



# Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

All of us on your club Board hope you had an enjoyable Holiday Season and we all wish you a wonderful New Year.

As was mentioned in the November President's Chat, the 2014 and 2015 officers and committee chairmen held a joint strategy session and as a result there will be significant changes to the club operations in 2015. First change—the mailed bi-monthly newsletter will only be available by subscription of \$10 per year. The subscription form is below. The monthly email newsletter will continue to be free. This single change eliminates more than half of our budget shortfall. Also, we are reducing the subsidies for our events and we will evaluate combining the Day at the Vineyard with our Annual Picnic. These changes along with several other administrative cost reductions leave us with a minor budget shortfall that we hope to close with donations. While we are not actively soliciting donations we will gladly accept them to help us continue to fund all our club activities.

Once again, Happy New Year, **George Walker, President**

## Important Notice

**This is your last printed newsletter unless you take action!**

**A) Switch to the free monthly color email issue.....or.....**

**B) Subscribe to the bimonthly printed version for \$10 per year**

**Background: As you may know, the club is currently spending considerably more than our income (see November 2014 newsletter, President's Chat).**

**One of the largest expenses (50%) is the publication and distribution of the printed newsletter to less than 19% of the club membership. Rather than requiring all our membership to join the electronic distribution, your Board decided to offer a paid subscription option.**

**A) To convert to email, please make sure we have the correct email address(s) for you and your spouse. Send your email address(s) to: [membership@ibmsjrc.org](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)**

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### IBM Retiree & Alumni Club

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### Silicon Valley

IBM Retiree and Alumni Club web site:

**ibmsjrc.org**

#### Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, January 15, 2015, 10:00 AM  
LDS Church  
150 Bernal Road  
San Jose, CA 95119

#### IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 5:00 pm  
**Computer Tuneup &  
Malware Removal**

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

## Membership Report

Bev Baker

December 18, 2014

Active Members: 1664

Inactive Members: 320

Missing Members: 5

Newsletters mailed: 301

Members who read online: 1363

## 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](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)

By U. S. Mail: Walt Cole  
5868 Pentz Way  
San Jose, CA 95123

## New Members

Alan Craig

Dr. R. Sridar

Wan Han Wong

## In Memoriam

Dr. Ashok K. Chandra

William Flanders

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Elsa Hooper

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*from December newsletter*

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

## Sunshine Report

John Kyffin has been hospitalized for some time and was recently released for rehab at the Terraces in Los Gatos. He is hoping to be home soon.

If you know of anyone who could use a note from the Club, please call me.

**Pat Motta 408-264-5821**  
**[paelgin@yahoo.com](mailto:paelgin@yahoo.com)**

## Quarter Century Club Invitation

The IBM San Jose Quarter Century Club invites any of the members of the IBM Retiree & Alumni Club who worked at IBM for 25 years or more to also receive the IBM San Jose Quarter Century Club email newsletter. If you are interested please reply to:

**[qccsj@comcast.net](mailto:qccsj@comcast.net)**

## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Jan 13, 2015	PC Club - Computer Tune up	3	2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Jan 13, 2015	Indian Casino: Black Oak	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Jan 15, 2015	IBM SV Retiree/Alumni Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408 268-7623
Jan 23, 2015	Hike: St. Joseph's Hill		8	Gil & Julie Feller	408-247-6769
Feb 3-11, 2015	Cuba!! ( <i><b>sold out</b></i> )	4	–	George Walker	408 268-7623
Feb 10, 2015	Indian Casino: Graton Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Feb 27, 2015	Hike: Mount Sutro OSP, San Francisco		8	Chuck & Kathy Cruse	415-334-2236
Mar 3, 2015	CA Statewide Museum Collections Center		6	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		6	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		6	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
July 7, 2015	Indian Casinos: Red Hawk	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 5-6, 2015	Hot August Nights	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		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Oct 18-20, 2015	Reno Getaway	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Nov 7-15, 2015	Tropical Costa Rica		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978

### 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

## 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.

All this and only unpack 2 times.

Cabins and this 13-day tour start at **\$4895** pp double, including international air. If you pay in full with a check before January 31, 2015, you will receive a 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.*

## 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). 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 torii 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.

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

*Info Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 11:30 AM  
Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant  
113 Bernal Road, San Jose  
Coffee and muffins. Please RSVP.*

**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 whitewashed 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.

**Bob Martinez  
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bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

## 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**

## 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 - 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

## Bowling

### One More Time League

Now at Cambrian Lanes (Camden & Union)

December, 2014.

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

2nd place: **Patti's Devils** - Pat Falkowski, Charlie Camilleri, Jim Porter, Sal Garcia

High Scores:

**Men:**

**Women:**

*Scratch Game*

Rich Gavino	269	Shirley Beyler	246
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*Scratch Series*

Bill Hooper	664	Nancy Barone	551
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*Handicap Game*

Dennis Pitchford	265	Topsy Thompson	263
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*Handicap Series*

Bill Jeung	687	Sheila Desorbo	689
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We are starting our second half and still have room for a few more bowlers, so come join us at Cambrian Lanes on Wednesdays at 9:30 am.

