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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

As spring approaches we have much to be thankful for. Thank you to the members who sent us gifts of money. Thank you to the members who signed up to receive this newsletter online and thank you, Bernie Coullahan, for handling the paperwork for those members who desire to receive the club newsletters through the US mail. Thank you to the committee chairs, which plan and organize all of the clubs activities. Remember to get your reservation in for the picnic. (see form below)

George Walker, President



Annual Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Picnic

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Guglielmo Winery
1480 East Main Ave., Morgan Hill
\$24.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: June 3, 2015. 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, 2015, 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 4 hours
11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Visiting, Drinks, Gift Shop
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm - Lunch
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Announcements, Raffle
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Games (Bingo and Golf Putting)

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

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 \$24.00 = \$ _____

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

MAIL TO: Bill Souza, 2251 Coronet Dr., San Jose, CA 95124

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IBM Retiree & Alumni Club**

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IBM Retiree and Alumni Club web site:

ibmsjrc.org

San Jose IBM Quarter Century Club
web site:

sjqcc.com

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, March 19, 2015, 10:00 AM

LDS Church
150 Bernal Road
San Jose, CA 95119

IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 5:00 pm

Nexus 7 Tablet

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Bev Baker

February 19, 2015

Active Members: 1672
Newsletters mailed: 301 in January
56 in March (they subscribed)
Members who read online: 1402,
up from 1373 in January

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
San Jose, CA 95123

New Members

Iain D. Allan
Heidi Betancourt
Bob Davis
Mario Farber
Larry Giffin
John Lawrence
Toby Marek

In Memoriam

Ralph Anderson
Ed Bernhardt
Art Gerhardt
Maureen Sweet
Van Symons
Ruth Wiseman

from February newsletter

Jim Balistreri
John Louis Copper
Walter Crooks
Tollef (Larry) Rosseland
Alicia Sakata
Art Ude
Jim Viallet

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

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

Mary Fraser is at Good Samaritan Hospi-
tal following a stroke on Tuesday, Febru-
ary 24. She is receiving lots of therapy
and seems to be responding well.

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

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


Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

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members of the Club and their families.
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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

| Date | Activity | TAR | Page | Contact | Phone |
|---------------------|---|-----|------|-------------------|--------------|
| Mar 3, 2015 | CA Statewide Museum Collections Center | | - | Bill Souza | 408-356-6280 |
| Mar 6-21, 2015 | Panama Canal Cruise | | 5 | Christina Anhorn | 831-438-3437 |
| Mar 8-10, 2015 | Reno Casinos | 2 | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 408-377-4314 |
| Mar 10, 2015 | PC Club -Nexus 7 Tablet | 3 | 2 | Walt Cole | 408-972-1178 |
| Mar 19, 2015 | IBM SV Retiree/Alumni Club Board Meeting | | 2 | George Walker | 408 268-7623 |
| Apr 2, 2015 | Tour of Pleasanton & Livermore | | - | Bill Souza | 408-356-6280 |
| 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 | - | Art & Sharry Dill | 831-338-3069 |
| May 21, 2015 | Canepa Autosport Museum & Roaring Camp Railroad | | 6 | Bill Souza | 408-356-6280 |
| June 9, 2015 | Annual Club Picnic | | 1 | 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 |
| Apr 29-May 13, 2016 | England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales | 4 | 4 | Art & Sharry Dill | 831-338-3069 |

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.

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 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

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. Join us on a city tour of London which blends the traditional and modern. Dine in a British Pub, and then on to a local guided city tour of Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the changing of the guard. You will have plenty of leisure time to further explore as you wish. 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. Join in the festivities at a traditional Irish Night Show. Explore so many more cities and experiences in Ireland before 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-the-Avon as we visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage.

BOOK NOW AND SAVE \$200 PER PERSON -- Double \$4749. Single \$5649. Triple \$4699. Deposit to hold your seats is \$250 per person. Price is good through October 30, 2015 (seat reduction date). 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.

Trip Presentation: Thursday, April 16, 2015, 11:30 AM

Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant

113 Bernal Road, San Jose

Contact: **Sharry and Art Dill** email: **arthdill@comcast.net** for brochure and further questions. **831-338-3069**

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**

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**

Day Trips

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 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

Casino Trips

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

Bowling

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

February, 2015

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

2nd place: **Lucky Strikes** - Debbie Lamantia, Bob Lamantia, Lisa Johannes, Yvonne Thery

High Scores:

Men:

Scratch Game

Rich Gavino 269

Scratch Series

Bill Hooper 664

Handicap Game

Dennis Pitchford 265

Handicap Series

Fred Mitchell 693

Women:

Shirley Beyler 246

Nancy Barone 551

Jan Curry 266

Pat Falkowski 691

We are into the second half and have some good scorers, and others are having lots of fun anyway. Come join us at Cambrian Lanes on Wednesdays at 9:30 am.

