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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

This is Bernie Coullahan substituting for George. During this past month our President, George Walker, underwent surgery for lung cancer and he is recovering at home. George, we all wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

The Annual Club Picnic is just around the corner (see info below) and the reservation deadline is sneaking up on us. It will be yet another great event seeing old friends at a first class facility with a great BBQ. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Your Board has decided to once again sponsor the "Day at the Vineyard," Friday, August 7. Mark your calendars and see more more details on page 5. The reservation form will be in the June newsletter.

Bernie Coullahan , Past President



Annual Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Picnic

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, **10:30 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 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 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

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, **10:30 AM** - 3:30 PM, Guglielmo Winery
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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ibmsjrc.org

San Jose IBM Quarter Century Club
web site:

sjqcc.com

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 10:00 AM

LDS Church

150 Bernal Road

San Jose, CA 95119

IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 5:00 pm

"Future Crimes" by Marc Goodman

Video: Interview with author

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Bev Baker

April 16, 2015

Active Members: 1653

Newsletters mailed:

57 in March (they subscribed)

Members who read online: 1431,
up from 1402 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

none this month

In Memoriam

**Medard A. Deignan
Walter Hoppes
Don Lucchesi (2014)
Claudia Ann Gama Pierson
Jean Steading
Steven Arthur Uhler**

from April newsletter

**Cliff B. Akers
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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 pay-
able 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*

**IBM Club 2015
Events Calendar**

go to ibmsjrc.org

and click

IBM Club 2015 Events

in yellow left column

Sunshine Report

Evie Dean has been dealing with sciatica
for several months and is hoping to get
rid of her cane soon.

George Walker had surgery for lung can-
cer and is recovering at home.

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

Pat Motta 408-264-5821

paelgin@yahoo.com

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members of the Club and their families.
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the authors and should not be construed to
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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
May 1, 2015	IBM Senior Watson Bowling Tournament	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 5, 2015	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 12, 2015	PC Club -Video "Future Crimes"		2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
May 15, 2015	Hike: The Presidio Experience (San Francisco)		8	Bev Baker	408-930-3618
May 18-31, 2015	Japan in Depth - A Spring Tour	4	-	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
May 21, 2015	IBM SV Retiree/Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408 268-7623
May 21, 2015	Canepa Autosport Museum & Roaring Camp Railroad		-	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
June 9, 2015	Annual Club Picnic		1	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
June 12, 2015	Hike: Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve		8	Barbara & Henry Bender	408-225-3039
June 16, 2015	San Pablo Wildlife Preserve		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
July 7, 2015	Indian Casinos: Red Hawk	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 20, 2015	Arion Press and M&H Type, old print shop		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
Aug 5-6, 2015	Hot August Nights	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 7, 2015	Afternoon in the Vineyard		5	George Nale	408-779-4275
Sep 10, 2015	Wizards & Magicians of Santa Rosa		5	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
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.

May 7-10	Smithwoods, Felton	Joe Siliga	408-723-1382
June 25-27	Jackson Rancheria	Les Greatbanks	510-234-9271
Aug 6-8	Bolando Park, Hollister	Bob Thompson	408-779-2054
Sep 10-13	Bodega Bay	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
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. 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-Avon as we visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and Anne Hathaways'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, June 11, 2015, 1:30 PM

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 Arena, 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.

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
408-778-2978 home, 408-835-3393 cell or at bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

Day Trips

Wizards & Magicians of Santa Rosa

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Join your IBM Retiree & Alumni Club friends and learn about the wizards that made Santa Rosa their home and the magic of those who live there now. Enjoy learning the history of the town of Santa Rosa with historian, Bill Montgomery. Our day will include a hosted lunch at Flavors Restaurant followed by ice cream and a magic show at Shuffles!

Included are a deluxe motor coach and all gratuities -- all for **\$120** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information contact

Bill Souza at 408-335-9263 or bsouza6280@aol.com

Afternoon in the Vineyard

Friday, August 7, 2015

Visit Morgan Hill one more time this summer at the Guglielmo Winery, for a catered Italian lunch with wine for sale. This is, of course, the same place as the Annual Club Picnic which will be on June 9. See page 1 for that event.

The reservation form for Afternoon in the Vineyard will be in the June and July newsletters.

