



**Silicon Valley  
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IBM Retiree and Alumni Club web site:**

**ibmsjrc.org**

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web site:**

**sjqcc.com**

**Club Board Meeting:**

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 10:00 AM  
LDS Church  
150 Bernal Road  
San Jose, CA 95119

**IBM PC Club Meeting**

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 5:00 pm  
MythTV

**(a mythical server in your house)**

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

*This newsletter is intended for use by members of the Club and their families. Contributions are the sole responsibility of the authors and should not be construed to represent an official position of the Club or the IBM Corporation.*

**Membership Report**

**Bev Baker**

**October 15, 2015**

Active Members: 1658

Newsletters mailed: 64

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  
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**New Members**

**Bill Irish  
Jack Jimenez  
Bob Mills  
Larry Turner**

**In Memoriam**

**David L. Balog  
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John A. Malek  
Fidel Salinas  
Pearl E. Weseman  
Darryl Varley**

*from October newsletter*

**Lennis William Baker  
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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*

**IBM Club 2015  
Events Calendar**

go to [ibmsjrc.org](http://ibmsjrc.org)

and click

**IBM Club 2015 Events**

in yellow left column

**Sunshine Report**

**Bill Bartz** is in the process of recuperating from back surgery in October and is healing well other than pain in his legs which should ease soon.

**Barbara Pugh** is housebound with pneumonia and following doctor's instructions so that she can return to bowling soon.

**Mary Woodman** had a reaction to a medication and is feeling better as time goes on. She is looking forward to continued improvement in the near future.

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 to share.

**Pat Motta 408-264-5821**

**[paelgin@yahoo.com](mailto:paelgin@yahoo.com)**

## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
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
Nov 10, 2015	PC Club - MythTV		2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Nov 19, 2015	<b>Club Board Meeting</b>		2	George Walker	408 268-7623
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
<b>Oct 16-18, 2016</b>	Reno Getaway		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314

### **Krazy Kampers**

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club, the Krazy Kampers. The club has been around for over 20 years and we would like to invite other IBM retirees who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area.

Nov 19-22, 2015	Casa de Fruta	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
February 18-21, 2016	Pismo Coast Village	Bruce Reed	408-268-5393
March 17-20, 2016	Marina Dunes	Joe Barcellos	408-776-1533
April 7 - 9, 2016	Paso Robles	Gil Hernandez	408-315-8183
May 12 - 14, 2016	Smithwoods, Felton	Larry Turley	408-629-5371
June 22 - 25, 2016	Jackson Rancheria RV Park	Les Greatbanks	510-234-9271
September 15-17, 2016	Bodega Bay	Joe Barcellos	408-776-1533

### **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...

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 can still use some bowlers. We now have an empty team and are an odd number of teams, so come join us at Cambrian on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. We have fun and fellowship every week.

A few of us have recovered from surgeries are back bowling. We hope to have the others back soon.

First Place Team: *Pin Topplers* - Sandy Suekawa, Dave Curry, Jan Curry and Kelley Wood.

Second Place Team: *Team 3* - Helen Nakamoto, Olga Walters, Sam Walters and Dick Nakamoto.

High scores:

#### WOMEN

SCRATCH GAME

236 Faye Fritz

SCRATCH SERIES

569 Marilyn Bianco

HANDICAP GAME

266 Faye Fritz

HANDICAP SERIES

713 Marilyn Bianco

#### MEN

SCRATCH GAME

268 Kelley Wood

SCRATCH SERIES

660 Fred Mitchell

HANDICAP GAME

273 Rick Oliver

HANDICAP SERIES

673 Dave Fitting

673 Charlie Camilleri

If you can join us and bowl, 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!

**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

**October 1, 2015:** Due to some course repair work, we played the same 9 holes twice, again, again. Here are the results for September:

**Low Net:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Patrice Haggerty	51
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Fitting	53
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Darrel Jensen	63
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Kurtz	72

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

Patrice Haggerty 15'

The next golf dates are Thursdays, November 5 and December 3. 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 or Darrel Jensen 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, dj-special.use@att.net**

# Par Tee Golf

**Pajaro Valley, October 5, 2015.** The Shot(s)-Of-The-Day go to Darell Bellah and Andy La Scola. On #10, a 343-yard par 4, Darell chipped in his 4th shot from 15 yards for par. On #6, a 337-yard par four, Andy chipped in his 4th shot from 10 yards for par. Great shots, Darell and Andy! We had a turnout of 39 players. The format of play was 2 Best Ball Foursome. Two teams tied for 1st place. Here are the results:

**Place/Score**

<b>1 / 121*</b>	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Darell Bellah	Tom Baker
<b>1 / 121*</b>	Jim McGuire	Carol McGuire	Mike Higginbotham	Carl Woodland
<b>3 / 124</b>	Bill Irish	Glenn Yuki	Fred Mitchell	Rich Hiser

**Team**

\* = Tie

**Closest-To-Pin:**

	<b>#3</b>	<b>#7</b>	<b>#11</b>	<b>#14</b>
Men 1	Bob Housholder	Rich Hiser	Mike Higginbotham	Bob Goetze
2	Terry Gray	Jim McGuire	Edsel Carson Jr.	Ray Sanchez
3	Dick Liu	Darrell Jones	Troy Garcia	Lewis Brady
Ladies	(None)			

**Future**

	Course	Cost/Due Date	Notes
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:**

- Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter, web site, or call Andy, for latest information. 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**.

**RENEWALS FOR YOUR 2016 NCGA DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.** The cost to renew is \$42.00 from October 1st to December 25th. After that, the cost is \$52.00. Contact **Terry Gray 408-629-8893**, or send an email to: [tgolf18@aol.com](mailto:tgolf18@aol.com)

- 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

**El Corte Madera Creek *cancelled***

**Friday, November 6, 2015**

## **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](mailto:desler@pacbell.net), home 408-268-3025, cell 408-205-5207**  
**1034 Kristen Ct., San Jose, Ca 95120**