



# Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

The Annual Club Meeting is on Thursday, October 15, 10:00 AM at the Church of the Latter Day Saints at 150 Bernal Road in south San Jose. An update of the club's activities for the last year will be highlighted by the trip leaders of trips to two countries that have been in the news recently. Bob Martinez will speak about the trip to Greece and George Walker will report on his recent visit to Cuba. They will show a few pictures and give their thoughts on life in these diverse countries. Join your former work associates, enjoy light refreshments and learn about these two interesting countries.

Also, a recommendation that we shorten the name of the club to "IBM Alumni Club" will be up for a vote.

## HOLIDAY PARTY DINNER DANCE

The 2015 Holiday Party Dinner Dance will be held on Tuesday, December 1. Get a group together and sign up. Details of the event and the reservation form are below. The form is also on the web site as a separate document. Find it in the left yellow column.

**George Walker, President**

## *2015 Holiday Party Dinner Dance Reservation Form*

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

**Mariani's Inn & Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara**

**5:00 PM:** No host bar serving cocktails, beer and wine – Dinner served at **6:00 PM**

Cost: **\$35.00** per person      Raffle tickets sold at the event - great prizes!

Tables seat 10. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list ALL the names.

Singles will be seated with other singles if requested. Handicapped facilities are available.

***Please provide your phone number or email address to receive a receipt of your reservation.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Singles Table \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Selections:     Half a Roasted Garlic Herb Chicken       Poached Salmon with Lobster Sauce  
                                  Roast Marinade of Tri Tip                                       Pasta Primavera

Included: French Rolls and Butter, Garden Salad, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Wine available for purchase.

We would like to sit with the following people:

\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the IBM Retirement Club. Mail this form and check to:  
Art Dill, 500 Bloom Grade Road, Boulder Creek, CA 95006 - 831-338-3069

**Bring your old  
eyeglasses!**

**Silicon Valley  
IBM Retiree & Alumni Club**

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**ibmsjrc.org**

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web site:

**sjqcc.com**

**Club General Meeting:**

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

**IBM PC Club Meeting**

Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 5:00 pm  
**History and Technology of the  
Enigma Cipher Machine**  
Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

**Membership Report**

**Bev Baker**

**September 17, 2015**

Active Members: 1656  
Newsletters mailed: 58  
Members who read online: 1439

**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**

**Bill Irish  
Larry Turner**

**In Memoriam**

**Lennis William Baker  
Wanda Evans Baker  
John Timothy Crowley  
Marshall Randall Hall  
Willi Huebner  
Ron Hufstedler  
Bob Weinert**

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 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](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*

**IBM Club 2015  
Events Calendar**  
go to [ibmsjrc.org](http://ibmsjrc.org)  
and click  
**IBM Club 2015 Events**  
in yellow left column

**Sunshine Report**

**Doug Dean** is almost finished with his treatment for a MRSA infection and is feeling better every day.

**Evie Dean** is still working at recovering from sciatica but still has a way to go for complete recovery. They both have very positive attitudes and enjoy each others' companionship.

**Donald Creps** is at home recovering from a broken hip and is feeling better every day. He and his family are encouraged with his improvement.

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

Newsletter publication only occurs if the person named agrees and wants to share.

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

## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Sep 30-Oct 12, 2015	Prague & Blue Danube River Cruise		-	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Oct 13, 2015	PC Club -Enigma Cipher Machine		2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Oct 15, 2015	<b>Annual Club Meeting</b>		1	George Walker	408 268-7623
Oct 16, 2015	Hike: Coyote Valley OSP		8	Marilyn Feldhaus	408-226-3822
Oct 18-20, 2015	Reno Getaway	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Nov 6, 2015	Hike: El Corte Madera Creek <i>Cancelled</i>		8	Bill & Linda Desler	408-205-5207
Nov 7-15, 2015	Tropical Costa Rica		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Dec 1, 2015	<b>Annual Club Holiday Party</b>		1	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Dec 3, 2015	Christmas at Filoli Home and Gardens		-	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
<b>Jan 5, 2016</b>	Casino: Thunder Valley	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
<b>Feb 4, 2016</b>	Murder Mystery Luncheon Show		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
<b>Mar 7-9, 2016</b>	Snow Train to Reno	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
<b>Apr 2-14, 2016</b>	Eastern Europe to the Black Sea	4	5	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
<b>Apr 29-May 13, 2016</b>	England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales	4	4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
<b>May 3, 2016</b>	Casino: Colusa	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
<b>May 12-27, 2016</b>	Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean		4	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
<b>May 26, 2016</b>	A Day With Doug McConnell		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
<b>July 12, 2016</b>	Casino: Feather Falls	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
<b>July 24-29, 2016</b>	Big Hike: Mammoth Lakes area		8	Bill Desler	408-268-3025
<b>Aug 3-4, 2016</b>	Reno: Hot August Nights	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
<b>Aug 28-Sep 4, 2016</b>	Best of Eastern Canada		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
<b>Sep 25-Oct 3, 2016</b>	Mississippi River Cruise		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437