Contact: George Nale, 408-779-4275

Day Trips

San Pablo Wildlife Preserve

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Have you ever wondered what happened along Hwy 37 between Sears Point and Vallejo, lots of construction but no buildings? Why are they building mud flats? Did you know that a major project is underway to re-establish tidal wetlands at the north end of the Bay? 95% of the historical wetlands are gone. We will tour Sears Point Restoration project, Skaggs Island project and Cullinan Ranch Project to better understand this huge undertaking, its benefits and challenges. Our guide will be one of the chief rangers for the project. A picnic lunch is included.

There will be a return trip no-host goodie stop at Knudsen's Ice Creamery, Castro Valley.

Included are a deluxe motor coach and all gratuities -- all for **\$63** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information contact

Bill Souza at 408-335-9263 or bsouza6280@aol.com

Arion Press and M & H Type, A Visit to the Past

Monday, July 20, 2015

This trip will provide an extraordinary opportunity to witness a unique facility, one of the last of its kind in the world, in full operation. Visitors can see how type is cast from hot metal in the foundry, watch pages being made up in the composition room and printed by letterpress, and learn how a book is bound by hand, from sewing to backing to casing in. Some of the historic machinery dates back to the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The collection of typefaces is housed in 3,888 typecases, and amongst its many offerings can be found rare samples acquired by the Grabhorn brothers. Trained craftspeople and apprentices will be your tour guides, combining instruction with demonstration. After the tour is over, feel free to browse the upstairs gallery, which features a rotating exhibition of their latest projects.

A hosted lunch is at Pompei's Grotto. The menu includes a choice of grilled white fish, chicken piccata or vegetarian pasta Angelina, a non-alcoholic beverage and the chef's choice of dessert. Free time to explore.

A no host return goodie stop will be made at Rick's Rather Rich Ice Cream.

Included are a deluxe motor coach and all gratuities -- all 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**

Bowling

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

April, 2015

1st place: **Team 12: Lucky Strikes** - Debbie Lamantia, Bob Lamantia, Lisa Johannes, Yvonne Thery

2nd place: **Team 14** - Eddie Fahrner, Barbara Pugh, Bill Jeung, Jim O'Neil

High Scores:

Men:

Women:

Scratch Game

Rich Gavino 278 Shirley Beyler 246

Scratch Series

Bill Hooper 664 Nancy Barone 551

Handicap Game

Dave Curry 295 Jan Curry 266

Handicap Series

Fred Mitchell 693 Pat Falkowski 691

One of our bowlers, Joanne White, just bowled her first-ever 200 game: **201**. Congratulations, Joanne!

Come join us at Cambrian Lanes on Wednesdays at 9:30 am.

Carol Hughes, secretary, 408-224-1739

IBM Club Movie Event

Saturday, June 13, 2015, 9:30 am

AMC Saratoga

JURASSIC WORLD

Tickets: \$4 (limit 6)

By tickets at IBM Club (see page 2)

Casino Trips

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

Tee-2-Tee Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

April 2, 2015: Here are the results of the April outing:

Low Net:

1 st	Don Streicher	59
2 nd	Gwen Campbell	61
3 rd	Ray Jelesky	63
4 th	Dick Lake	66
	Bill Bartz	66

Closest-to-Pin #16:

nobody

The May outing will be "Any 5 Clubs."

In July, we will be having the "Dede Corral Memorial" tournament.

The next golf dates are Thursdays, May 7 and June 4. 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, artz.bill@yahoo.com

Darrel Jensen, 408-371-6652

Par Tee Golf

Laguna Seca – April 6, 2015. The Shot(s)-of-the-Day go to Troy Garcia, Sid Wong and Kathy La Scola. On #5, a 477-yard par 5, Troy's third shot hit a tree, but his ball still managed to land on the green. Then, he made the putt for Birdie! On #18, a 306-yard par 4, Sid chipped in his 3rd shot from 10 yards for Birdie! Great shots, Troy and Sid! And, on #15, the most difficult hole on the course, Kathy was faced with an almost impossible shot. The problem? Her ball was on a downhill lie.....not the ideal situation when there is about 50 yards to go over water. She hit the ball perfectly! It went up in the air, over the water, hit the bank on the other side, bounced up, and landed about two feet from the green and she was able to make par! Fantastic shot, Kathy! We had a large turnout of 63 golfers. The format of play was "2 Best Ball Foursome." Here are the results:

