



IBM* Alumni Club Newsletter



March--April, 2019

Volume XXXIV

Number 2

President's Chat

Time to Send In Your Reservation for the Grand Finale Picnic!

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 - Alumni Club Picnic – Same as last year, the club will supplement the cost of your BBQ lunch and you will have the ability to visit with friends and former work associates. Why not get a group together and join us?

Bernie Coullahan, President, 408-656-2907, becoul@yahoo.com

IBM Alumni Club Grand Finale Picnic



**Tuesday, July 30, 2019, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Guglielmo Winery
1480 East Main Ave., Morgan Hill**

Reservation Deadline: July 20, 2019. No refunds/cancellations after this date. *No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!*

Menu: CB Hannigans: BBQ meats, and all the trimmings. (No-host wine available for purchase)

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.

Picnic Reservation Form

Tuesday, July 30, 2019, 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM, *Guglielmo Winery, 1480 East Main Avenue, Morgan Hill*

No tickets will be mailed. You pick them up at the registration table the day of the event.

Member & Guest

\$19 each:

Member Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Non-Members

\$29 each:

Non-Member Name: _____ Non-Member Name: _____

Total number of persons attending # _____ Amount of check: \$ _____ Phone: _____

Your email address for confirmation _____

Please make checks payable to **IBM Alumni Club,**

Mail To: Bill Bartz, 977 Arnold Way, San Jose, CA 95128-3404, 408-971-8928, bartz.bill@yahoo.com

**IBM* Alumni Club
OFFICERS (2018)**

President:

Bernie Coullahan 408-656-2907
becoul@yahoo.com

Vice-President:

Bob Martinez 408-835-3393
bobloves2travel@yahoo.com

Secretary:

Ruth Price 408-356-8975
ruthprice@comcast.net

Treasurer:

Bob Goetze 408-224-8330
RLGOETZ@sbcglobal.net

Membership:

Bev Baker 408-354-4850
membership@ibmsjrc.org

Communications:

Walt Cole 408-674-1401
opawalt@gmail.com

Directors-at-Large:

Bill Irish 408-972-8981
wirish@comcast.net

Alan Pintacura 408-997-3211
alanclarian@sbcglobal.net

Carl Woodland 408-778-2853
woodland.cj@gmail.com

COMMITTEES:

Sunshine:

Alan Pintacura 408-997-3211
alanclarian@sbcglobal.net

Past Presidents/Advisors:

Terry Milinic', George Nale, Ina Havens,
Art Dill, Bill Souza

IBM Alumni Club* Board Meeting

**Thursday, May 16, 2019,
10:00 AM**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
3151 Union Avenue, San Jose**

**IBM* Alumni Club web site:
ibmsjrc.org**

**San Jose IBM* Quarter
Century Club web site:
sjqcc.org**

**IBM* PC Club Meeting
Google Apps**

May 14, 5:00 pm

**Contact: Walt Cole, 408-674-1401
opawalt@gmail.com**

Membership Report

Bev Baker

March-April, 2019

Active Members: 1633

Newsletters mailed: 37

Members who read online: 1458

Change of Address

Please send in your new mailing address, your new email 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 Member

Jai Menon

In Memoriam

Evelyn Dean

**Richard Frank (Dick)
Doubrava**

James "Jimmy" Flores

Jim Hoffman

Shel Jacobs

Bambi Larson

Helen "Joann" Patch

Pete Potosky

John Paul Yaccarine, Jr.

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.

See's Candy \$15.75 certificate (reg. \$19.50)

AMC black tickets: \$10.25 (no restrictions)

Century/Cinemark: \$8.50

Regal Cinemas: \$8.75

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

Online Site for Discounts

<http://bit.ly/2nlsv5M>

This takes you to the

Get Away Today web site.

There is a link on the web site in the yellow left pane.

Sunshine

If you know of anyone who is under the weather or is facing medical problems and could use a greeting card from the Club, please call me or send an email.

Tom Clarke has moved to an assisted care facility in La Mesa, CA to be close to his daughters and family. His health is good but he has some balance issues and was told he should not live alone. He would appreciate emails at clarke.tj@comcast.net.