### 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 2015 events with contacts are listed at the right.

Oct 22-25	Marble Quarry, Columbia	Jim Dack	408-266-6951
Nov 19-22	Casa de Fruta	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274

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### TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block of the bus or hotel
- 3 Average walking (3 blocks or more) sightseeing in museums and attractions
- 4 Very active walking, may include airport departures, climbing on and off trains and attractions, may involve high altitudes (9000+) and possible weather extremes

# Travel Adventures

## **The Great American Steamboat September 25 - October 3, 2016**

The American Queen will bring us down the Mississippi from St. Paul, MN, to St. Louis, MO, during the most beautiful time of the year. Autumn should be ready to show off its vibrant colors and the many shades of foliage.

From Hop-On Hop-Off buses we can comfortably walk right into the different towns to explore their histories, discover interesting places and do some shopping. Great care has been taken to restore beautiful and important buildings—the 1930's Art Deco Theater, the Dubuque Grand Opera House, the Smithsonian-affiliated National Mississippi River Museum and of course, the Dubuque County Jail, where Butch Cassidy once resided. View antique cars at the Dahl Auto Museum, see the friendship and botanical gardens, heritage centers, Native American stores and Historic Nauvoo's Family Living Center and board the Twainland Express for a journey in the spirit of Samuel Clemens. In St. Luke's church, the light is filtered through over 100 Tiffany stained glass windows and in Quad Cities we will be treated to American Roots, music at the River Music Experience.

On our trip from St. Paul, going south to St. Louis, we'll visit Red Wing, La Crosse, Dubuque, Burlington and Hannibal.

This 9-day tour starts at **\$3800** and includes air, transfers to and from airports, luggage handling, hotel in St. Paul, travel insurance, all meals and entertainment aboard ship, free Hop-On Hop-Off bus, complimentary beer and wine for dinner, port taxes, gratuities for dining and cabin steward and more...

**Info Meeting: Friday, October 23, 2015, 2:30pm**

**Mama Mia, 200 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell**

For a brochure or for more information, contact **Christina Anhorn**. email: [leswede@aol.com](mailto:leswede@aol.com); home phone: **831-438-3437**; cell phone: **831-818-4313**

## **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. Includes a city tour of London, dining in a British pub, a tour of Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the changing of the guard. 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. 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.

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

## **Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean with 2 nights in Rome May 12 - 27, 2016**

Visit the beautiful island of Sicily. We will stay in the lovely cities Taormina, Syracuse, Agrigento, Palermo and Rome. Stroll the markets, visit medieval seaside towns, and take a walk through Corleone, the city made famous in the Godfather novel. We will take an excursion to the Valley of the Temples, see some ancient Greek ruins and the Temple of Concordia, and have lunch with a Sicilian family at their country house. We will have a guided tour of Ortygia, the historical gem of Siracusa where we experience medieval streets, and Baroque structures. In our stay in Taormina, we will visit the city's greatest landmark, the Greco-Roman amphitheater, built in the third century BC. Our tour will take us to towering Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. In Mitogio, we will experience a traditional home-hosted lunch by another Sicilian family. In Rome, after breakfast, we will have a panoramic tour of the city and see a number of landmarks and monuments that depict the history of this beautiful city.

This amazing 15-day tour is priced at **\$4,345** (air Included) per person, double occupancy or single occupancy (yes, no single supplement charge), also includes transportation from San Jose to SFO, air taxes and fees, hotels and 26 meals: 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners. Brochure available upon request.