Place/Score

1 / 118	Frank Correa	Larry Villatore	AJ Hart	Jim McGuire
2 / 120	Ron Scaglione	Bill Irish	Bob Housholder	Bob Goetze
3 / 121	Nina Correa	Denise Giffin	Ram Hays	Bruce Ikemoto

Team

Closest-To-Pin:

#2

#8

#12

#14

#17

Men	Tom Baker 7' 1"	Darell Bellah 6' 4"	Dennis Mitchell 9' 1"	Fleming Mathis 8' 8"	Ray Sanchez 11' 3"
	Lou Tolbert 9' 2"	Kyle Rountree 9' 2"	Jim Sitter 12' 10"	Troy Garcia 10' 0"	Rich Campbell 12' 0"
	Terry Gray 11' 9"	Graham Kelly 11' 3"	Willie Abraham 13' 0"	Marvie Cacho 15' 2"	Glenn Yuki 12' 3"
Ladies			Nina Correa 10' 6"	Kathy La Scola 36' 10"	Denise Giffin 11' 0"

Future

Course

Cost/Due Date

Notes

May 4	Spring Valley	\$50.00/April 14	Cart Included-Includes Prize Fund. Format = 2 best ball foursome
June 1	Rancho Canada-West	\$40.00/May 13	Cart Optional-Includes Prize Fund. Format = 2 best ball foursome
July 13	Boulder Creek	\$40.00/June 24	Cart optional-Includes Prize Fund & Lunch Coupon, "Team Scramble/Wilson Handicap"

Notes:

- The monthly golf results, rules and 2015 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.
- 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

May Hike: The Presidio Experience (San Francisco)

Friday, May 15, 2015, 9:30 AM

Hike the Presidio Promenade to Crissy Field

Presidio Promenade takes visitors through centuries of history. From its trailhead at the Lombard Gate, the trail winds past the Letterman District, once the park's medical center, now the Letterman Digital Arts Complex, where historic and new architecture seamlessly blend. Next door is the Thoreau Center for Sustainability. It meanders into the Main Post, the cultural heart of the park, where the Visitor Center, the Transit Center, restaurants, and other popular destinations greet visitors. Just past San Francisco National Cemetery, the trail passes through the historic Cavalry Stables before heading up to Crissy Field Overlook, where visitors are offered stunning views of the San Francisco skyline, Alcatraz, and Angel Island. The final destination is the Golden Gate Bridge. Bring your lunch and ample water. Let me know if you plan to attend and if you need a ride, so we can arrange a carpool. Any questions contact Bev Baker.

Hike Length: 4-5 miles

Meeting Location: Parking Lot east of the Crissy Field Marsh (carpool, if possible)

Trip leader: Bev Baker, 408-930-3618, bjb1950k@gmail.com

June Hike: Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve, south of Calero County Park

Friday, June 12, 2015, 10:00 AM

Meet at 10:00 AM at the Casa Loma Entrance of Rancho Canada del Oro where there are picnic tables and a restroom.

From there we will make a 4.3-mile loop along Mayfair Ranch and Longwall Canyon trails. During our 2 hour walk we gain approximately 400 feet to the ridge with views of Loma Prieta and Mt. Umunum along the way. Lunch will be at the picnic benches at the Casa Loma Entrance. For those who wish to continue hiking after lunch we will enter Calero Park by crossing the road to make a loop on Bald Peaks, Needlegrass and Longwall Canyon trails and thence back to our cars -- also about a 2-hour hike. From the highest point of the ridge we will see spectacular views of Mt. Hamilton and Santa Clara Valley. For both trails we will take a moderate to leisurely pace in order to enjoy wildflowers, views, the pleasant oak woodland and creeks. This is one of our favorite hikes. For those wishing an easy hike after lunch instead of a climb to a view, try the half-mile stroll along a paved nature trail and across a meadow dotted with oaks and walnut trees and along Llagas Creek. Watch for the active colony of ground squirrels in the meadow as well as deer, a bobcat, strutting turkeys, quail, and song birds.

Coming from central San Jose, take Almaden Expressway to McKean Road past Calero Lake and boat ramp all the way to Casa Loma Road. Turn right onto Casa Loma Road and drive to the Casa Loma Entrance to Rancho Canada del Oro. If coming down 101 turn right onto Bailey Road, turn left onto McKean and make a right on Casa Loma Road.

If you have any questions call Barbara or Henry Bender at 408-225-3039