**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

*Hot August Nights, Reno*

August 5-6, 2015

*Reno Getaway*

October 18-20, 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,

topray4314@att.net

bridge and through an 1875 tunnel before arriving at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk to meet our bus.

Included are a deluxe motor coach and all gratuities -- all for \$96 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

# Tee-2-Tee Golf

## Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

**December 4, 2014:** We were rained out.

The next golf date is January 8, since the first Thursday is New Year's 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

**Los Lagos December 1, 2014.** What a phenomenal way to complete my fifteenth year as Tournament Director! The weather was perfect! Not a cloud in the sky, no wind, and warm weather for the most part. The much slower players, unfortunately, did catch a few sprinkles! I extend my sincerest thanks to all of you who participate in the monthly tournaments. Thanks also to Terry Gray for chairing the membership of the Par Tee Golf Club, and to my lovely wife, Kathy, who verifies your scorecards. The Shot(s)-of-the-Day go to Eric Aker and Emi Tuvey. On #5, a 127-yard par 3, Eric chipped in his 2nd shot from 5 yards for Birdie! On #7, a 75-yard par 3, Emi chipped in her 2nd shot from 20 yards for Birdie! On #17, a 331-yard par four, Emi chipped in her 5 shot for Bogie! Great shots, Eric and Emi! The format of play was Two Best Ball Foursome. We had a nice turnout of 48 players. Here are the results:

### Place/Score

1 / 114	Dennis Niemeyer	Lewis Brady	Mike Henson	Troy Garcia
2 / 117	Jim Sitter	Dick Liu	Bob Foote	Dan Tautges
3 / 118*	Lou Tolbert	Patrick Arnett	Ray Sanchez	James Taubodo
3 / 118*	Glenn Yuki	Sidney Wong	Fred Mitchell	Dennis Mitchell

\* = Tie

### Closest-To-Pin: #2

	#2	#3	#5	#7	#16
<b>Men</b>	Lewis Brady 5' 0"	Bill Irish 6' 3"	Bob Housholder 7' 7"	Glenn Yuki 8' 11"	Dave Moulton 29' 3"
	Rich Campbell 11' 4"	Dennis Niemeyer 10' 10"	Sid Wong 8' 1"	Darrell Jones 12' 0"	Frank Correa 30' 0"
	Dan Tautges 29' 3"	Ray Sanchez 12' 1"	Mike Henson 15' 1"	James Taubodo 12' 9"	Lou Tolbert 41'
<b>Ladies</b>	Emi Tuvey 5' 4"	Rosemary Haeckel 3' 1"	Solna Braude 12' 2"	Chris Oba 23' 0"	
	Mona Nakamura 38' 6"				

### Future

	Course	Cost/Due Date	Notes
January 5	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$60.00/December 17	Includes Prize Fund and cart ,2 best ball foursome
February 2	Ridgemark	\$45.00/January 14	Includes Prize Fund and cart ,2 best ball foursome

### Notes:

- The monthly golf results and the rules can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: [www.ibmsjrc.org](http://www.ibmsjrc.org)  
The 2015 schedule will be there soon.
- Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
- Renewals for the NCGA for 2015 are now being accepted. Renewals are \$52.00. Contact Terry Gray 408-629-8893, or send an email to: [tgolf18@aol.com](mailto:tgolf18@aol.com)
- If you have never had an NCGA Membership Card, you may get one by joining the Par Tee Golf Club. Contact **Terry Gray 408-629-8893**, or send an email to: [tgolf18@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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, 408-247-6769 (home) or 408-314-1546 (cell), email: giljulief@gmail.com**

## Mount Sutro Open Space Preserve Hike

Friday, February 27, 2015, 10:00 am

Join us deep in the heart of San Francisco for our monthly hike. It's in the UCSF Mount Sutro Open Space Preserve just south of the UCSF Medical Center. The Mount Sutro OSP has been recently developed to ensure this unique forested area in the center of San Francisco at an elevation topping 908'. The trails are both paved and unpaved, generally rolling with no serious ups and downs in elevation. The walk takes a couple of hours through the trees and some managed gardens along the way. Bring your lunch and water, and bathroom facilities are very limited. We'll meet at the corner of Twin Peaks Blvd. and Clarendon Ave. at 10:00 am.

To get there from the South Bay: Take I-280 North to San Francisco. Exit following CA Route 1 North. This will turn into 19th Avenue at the stoplight. Continue north for approximately 2.5 miles to Taravel Street, turn right and continue for about 1 mile to a small traffic circle. Go 3/4 way around the circle, exiting at Dewey Street. Go straight on Dewey to the stoplight, go straight through to what becomes Laguna Honda Street. Stay straight for about 1/4 mile to a stoplight. Turn right on Clarendon Avenue, go up the hill about 1 mile to the intersection of Twin Peaks Boulevard. Park either on Clarendon Avenue or Twin Peaks Boulevard.

We start walking at 10:00 am. RAIN CANCELS! Please reply to our email address if you are coming so that any changes can be addressed or questions answered.

Hike Leaders: **Chuck and Kathy Cruse, 415-334-2236, clcruse@aol.com**