get through town. The total distance from Los Gatos to the West Pinnacle parking lot is exactly 100 miles. Driving time is under 2 hours. The hike starts at the West Chaparral Trailhead Parking Lot. Saturday 4/16 is a special National Parks for FREE Entrance day!

The full hike (which we did in 2011) is likely too hard for most of us senior citizens. So I am likely to do only #1, #2 and #4 being very slow and careful going up the narrow rocky steps. There were numerous condors flying in the thermals last week when I previewed this hike. If you get to the upper end of Tunnel Trail around noon, you may feel strong enough to do the full hike. Otherwise I intend to go back down Tunnel to Juniper Canyon. Take a 20-minute rest at the parking lot. Then do the Balcony Caves out and back, which is level and a about two miles in say 90 minutes (allowing a little extra time for slow cave travel). The total shorter hike is under 4 hours for 6 miles and 1300 feet.

Balconies Cave is open this year. The trail through the cave is safe and fairly easy, but you may get wet feet. You MUST have a flashlight, it's VERY dark. Bruce will bring extra flashlights.

After the hike: drive 13 miles (in 30 minutes) back to Soledad for a late lunch at a Mexican seafood restaurant which is in a small shop in a mall near US-101 exit #302. The restaurant is open all day so arriving around 3pm or 4pm is OK. All the usual menu items are available in addition to seafood.

For an even more details about this hike, click the Upcoming hikes link at the left side of home page.

Contact: **Leona and Bruce Baumgart** RSVP: by email; bgbaumgart@mac.com or text message; **408-799-8998**

Friday, 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/sierrazul/sierrazul2.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.

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

Friday, May 20 Hike: UC Berkeley Botanical Garden 9:30 am Fee: Seniors \$8.00

200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720-5045

The **UC Botanical Garden** is a non-profit research garden and museum for the University of California at Berkeley. It has a notably diverse plant collection including many rare and endangered plants. Established in 1890, the Garden, which is open to the public year round, has over 13,000 different kinds of plants from around the world, cultivated by region in naturalistic landscapes over its 34 acres. We'll meet at the main entrance to explore the gardens in bloom.

For more info on the gardens: <http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/>

Parking is available in a lot located across the street from the main entrance to the Garden. It is a pay lot for \$1 per hour and is enforced all day. The lot is operated by UC Berkeley's Department of Parking and Transportation. Recommend carpooling to save on expenses.

Directions: Exit at University Avenue in Berkeley from Highway 80. Go about 2 miles to campus (the street ends) and turn left at the stoplight onto Oxford Street. Turn right onto Hearst Avenue at a stoplight. Go uphill and turn right at a stoplight onto Gayley Road. Be forewarned that Gayley Road is being repaved in July–August and there may be traffic delays. Turn left onto Stadium Rimway at the stop sign (just past the Greek Theater). Turn left at the next stop sign onto Centennial Drive. Go uphill about 1 mile. The Garden entrance is on the right just below the parking lot on the left side of Centennial.

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