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

Alan Pintacura 408-997-3211

alanclarian@sbcglobal.net



TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Page	Contact	Phone
Apr 9, 2019	Feather Falls Indian Casino	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 27-May 9, 2019	Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic coast	4	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393
May 14, 2019	IBM PC Club Google Apps	2	Walt Cole	408-674-1401
May 16, 2019	IBM Alumni Club Board meeting	2	Bernie Coullahan	408-656-2907
May 22-24, 2019	Solvang <i> canceled</i>	—	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
June 4, 2019	Chukchansi Gold Indian Casino	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
June 20, 2019	California Delta Cruise	7	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
July 30, 2019	IBM Alumni Club Picnic	1	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Aug 6-8, 2019	Hot August Nights, Reno	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 14, 2019	Guide Dogs for the Blind	7	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
Oct 6-19, 2019	Cultural Treasures of Japan	4	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393
Oct 8, 2019	Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Oct 23-Nov 1, 2019	Amsterdam-Zurich Rhine/Moselle River Cruise	5	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Nov 7, 2019	Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery , Jackson	7	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
Dec 2, 2019	Poinsettias, Cheese & Chocolate	7	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Dec 3, 2019	IBM Alumni Club Holiday Party	1	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Feb 12-19, 2020	Iceland's Magical Northern Lights	6	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393
May, 2020	Magical China	6	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Sep 16-28, 2020	OBERAMMERGAU Passion Play, Switzerland, Alpine countries	5	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393

Krazy Kampers

We are a group of IBM Alumni 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 Alumni who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area.

2019

Apr 25-28	Paso Robles	Gil Hernandez	408-315-6163
May 30-June 2	Jackson Rancheria	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
Oct 10-13	Morro Bay	Bruce Reed	408-268-5393

Travel Adventures

Cultural Treasures of Japan

October 6-19, 2019

HIGHLIGHTS: Tokyo, Kyoto, Bullet Train, Hiroshima, Lake Ashi Cruise, Matsumoto Castle, Geisha Show

Our tour begins in the amazing city of Tokyo where we will visit the Imperial Palace, Niju Bridge and Sakurada Gardens. Our climb during the famous Tokyo tour will give us an amazing view of the city from high above. Throughout this tour we will explore ancient and modern Japanese culture firsthand. Now on to the lakeside resort of Hakone, renowned for its hot springs. Take a ride on the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car, for a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji. Next we cruise the deep blue waters of Lake Ashi, with epic mountain views. Step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps, where we will tour Matsumoto Castle. We will visit a 200-year-old sake brewery and later, a 600-year-old open air market along the Miyagawa River.

On our travels today to Kanazawa, we visit Shirakawa-go, with its gassho-zukuri-style houses with their thatched-rooftops. Our next stay is in Kyoto where we find more than 2000 temples and shrines. We will view Kinkakuji, the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple with two floors that are completely covered in gold leaf. We will also visit the Gion district, with its narrow lanes of teahouses. We board the Shinkansen bullet train for Hiroshima. On this adventure we take a ferry to Miyajima Island to see the iconic Torii gate and the Itsukushima Shrine that appears to float on water. Now we are on the bullet train back to Kyoto. Today we tour Nijo Castle and later we get a lesson in the art of Japanese stenciling. We end our tour with a special kaiseki farewell dinner and Geisha show.

The cost of this amazing 14 day tour is **\$6399** which includes hotel, air, air taxes, included tours, transfers and our roundtrip flight out of SFO. Also included are 21 meals: 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 7 dinners. The tour brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via e mail. Brochures will also be available at the information meeting.

Contact: **Bob Martinez** If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

408-835-3393 or email me at **bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

Discover Croatia!

