



Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

I hope all of you enjoyed Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the rest of the Holiday Season.

I have truly enjoyed serving the club for the past two years and I'm thankful and appreciative of all the support I have received from the rest of the Board, the committee and event chairmen (you see their names in our newsletter each month) and especially for all the unsung behind-the-scenes volunteers who continue to make our club a fun group to be involved with. Thanks to all of you for your participation.

To you, your family and all your friends, a joyous Holiday Season and a safe and Happy New Year.

Bernie Coullahan, President

3 New Day Trips

CA Statewide Museum Collections Center

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Come see some of the history of California at the Statewide Museum Collections Center (SMCC), located on the site formerly known as McClellan AFB. SMCC serves as a repository for over 1 million historic objects and artifacts from parks throughout the state. They have carefully assessed, researched, documented, and preserved the irreplaceable items that reflect and illustrate the story of California's rich heritage. Our group will take a guided, 90-minute walking tour of the museum. Prior to the museum visit we'll make a no-host lunch stop at Brookfield's Restaurant, Sacramento.

Included are a deluxe motorcoach and all gratuities -- all for **\$66** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information contact **Bill Souza at 408-356-6280** or **bsouza6280@aol.com**

Gary Holloway Tour of Pleasanton & Livermore

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Gary Holloway will guide us on our visit to two of the most historic cities in the Bay Area and the Tri-Valley areas of eastern Alameda County. We will do a short history walk along **Pleasanton's** Main Street, and connect with such famous people as Phoebe Apperson Hearst, Max Baer Sr. and John Madden. Over a century ago Main Street was the setting for two famous silent films starring Mary Pickford. Pleasanton has evolved into a thriving suburban center, home to Silicon Valley high tech companies. By 1868 **Livermore** was the principal center of trade and shipping in the Valley. We'll walk historic First Street, looking at historic architecture and an historic tile mural, see the old railroad station and the world's longest burning light bulb, and visit the History Museum in the classic 1910 Carnegie library building. Along the way we'll enjoy a hosted lunch at Handles Gastropub in the Old Pleasanton Hotel building.

Included are a deluxe motorcoach and all gratuities -- all for **\$84** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information contact **Bill Souza at 408-356-6280** or **bsouza6280@aol.com**

Canepa Autosport Museum & Roaring Camp Railroad

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Visit Canepa Motorsport Museum in Scotts Valley. This is unlike any car collection or shop you may have visited before. The front doors open to a sales showroom featuring exotic and classic cars, along with a collection of historical race cars from all over the world. Next, we'll head into the Motorsports Museum featuring an astounding collection of vintage race cars. We'll learn about the process that creates these magnificent machines, and the state of the art restoration techniques, maintenance, and detailing. Afterward head into Felton for a chuck wagon BBQ and "from-trees-to-shining-seas" beach train excursion. Departing from the Santa Cruz Mountains, travel through Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, down the scenic San Lorenzo River Gorge, across a 1909 steel truss bridge and through an 1875 tunnel before arriving at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk to meet our bus.

Included are a deluxe motorcoach and all gratuities -- all for **\$96** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

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IBM Retiree and Alumni Club web site:
ibmsjrc.org**

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, December 18, 2014, 10:00 AM
LDS Church
150 Bernal Road
San Jose, CA 95119

**IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 5:00 pm
2014 Photo Sharing**
Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

November 21, 2014

Active Members: 1670

Inactive Members: 319

Missing Members: 4

Newsletters mailed: 310

Members who read online: 1360

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: Ed Mueller
1269 Peralta Dr.
San Jose, CA 95120

New Members

Dr. R. Sridar

Spread the Word

Many ex-IBM employees don't know about our SV IBM Retiree & Alumni Club. Some know about the Quarter Century Club, if they worked for IBM for 25 years. Many think the two clubs are one and the same. Wrong.

So if you know such people who don't know about our SV IBM Retiree & Alumni Club, give them the web site address and encourage them to join.

In Memoriam

Adele Boydston

Nicholas Clason

John Leroy Gerber

Marge Hayashi

Robert C. Moore

Gilbert Nieto

Thomas Sappington

Earl Wachtel

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

800-796-9876

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: silver \$7.00; gold \$8.25

Regal/United Artists: \$7.00; Cinelux: \$7.25

Century/Cinemark: \$7.75

Camera Cinemas \$6.30

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. It is on left side of home page just above the "After IBM" link

Sunshine Report

If you know anyone who could use a cheer-up message from the Club, please call me at 408-264-5821.