Contact: **Bob Martinez 408-778-2978 cell 408-835-3393**, e-mail: [bobloves2travel@yahoo.com](mailto:bobloves2travel@yahoo.com)

# 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.

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

## Eastern Europe to the Black Sea

April 2 – April 14, 2016

A twelve-day small ship (140 passenger) river cruise - along the Danube River to the Black Sea, stepping ashore in five Eastern European nations to enjoy guided tours in Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania – to visit both old world villages and rejuvenated world capitals. Enjoy a home-hosted lunch in Croatia, witness nature's amazing Iron Gates (Life Under Communism) while cruising between Serbia and Romania. Discover what life is really like here during exclusive discovery discussions with the locals, and much more. After you conclude the cruise portion of your vacation in the historical port city of Constanta, you'll travel by land to Bucharest, where you'll spend a day amidst the tree-lined boulevards of Romania's capital city.

Cabins on this 12 day tour start at **\$2,795 – 3,895** pp double occupancy (single accommodations are available for an extra \$595) – plus international air fare departing from San Francisco at \$1,300 – a big convenience for locals. We will board the M/S River Concerto, a ship that has a 95% 'Ship Excellence' record.

The price includes 32 meals: 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 11 dinners. These include all beverages: beer, wine, soft drinks, etc.

**Book now – reserve your cabin with a \$500 deposit!**

For further information, please contact:

**Bill Bartz (408-971-8928), email: bartz.bill@yahoo.com**

**The Best of  
Eastern Canada**

## Niagara Falls and Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa

1000 Lakes region, Niagara-On-The-Lake

August 28 - September 4, 2016

This tour begins in the largest French-speaking city in the world, Montreal. Our city tour takes in Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University, views of Notre Dame and St. Joseph's Oratory, and concludes high atop Mount Royal, with some breathtaking views of the scenery below. Later you can explore the city's famous underground shopping. We now move on to the fabulous Quebec City where we have a sightseeing tour, and that evening enjoy dinner at one of Quebec's fine restaurants. The next day we have breakfast at a local sugar shack in the Quebec countryside. Learn about the traditions of maple syrup making and sample some delicious traditional foods made with maple syrup. We now head for Ottawa, the capital city of Canada. We will visit Byward Market known for fruits, vegetables, flowers, and arts and crafts. While in Ottawa don't forget to try the local specialty pastry, Beavertail, a must. On our way to Toronto, we stop in Rockport to enjoy a memorable cruise of the 1000 Islands region. We end our tour in Toronto, capital of Ontario, where we visit the amazing Niagara Falls and board a ship for an incredible journey under the falls. We will also have some time to visit and shop in the charming town of Niagara-On-The-Lake, a beautiful place to stroll or to take a carriage ride.

This exciting 8 day tour is priced at **\$2,999** per person, double occupancy. Included: hotel, roundtrip airfare, air taxes, hotel transfers and 11 meals: 7 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Brochures available upon request.

**Information meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 11:30 AM**

**Sweet Tomato Restaurant, 113 Bernal Road, San Jose; refreshments, muffins and a few give-a-ways. Please RSVP.**

Contact me, **Bob Martinez, bobloves2travel@yahoo.com, or phone: 408-778-2978 home, 408-835-3393 cell**

## Day Trips

### A Day With Doug McConnell

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Don't miss this special opportunity to spend a day with Doug McConnell from Bay Area Backroads and Open Road. Doug will be your guide as you visit Bear Valley at Pt. Reyes. Spend some time at the visitors center and then take an easy walk along what's called the Earthquake Trail that interprets the huge 1906 quake and how it affected that area. For those who can manage a short, paved, uphill stroll, you'll also visit the Morgan Horse barns and interpretive center. Doug will travel aboard the coach sharing facts and personal stories along the way. A picnic lunch from Whole Foods is included.