Slovenia and the Adriatic coast Opatija, Dubrovnik, Ljubljana, Split, Bled, Zagreb

April 27 – May 9, 2019

Highlights: Plitvice Lake National Park, Dubrovnik, Istrian Peninsula, Pletna Boat Ride, Lake Bled, Cilipi Family Dinner

Our tour begins in the seaside resort of Opatija, known as Croatia's Riviera. We will visit a local distillery that uses regional plants, fruits and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Dinner at a farm-to-table restaurant where we will enjoy some wine with our culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula. Next we travel Croatia's most beautiful National Park, Plitvice Lakes, with its 16 terraced lakes -- a UNESCO World Heritage site. Next we travel along the sparkling Adriatic Sea, as we head for the medieval city of Dubrovnik. We will visit Old Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see Rector's Palace and visit the old town harbor. This evening we travel to the rich Konavle region to Cilipi for dinner at a family-owned restaurant and learn about life in the Croatian heartland. We now travel to Split where we will visit the Diocletian's Palace. Our travel now takes us to Slovenia and to the lovely capital city of Ljubljana. We tour the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas. After lunch we travel to the tranquil Lake Bled where we take a Pletna boat to a picturesque island in the middle of the lake to explore a 17th century cathedral, St. Mary's. Our last stop is the lovely city Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. We celebrate the end of our trip with dinner at a local restaurant.

The cost of this 13-day tour, including AIR, is only **\$4,069**, double occupancy. This includes round trip air from SFO, hotels, included excursions, transfers, and motor coach transportation from San Jose to SFO and back. Also included are 17 meals: 11 breakfasts & 6 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.

Contact: **Bob Martinez, 408-612-8052 (home) 408-835-3393** or at **bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

Travel Adventures

Amsterdam to Zurich aboard the MS Amadeus Silver III

October 23–November 1, 2019

Our tour opens in Amsterdam where we will board our ship and enjoy a welcome aboard dinner. The next day we will enjoy a city tour of Amsterdam including a canal boat cruise through Amsterdam. The next morning the river takes you to Cologne and past the picturesque German landscape dotted with medieval towns. In Cologne you may join a guided walking tour of the city's Old Town with its narrow cobbled streets. Not to miss the magnificent Cologne Cathedral as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and Romanesque church of St. Martin. Then we sail on to the Moselle River to Cochem and a guided tour of the lovely town and the Reichsburg Castle high on a precipitous rock above the town. Enjoy meeting a local winemaker and taste regional Mosel wines. Now on to Koblenz, a 2000-year-old city. We will explore a walking tour, then go on to Rudesheim and visit its famous Mechanical Music Museum. The river then takes us to Mannheim for you to explore. Later sail to Speyer, one of the oldest cities in Germany and explore the Old Gate and Jewish baths. That evening enjoy a Gala Captain's Dinner. Your journey now takes you to Strasbourg, France, to join a guided tour of the old quarter featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Disembark at Basel and travel to Alsace wine region and spend time in beautiful Colmar. Drive on to Titisee, a German resort town nestled alongside its picturesque lake hidden deep in the Black Forest where we will enjoy a dinner of regional specialties before arriving in Zurich.

The Rhine River flows from the Swiss Alps through Germany and eventually reaches the North Sea. Historically important and visually stunning, the Rhine provides the perfect "Highway" from which to explore the heart of the Old World. From your cruise ship you will see the fairy-tale castles, endless vineyards and ancient cities. Legendary landmarks like the Lorelei Rock, which soars high above the river, complete a perfect picture. Travel from Amsterdam, Netherlands to Basel, Switzerland in style. Along the way you gain a new perspective that only a river and land travel experience can offer. Included in Price: Round Trip Airfare from SFO, Cruise, Booking Bonus if you book now, Air Taxes, Hotel and transfers. Two cabins have opened up: one lower outside **\$4,499** per person (double) and one middle outside **\$5,199** per person (double).

EXTEND YOUR STAY! **2 pre-nights** in Amsterdam at the American Hotel Amsterdam, **\$510** per person (double), includes breakfast, transportation from airport to hotel and from hotel to cruise dock. **2 post-nights** in Zurich at the Movenpick Hotel Zurich, **\$240** per person (double), includes breakfast, transportation from the hotel to airport. We will have a special presentation on all of the things to do on these Pre and Post trips.

Please Contact us for a brochure and further information on cabin upgrades, single rates. We hope to travel with you soon. **Remember First Come First Served. CABINS FILL UP FAST.** Your refundable deposit will secure your cabin. Book now to hold your cabin.