**Pat Motta 408-264-5821
paelgin@yahoo.com**



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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Dec 2, 2014	Annual Club Holiday Party		–	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Dec 9, 2014	PC Club - 2014 Photo Sharing	3	2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Dec 16, 2014	Holly Jolly Christmas Day Trip Sold Out		–	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
Dec 18, 2014	IBM SV R&A Board Meeting, LDS Church		2	Bernie Coullahan	408-356-5311
Dec 27-Jan 4, 2015	New Years Caribbean Cruise		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
Jan 13, 2015	Indian Casino: Black Oak	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Jan 23, 2015	Hike: St. Joseph's Hill		8	Gil & Julie Feller	408-247-6769
Feb 3-11, 2015	Cuba!! (sold out)	4		George Walker	831-338-3069
Feb 10, 2015	Indian Casino: Graton Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Mar 3, 2015	CA Statewide Museum Collections Center		1	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
Mar 6-21, 2015	Panama Canal Cruise		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
Mar 8-10, 2015	Reno Casinos	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 2, 2015	Tour of Pleasanton & Livermore		1	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
Apr 19-26, 2015	New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville	2	5	Ina Havens	408-429-8038
May 5, 2015	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 18-31, 2015	Japan in Depth - A Spring Tour	4	4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
May 21, 2015	Canepa Autosport Museum & Roaring Camp Railroad		1	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
July 7, 2015	Indian Casinos: Red Hawk	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 13-15, 2015	Reno Casinos	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 15-29, 2015	Greece and its Islands		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Sep 30-Oct 12, 2015	Prague & Blue Danube River Cruise		6	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Nov 7-15, 2015	Tropical Costa Rica		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Nov 10, 2015	Indian Casinos: Colusa	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314

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 campout almost every month in the area. The upcoming 2015 events with contacts are listed at the right.

Jan 22-25	Cal Expo, Sacramento	Larry Turley	408-629-5371
Feb 26-Mar 1	Pismo Coast Village	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
March 26-29	Marina Dunes	Rich Haggerty	408-227-4087
April 16-19	Yanks RV Resort, Greenfield	Ted Head	408-440-7137
May 7-10	Smithwoods, Felton	Joe Siliga	408-723-1382
June 25-27	Jackson Rancheria	Les Greatbanks	510-234-9271
Oct 22-25	Marble Quarry, Columbia	Jim Dack	408-266-6951
Nov 19-22	Casa de Fruta	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274

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

Ring in the New Year on a Western Caribbean Princess Cruise

December 27, 2014 – January 4, 2015

Join me on the Emerald Princess for eight days in the lovely Caribbean to start the New Year off right and celebrate the end of 2014 in true Princess style with live music, champagne and party favors on the Sun Deck. It is guaranteed to be a memorable New Year's! On this large luxury ship the choice of activities is endless – ScholarShip@Sea courses, leisurely spending a day in the piazza-style atrium, making new friends in the International Café over a glass of wine, enjoying the freshwater pools, watching some live entertainment, trying your luck in the two story Casino or just finding a spot and people-watch. We will visit Roatan, Honduras where you can go zip lining, snorkeling or take a tour of the island. Belize, on the Yucatan Peninsula, offers many good shore tours to Mayan sites, tubing in limestone caves or snorkelling. Cozumel has its ruins, Mayan temples Tulum and Chichen Itza, plus good shopping for handicraft and jewelry. The last day, arriving early in Houston, we will transfer to the NASA Space Center and take the NASA Tram tour highlighting astronauts training for the International Space Station and other exhibits.

The cost per person starts at **\$2675**, double occupancy, depending on the choice of cabin. It includes air and round trip transfers to the SF airport, port charges and taxes.

Contact: **Christina Anhorn, 831-438-3437**
leswede@aol.com

Panama Canal Cruise

March 6 – 21, 2015

Full Transit Aboard the Beautiful Island Princess

Cruising down the Pacific Coast will prove to be an interesting and diverse trip. You will have an opportunity to visit at least ten World Heritage sites and will discover Mayan history, diverse nature and ancient cities.