Escorted tour includes: roundtrip transportation, guided tour, hosted lunch and driver gratuity. All this for **\$86** per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact

**Bill Souza at (408) 335-9263 (Cell) or  
bsouza6280@aol.com**

### Murder Mystery Luncheon Show

Thursday, February 4, 2016

Witness a murder by Gibson House Mystery Performers, the most popular mystery theatre troupe in the San Francisco, North Bay, South Bay and East Bay Area. You will laugh, witness a crime, and help solve the mystery... while enjoying a delicious lunch at the Sunol Valley Country Club, Sunol. The fun begins the moment you step into the dining area. You become part of the scene, as colorful characters surround your every move. You are encouraged to play along, as the professional actors are well skilled in using your clue-hunting questions as springboards to present the mystery plot. Be prepared, as a three-course lunch is served between scenes of the mystery, giving you ample opportunity to ask questions and try to solve the crime.

Escorted tour includes: roundtrip transportation via deluxe motor coach, luncheon, show, door prizes and driver gratuity. All this for **\$89** 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)

We have had 3 weeks of the Fall League and we do need more bowlers, so if you like to bowl and have fun, come join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am at Cambrian Bowl.

So far our super bowlers have had some good scores.

#### WOMEN

SCRATCH GAME

236 Faye Fritz

SCRATCH SERIES

557 Bev Ross

#### MEN

SCRATCH GAME

227 Kelley Wood

SCRATCH SERIES

638 John Cesario

Handicap series and game will begin next week.

We have some bowlers that are recovering from surgeries and will join us when their doctors release them to do so. We wish them all a speedy recovery. This week we have Bill Bartz undergoing back surgery and hope he is back with us as soon as he is able.

If you can join us and bowl, just call Carol Hughes or come on down to the bowling center. We do have fun.

**Carol Hughes, secretary, 408-224-1739**

### Casino Trips

All the day trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

**Parking:** Capitol Expressway & Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G.

Depart: 7:30 am. Openings exist for all trips. Call today!

**October 18-20, 2015, Reno Getaway**

**January 5, 2016, Thunder Valley Casino**

**March 7-9, 2016, Snow Train to Reno**, the bus takes us to the train, baggage goes by bus, 2 nights at El Dorado hotel in Reno with breakfast buffet each morning.

**May 3, 2016, Colusa Casino**

**July 12, 2016, Feather Falls Casino**

**August 3-4, 2016, Hot August Nights, Reno**

**October 16-18, 2016, Reno Getaway**

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, 408-377-4314,  
topray4314@att.net**

# Tee-2-Tee Golf

## Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

**September 3, 2015:** Due to some course repair work, we played the same 9 holes twice, again. Here are the results for September:

**Low Net:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Kurtz	59
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Armin Kluth	60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gwen Campbell	62
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Bartz	64

**Closest-to-Pin #16:**

Patrice Haggerty 15' 7"

The next golf dates are Thursdays, October 1 and November 5. 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

**Aptos Seascap September 14, 2015.** The Shot(s)-of-the-Day go to Carl Woodland, Peter Duke and Kathy La Scola. On #16, a 175-yard par 3, Carl chipped his 3rd shot from 40 yards into the cup for par! Also on #16, Peter chipped his 2nd shot from 10 feet into the cup for Birdie. On #7, a 316-yard par 4, Kathy hit her tee shot about 139 yards into the cup for a Hole-in-One! Confused, you say? Well, the cup her ball went into, with a very loud thump, was a 21-inch diameter hole, complete with flag, for "Foot-Golf" and played with a Soccer ball. Great shots, Carl, Peter & Kathy! The format of play was "Two-Best Ball-Foursome". We had a nice turnout of 50 players. Here are the results:

**Place/Score**

**Team**

1 / 119	Lou Tolbert	Ray Sanchez	James Taubodo	Carl Woodland
2 / 121*	Terry Gray	Dennis Niemeyer	Lewis Brady	Troy Garcia
2 / 121*	Frank Correa	Larry Villatore	Richard Mace	Ed Jones

\* = Tie

**Closest-To-Pin:**

	#6	#8	#12	#14	#16
Men 1	Bud Crockett	Tom Baker	Dennis Niemeyer	(None)	Darell Bellah
2	Mark Fragio	Lewis Brady	James Taubodo		
3	Troy Garcia	Ed Jones	Dave Moulton		
Ladies	(None)				