Do not forget the Watson Trophy Tournament on May 1 this year. We have fun and good food too.

Carol Hughes, secretary, 408-224-1739

IBM Senior Watson Bowling Tournament

Friday, May 1, 2015, Cambrian Bowl

Includes: 3 games of bowling and lunch for only \$15

Donuts and coffee to start

Non-bowling guests pay \$10 for lunch

Warm up starts at 9:15 am, Bowling at 9:30 am

Pay Topsy when you sign up.

Make your check payable to "One More Time League"

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 once worked for IBM (it doesn't matter how long), give them the web site address and encourage them to join.

ibmsjrc.org

Tee-2-Tee Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

February 5, 2015: We had 13 golfers show up for a great day of golfing weather.

Low Net:

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 1 st | Darrel Jensen | 50 |
| 2 nd | Gwen Campbell | 55 |
| 3 rd | Rich Campbell | 58 |
| 4 th | Jim Stenhouse | 62 |

Closest-to-Pin #16: Jim Stenhouse - 15' 2"
Darrel Jensen - 22' 4"

The next golf dates are Thursdays, March 5 and April 2. 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

Ridgemark February 2, 2015. No "Shots of the Day" were reported, so here are some actual phone calls I received while working at a golf course in the past.

1. Caller: I would like your earliest tee time for tomorrow. Me: Okay, 7:15 is open. Caller: No, that's way too early!
2. Caller: Do you have afternoon rates? Me: Yes! The afternoon rate starts at 1:30 and the rate is \$18.00. Caller: And, what time does that start?
3. Caller: Is this your correct phone number? Me: No! You have to call the other one!

In case you have not heard, Ridgemark converted their two 18-hole courses into a one 18 hole course using ten holes from the Diablo course and eight holes from the Gabilan course. We had a nice turnout of 47 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." Here are the results:

| <u>Place/Score</u> | <u>Team</u> | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 1 / 114 | Rich Hislip | Bob Graves | Patrick Arnett* | Jim Sitter* |
| 2 / 117 | Darell Bellah | Tom Baker | Ray Jelesky | Len Procker |
| 3 / 118 | Ron Scaglione | Bob Goetze | Bill Irish | Mike Ranney |
| | * = Blind Draw | | | |
| Closest-To-Pin: | #4 | #8 | #11 | #15 |
| Men | Wayne Adachi 15' 0" Patrick Arnett 33' 11" | Sam Fazio 16' 1" Rich Hislip 18' 7" Darell Bellah 26' 10" | Don Streicher 8' 5" Tim Connelly 15' 6" Dennis Niemeyer 21' 5" | Bill Irish 43' 3" Mike Henson 79' 9" |
| Future | Course | Cost/Due Date | Notes | |
| March 9 | Coyote Creek-Tournament | \$60.00/February 18 | Includes Prize Fund and cart , 2 best ball foursome | |
| April 6 | Laguna Seca | \$40.00/March 18 | Includes Prize Fund, cart optional, 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
The entire 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
- 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 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

A March hike is still in the planning stages. Those who regularly hike will receive an email when the details are known.

Community Service

We retired from the Adopt-A-Highway program last year for several reasons, including that it was getting too scary.

San Jose has volunteer programs that are more removed from high-speed traffic. Two such programs are the Adopt-A-Park program and the Anti-Graffiti & Litter program. The Adopt-A-Park program is exactly that. You select a park you want to help keep clean, which mostly involves picking up litter and reporting anything amiss in the park. I adopted Ramac Park last November because it is really close to my house. The Anti-Graffiti & Litter program is really two programs. There is already an effective group that handles graffiti. That leaves litter which is, as you know, everywhere. Neighborhood groups, youth groups and other organizations have clean-up events scheduled more or less regularly to pick up litter. For both of these programs, the city provides pick-up tools, vests, gloves, bags, etc. You can work individually or in a group. I am in a new neighborhood association that is planning a clean-up on Saturday, March 28, at 9:00 am. We are going to spend about 90 minutes picking up litter on Cottle Road, and a few other streets. If you live in 95123 and would like to help, give me a call. **Walt Cole, 408-972-1178, opawalt@gmail.com**

City Contacts: **Adopt-A-Park, Mollie Tobias, 408-535-3588, mollie.tobias@sanjoseca.gov**

Anti-Graffiti & Litter, Greg Cajina, 408-535-3538, greg.cajina@sanjoseca.gov