Costa Rica lies between two oceans and two continents and flaunts high rugged mountains, rainforests and beaches. There are coffee plantations, an aerial tram in a rain forest, a sky walk on a suspension bridge and zip lining for the brave. Pura Vida!

In Panama City, there are many different options for experiencing this colonial city and its interesting surroundings. View the historic quarter with its treasured artifacts at the Old Panama Museum, or maybe take a trip on the railroad for a close-up look at the locks and wildlife of Gatun Lake.

In Cartagena, Colombia, the seawalls, narrow streets and colonial architecture with balconied houses offer glimpses of earlier times. The city is well known for Folkloric ballet, lovely leather and beautiful emeralds.

Aruba with its Dutch influence is charming. Horseback riding, snorkeling, viewing the lighthouses and shipwrecks, and visiting a butterfly farm are just a few of the activities available.

This promises to be a great trip whether you are up for adventure or just want to hang out on the well-appointed ship to relax and enjoy the amenities.

Airfare, motor coach to/from San Jose/ship/airports, port taxes, government fees and Travel Guard Group Protection is included. Prices start from **\$3700**

Contact: **Christina Anhorn 831-438-3437**
email: **leswede@aol.com**

Japan in Depth – A Spring Tour

May 18-31, 2015

Japan - Land of Mystery, Beauty, & Culture

Join us as we explore fascinating destinations. Enjoy breathtaking scenery at every turn. We will drive to Mt. Fuji, take river cruises, ride the Shinkansen bullet train, ferry to small islands for a Sake Tasting and Tea Ceremony. We will take a boat ride to Oboke Gorge with panoramic views of the valley, one of the three hidden mountain regions of Japan. Learn about Japan's largest natural whirlpool and the engineering innovations of its massive bridges. Spend a night in a Japanese-style spa resort nestled in the woods. Experience the celebrated Hot Springs of Beppu, famous for "hells" dramatic pools of bubbling water, mud and geysers. While in the island of Miyajima join your guide for a tour of the open air food market (yatai). Remember, the water and food are safe in this clean country. Tour castles in Kyoto & Himeji, visit amazing sacred temples, the Geisha Quarter, and the vermilion-colored Fushimi Inari Shrine (a 4Km long tunnel of scarlet tori gates). Visit the Nishijin Textile Center. We will stay at the Onsen Ryokan at Kanzaiji where you can soak in therapeutic waters of a spa bath and feast on a traditional Japanese Kaiseki banquet. Visit the Nagasaki Peace Park and Glover Garden. Have an adventure on the Mt. Aso and Hakone Ropeways for spectacular views of hot springs and hot rivers. Visit the Toyota Kaikan Museum, with displays of Toyota's new car models and technologies. Ask us for a brochure that will give details of this incredible trip.

Price per person land only: **\$4850** per person double occupancy, paid by check, or **\$4995** for credit card payment. Single supplement **\$998**. Airfare is **\$1425 + \$75.00** insurance. Pay now and lock in your air.

Contact: **Art & Sharry Dill, 831-338-3069**, use *82 if your caller ID is blocked. email: **arthdill@comcast.net**

Travel Adventure

Tropical Costa Rica

November 7-15, 2015

Exotic wildlife, lush forests, stunning waterfalls, and miles of sandy beaches. Enjoy an all-inclusive beachfront resort, walk the sandy beaches and relax as you watch the sunset. We will visit the Doka coffee estate, travel into the Monteverde Cloud Forest with its 100-foot trees, and take a nature walk. We will visit a vast butterfly garden that has more than 30 species of tropical butterflies. There will be amazing views of a volcano and then we take a cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. We will then check into a typical lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Now on to the remote 20,000 acre nature preserve of Cano Negro, to view its vast indigenous wildlife. There will be small towns for shopping, a visit to a local market and beautiful parks to stroll through.

The cost of this 9-day tour, including air, is only **\$2,399** per person, double occupancy.

This includes round trip air from SFO, hotels, included excursions, transfers, and motor coach transportation from the IBM SVL plant to SFO and back. Also included are 14 meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners.