**Future**

**Course**

**Cost/Due Date**

**Notes**

October 5	Pajaro Valley	\$40.00/ September 16	Cart Optional-Includes Prize Fund. Format = 2 best ball foursome
November 2	Spring Valley	\$65.00/October 14	Includes Prize Fund & Cart –Don Johnson Memorial-Sandwich Shoot-Everybody wins – Individual Golf
December 7	Los Lagos	\$48.00/November 18	Includes Prize Fund & Cart. Format = 2 best ball foursome

**Notes:**

- The monthly golf results, rules and 2015 schedule can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: [www.ibmsjrc.org](http://www.ibmsjrc.org)
- 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**.
- 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

## Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve

Friday, October 16, 2015, 10:00 am

We'll be hiking the new Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve, a charming little spot between South San Jose and Morgan Hill. The Arrowhead Full Loop Trail offers panoramic views of the Coyote Valley region and meanders through grassy and shady areas, and is just under 4 miles with 800 feet elevation difference between low and high points. Along the way we may see wildlife, including deer and rabbits, and meet tamer life such as other hikers, horseback and bike riders.

Lunch time and place will be determined by the group the morning of the hike. There are two options: picnic tables at the trailhead, or on the trail itself when we travel clockwise to almost the end of the loop. One allows the hike to be completed ahead of lunch, the other allows for hikers who are so inclined to socialize and then to add extra credit mileage to their hike by retracing the loop, in effect making their outing an out-and-back affair of just about 6 miles total.

To access, use Palm Avenue which turns off of Santa Teresa Boulevard a couple of miles or so south of Bailey Road (which is itself accessed from highway 101 if you are driving 101). Go west on Palm until you come to the parking area with a nice, if rustic, bathroom facility.

Hike leaders: **Marilyn Feldhaus and David Gross, 408-226-3822**

**Rain cancels!**

## El Corte Madera Creek

Friday, November 6, 2015, 10:00 AM

**Cancelled**

We will be hiking in the redwoods on a moderate 7.2 mile hike with a very mild 700 feet of elevation change. We will start on El Corte de Madera Creek trail then on to Resolution trail and finally on Fir trail. We will pass by the 1953 wreckage site of a DC-6 aircraft and visit the Tafoni sandstone formations. We will stop at a vista point for lunch (hopeful that the picnic table is vacant).

Directions: Travel north on highway 280, then take La Honda Rd (CA-84) west to Skyline Blvd (CA-35), turn right on Skyline for 4 miles to the Skeggs Point parking area. You can also go through Saratoga and take highway 9 to Skyline and travel north 17.6 miles (slightly longer but no freeway). Carpoolers can meet at 9 AM at the 85/Camden Park and Ride.

RAIN CANCELS! Please contact hike leader if you intend to hike.

Hike Leaders: **Bill and Linda Desler (desler@pacbell.net) cell 408-205-5207**

## Big Hike: Mammoth Lakes Area

July 24-29, 2016

The 2016 IBM San Jose Retiree & Alumni Club Big Hike will be in Mammoth Lakes next year. The Big Hike is 4 days of day hikes, Monday through Thursday, while we stay in a nice motel from Sunday through Thursday nights. There are usually 3 to 4 hike options each day ranging from 1-2 miles up to 8 or 10 miles.

We have reserved 21 rooms at the Best Western High Sierra in Mammoth for July 24 thru 29, 2016. 17 of the rooms have been spoken for. If you would like to join us and reserve a room please let me know ASAP as the rooms are on a first come first served basis. The estimated cost for each hotel room for 5 nights is \$826. Several hikers bring their motor homes and stay at a nearby parking facility. We usually have a wind-up banquet and social gathering on Thursday night.

Contact: **Bill & Linda Desler, desler@pacbell.net,**  
**home 408-268-3025, cell 408-205-5207**  
**1034 Kristen Ct.**  
**San Jose, Ca 95120**

## Nominations for 2016 Board Officers

PRESIDENT:	<b>George Walker</b>
VICE-PRESIDENT:	<b>Bob Goetze</b>
SECRETARY:	<b>Ruth Price</b>
TREASURER:	<b>Dave Sloan</b>
MEMBERSHIP:	<b>Bev Baker</b>
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR:	<b>Walt Cole</b>
DIRECTORS AT LARGE:	<b>William Irish</b> <b>Alan Pintacura</b> <b>Open</b>