The trip brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via email. I will set up an information meeting soon, and the brochure will also be available at this meeting.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Bob Martinez, 408-778-2978 home, 408-835-3393 cell, or bobloves2travel@yahoo.com

Exploring Greece and its Islands

September 15-29, 2015

15 Amazing days in the beautiful country of Greece Take in breathtaking scenery and such fascinating sites as Athens, the Acropolis, the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace and the Olympic Stadium. Travel the Gulf of Corinth to the historical City of Olympia. We will see ancient artifacts and have a traditional tavern feast while enjoying the local wines in the historic Plaka district. We will sail across the Aegean Sea for two unforgettable island stays in the beautiful white-washed island cities of Mykonos and Santorini. Here we will have some leisure time for taking in the breathtaking Aegean Sea and enjoying the evening sunsets. Spend time exploring the islands and shopping at the local markets.

The cost of this 15 day trip, including air, is **\$4,899** per person, double occupancy. This includes round trip air from San Francisco, hotels, included excursions, transfers, and motor coach transportation from IBM SVL to SFO. Also included are 22 meals: 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 8 dinners.

The trip brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via email. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email me.

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America's Music Cities

featuring New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville

April 19-26, 2015

The tour begins with a visit to New Orleans, the "Jazz Capital of the World," where not only is jazz abundant, but also the noted Cajun and Creole cuisine, the French Marketplace and beignets at Cafe DuMonde. The New Orleans School of Cooking will delight us on our first night! Afterwards we can enjoy some jazz with a toetapping revue at a local jazz club. The next day it is on to Honey Island and a swamp cruise where you will learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem. Keep an eye open for eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Don't forget to pack your "blue suede shoes" because we are moving on to Memphis which is known for the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul and the home of Elvis Presley. We will have a tour of the city of Memphis and local musicians will board the coach to tell us about the musical history and heritage of Memphis. In the afternoon we will tour Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley. Afterwards, the evening is yours to enjoy the world famous Beale Street or? Then it is on to Nashville, the "Music Capital of the World" and the "Grand Ole Opry," where we will have reserved seats for the evening performance. After the show, we will have a backstage tour before departing for our hotel, the Opryland Resort. Saturday, we will tour the historic RCA Studio B where Elvis, Dolly and Charlie Pride recorded some of their classic hits! We will explore the Country Music Hall of Fame which is the largest museum of popular music in the world. We will have a special dinner at the famous Wildhorse Saloon! On Sunday, we begin our journey home while singing and smiling after all the music and great food. The cost is only **\$2399** per person, double occupancy.

If you'd like to have more information, please contact: **Ina Havens, 408-429-8038, inahavens@comcast.net**

Travel Adventure

Old World Prague & Blue Danube River Cruise

September 30 - October 12, 2015

This is an opportunity to see and explore what is considered some of Central Europe's most beautiful destinations. Among the unique featured attractions are 3 nights in beautiful Prague with included city tours of such historic capitals as Vienna, Durnstein, Budapest and more. You'll also enjoy free time to explore these unforgettable locales on your own. Prague was the seat of the Holy Roman Empire during the 15th century and later was the vital center of the Habsburgs. It is home to world class museums and architectural masterpieces that span a thousand years. Enjoy UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as the gorgeous medieval town of Cesky Krumlov. We embark our ship in Linz and throughout our river cruise we will hear "Port Talks" that will describe the approaching port area and town. Salzburg, Austria is a charming and medieval city home to Amadeus Mozart and the filming of The Sound of Music. We will explore the Melk Abbey and the breathtaking Wachau Valley, one of the most beautiful sections of the Danube. On to Vienna with its famed concert halls and an optional Musical Vienna Tour. We will then see the famous Spanish Riding School, home of the fabulous Lipizzaner performing horses. On to Slovakia and the city of Bratislava, once the capital of Hungary! So much history and exploration. We will enjoy a home-hosted visit and an opportunity to hear about life after communism. On to Budapest, situated on both sides of the Danube, which is truly one of the most beautiful cities in all of Europe. Buda is on the western bank and Pest is on the eastern bank, joined by the famous Chain Bridge. We will further explore the Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary on this wonderful cruise. All this and only unpack 2 times.

Cabins and this 13-day tour start at **\$4895** pp double, including international air. Send in your deposit before December 30, 2014, and get a \$300.00 discount per person. If you pay in full with a check before January 31, 2015, you will receive an additional 4% off the cost of your trip.

For a brochure and further information please contact:

Art & Sharry Dill, 831-338-3069, arthdill@comcast.net

*Trip Presentation January 8, 2015 at Sweet Tomatoes,
113 Bernal Road, San Jose at 11:30 am.*

If you wait to sign up at the Trip Presentation you will get \$200.00 pp off the price of your trip instead of \$300.

Bowling

One More Time League Now at Cambrian Lanes (Camden & Union)

November 24, 2014

We have some great bowlers and we all have a good time. Come join us on a Wednesday morning at 9:30 am.

1st place: Team 14 - Eddie Fahrner, Barbara Pugh, Bill Jeung, and Jim O'Neil

2nd Place: Team 2 - Enzo Buscema, Ted Head, O' Lynda Head, Tom Higa.

Our great bowlers are:

Men:		Women:	
<i>Scratch Game</i>			
Rich Gavino	269	Shirley Beyler	246
<i>Scratch Series</i>			
Rich Gavino	682	Shirley Beyler	550
Bill Hooper	664	Faye Fritz	532
<i>Handicap Game</i>			
Rich Gavino	277	Shirley Beyler	283
Tom Higa	261	Topsy Thompson	263
<i>Handicap Series</i>			
Rich Gavino	706	Sheila Desorbo	689
Eddie Fahrner	666	Sandy Suekawa	679

We wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Carol Hughes, secretary, 408-224-1739

Casino Trips

Black Oak Casino
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Graton Rancheria
Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Reno Casinos
March 8-10, 2015

Jackson Rancheria Casino
Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Red Hawk Casino
Tuesday, July 7, 2015

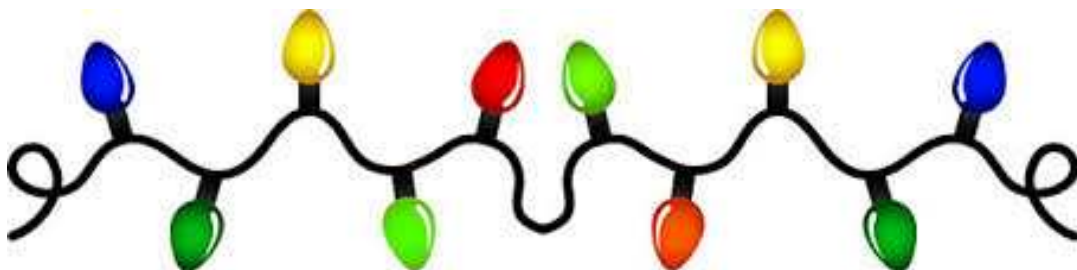
Reno Casinos
September 13-15, 2015

Colusa Casino
Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015

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!

Contact:
Topsy Thompson
408-377-4314,



Tee-2-Tee Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

November 6, 2014: We had 16 golfers show for a great day of golfing with good weather. Ok, now for the golf scores:

Low Net: Men		Low Net: Women	
1 st Place	Don Streicher 55	1 st Place	Patrice Haggerty 55
	Rich Campbell 55	2 nd	Kathy Herrington 63
2 nd Place	Jim Stonehouse 60		
3 rd Place	Ray Jelesky 61		

Closest-to-Pin #16: Bill Bartz – 22' 8" Chris Oba – 36' 11"

The next golf date is December 4. The January date will be the 8th, since the first Thursday is New Years Day.

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 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

Par Tee Golf

Spring Valley November 3, 2014. This was our 4th Annual "Don Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament." We had spectacular weather and a nice turnout of 58 players, plus several of Don's family who roamed the course taking photos of all the participants. The format of play was a "Sandwich Shoot." Each foursome competed for a New York steak sandwich. The others in the foursome received their choice of a cheeseburger or chicken sandwich. Sandwiches came with a choice of French fries or chips and a drink. There were some very nice raffle prizes contributed by Don's family which included a huge gift basket, gift certificates, and 4 of Don's collectable and valuable beer steins, plus several other prizes. The shot(s) of the day go to Marino Cosentino and Phil Hoover. On #11, a 175-yard par 3, Marino chipped in his third shot for par. On #12, a 297-yard par 4, Phil's third shot hit a curb and bounced onto the green. Then, he putted in for par. Great and amazing shots! Here are the results:

Closest-To-Pin:	#2	#4	#7	#11	#16
Men	Sid Wong 5' 10"	Dennis Mitchell 9' 0"	Willie Abraham 13' 1"	Eric Schrader 12' 1"	Mel Rodinsky 31' 7"
	Rich George 10' 9"	Khanh Nguyen 20' 3"	Greg Seaton 15' 4"	Rich Saito 17' 9"	Fleming Mathis 49' 5"
	Terry Gray 25' 9"	Scott Wiland 23' 3"	Bob Goetze 17' 3"	Rich Campbell 53' 10"	Mike Ritchie 63' 1"

Ladies None

Future	Course	Cost/Due Date	Notes
December 1	Los Lagos	\$48.00/November 13	Includes Prize Fund and cart, 2 best ball foursome
January 5	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$60.00/December 17	Includes Prize Fund and cart ,2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- The monthly golf results, the rules and the 2014 schedule can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org
- Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
- **Renewals are now due for the "Par Tee Golf Club" for 2015. Renewals before December 31 are \$42.00. After December 31, or no previous NCGA number, are \$52.00. Contact Terry Gray @ (408) 629-8893, or send an email to: tgolf18@aol.com**
- To get an NCGA Membership Card through the Par Tee Golf Club, contact **Terry Gray 408-629-8893**, or send an email to: tgolf18@aol.com. The cost is **\$52.00**.
- IBM Alumni, Retirees and guests are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club tournaments.
- Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter, web site, or call Andy, for latest information.
- Early signups are much appreciated. Please do not wait to the last minute to sign up. You might not get in!
- 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 sign ups 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 already have them. 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.)
Contact: Andy La Scola 408-371-3329 or lascolandy@comcast.net

Hikes

St. Joseph's Hill Hike

Friday, January 23, 2015, 10:00 am

Start the year off with a hike in the St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve located in Los Gatos. Beginning near Old Town, we'll hike on the Los Gatos Creek Trail all the way up to the top of St. Joseph's Hill – a 1,250 foot pinnacle. If we're lucky, we will be treated to panoramic views of the Santa Clara Valley, Lexington Reservoir, and the impressive Sierra Azul mountain range. This hike will total around 5 miles, with plenty of fun going uphill to work your cardiovascular system. Hopefully the views will make all that climbing worthwhile. If the trail is muddy we will take an alternate route on the flat, paved Los Gatos Creek trail in the opposite direction. However, heavy rain will cancel the hike.

We'll meet at 10:00 AM at the Miles Avenue parking lot in Los Gatos. To get there, go south on Highway 17 and take the Highway 9 exit towards downtown. Turn left at University Avenue, continuing a couple of blocks to Miles. Turn left, go downhill and the parking lot will be on your left.

Last time we did this hike, many of the hikers continued the fun with lunch afterwards at the Los Gatos Brewing Company. We plan to do this again in 2015. Hope you can join us! Please RSVP with your email so we can notify you if the hike is cancelled.

RSVP to Gil & Julie Feller
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Below: Lexington Reservoir in April, 2011



Elected Club Officers and Approved Bylaw Changes for 2015

PRESIDENT:

George Walker

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Bob Goetze

SECRETARY:

Ruth Price

TREASURER:

Dave Sloan

MEMBERSHIP:

Bev Baker

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR:

Walt Cole

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

Peter Duke

Carl Woodland

At the Club Annual Meeting on October 16, Club Officers were elected and Bylaw changes were approved. The list of officers for 2015 is listed at the left.

Bylaw changes:

- Simplify the definition of a club member. Both former IBM employees and their spouses are now club members. There are no more Associate members. This gives spouses all the same rights as their partners.
- Eliminate club officer term limits. The old rule was not more than 2 years in one office or not serving more than two years out of four. There have always been exceptions - the posts of Communications and Membership Directors have been held by the same 2 people for 16 years.
- Eliminate the Annual member. Everybody is now a Lifetime member.
- Eliminate the secret ballot for officer election. Voting will take place at the Club Annual Meeting only.

The complete text of the revised bylaws is online on left side of the Club home page. Click the link "Proposed Bylaw Changes."