Contact: **Sharry & Art Dill** arthdill@comcast.net 831 338-3069

ONCE every 10 YEARS

OBERAMMERGAU – 'PASSION PLAY' w/SWITZERLAND and the Alpine Countries tour

September 16 -28, 2020

FEATURING: Lucern, Zermatt, Salzburg, Vienna, Black Forest, Danube River Cruise

We start our tour in Vienna to visit the Schoenbrunn Palace and the impressive St. Stephens Cathedral. We will take a picturesque cruise down the Danube and visit the Milk Abbey. We then continue to Salzburg to enjoy an amazing Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peters Restaurant. We stop in Munich where we visit the town square and see the world-famous Glockenspiel. Later we arrive in the quaint village of Oberammergau. The next day we witness the famous Passion Play that dates back to 1643 and is performed every 10 years. The next day our journey takes us to King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle. Our overnight stay is in the Black Forest, known for artists who create authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. We will visit the most photographed castle in the world, Chateau de Chillon, located on the lovely Lake Geneva. We will take a train through the Alps to Zermatt, and then continue on through the Grimsel Pass as we head for the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," Lucerne. There you will have time to shop, take pictures, walk the famous bridge and visit Lucerne's old town. Tonight you will enjoy a farewell dinner featuring local specialties as we toast our memorable trip.

The cost of this 13 day tour, including AIR, is **\$6,999**, double occupancy. This includes round trip air from SFO, hotels, included excursions, transfers, entrance to the Passion Play, and motor coach transportation to SFO and back. Also included are 19 meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 7 dinners. I have only 30 seats available on this tour.

Bob Martinez, 408-835-3393 cell, email: bobloves2travel@yahoo.com

Travel Adventures

Iceland's Magic Northern Lights

February, 12 - 19, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS: *Reykjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Blue Lagoon
Vatnajokull Glacier, Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon, Gullfoss Waterfall, Vik*

Iceland, the land of steaming lava fields, massive glaciers and thundering waterfalls. We start in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital city. We visit old town, the harbor and then after dinner, off to a Northern Lights cruise to see one of nature's wonders, the aurora borealis. Next day we travel the incredible Golden Circle in route to Vik. On our way we visit Thingvellir National Park, a Unesco World Heritage site. Then we stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. We will also see the beauty of Gullfoss waterfall. The next day we take a drive to the mesmerizing Seljalandsfoss, to see the Skogafoss waterfalls, one of the largest in Iceland. Then on to see Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrholaey. Today we travel to Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajokull National Park, the largest national park in Europe. Vatnajokull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains and the Vatnajokull glacier, Europe's largest. Tonight we will again search for the Northern Lights. Today we drive along the south shore towards Reykjanes Peninsula, stopping at the Lava Exhibition Center to learn about Iceland's historic eruptions and current lava flow. We then visit the Blue Lagoon hot springs. Take a dip in the warm rich mineral waters of the geothermal pool located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. We then return to Reykjavik for our farewell dinner and another chance to see the Northern Lights. Our last day in Reykjavik is for resting, shopping and seeing the old town. Tomorrow we head for home and leave this amazing, beautiful landscape.

The cost of this fabulous 8 day tour is **\$4,129** which includes hotel, air, air taxes, included tours, transfers and our roundtrip flight out of SFO. Also included are 11 meals: 6 breakfasts, and 5 dinners. The tour brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via email. Brochures will also be available at the Information meeting.

Contact: **Bob Martinez, 408-835-3393** cell or e mail **bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

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

Magical China a Wondrous Adventure

Experience the mysteries of this ancient culture and immerse yourself in this amazing breathtaking country

May 2020 - 16 days (exact date tbd)

Fly first to Beijing and spend two nights exploring the Forbidden City, the imperial palace for China from the Ming Dynasty for a period of 500 years, climb the Great Wall of China and explore the Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll through iconic Tiananmen Square. Next day take a rickshaw ride through the hutongs, the traditional alleys of Beijing. Drive past the Olympic Village and enjoy our Welcoming Peking Duck Dinner.

The next day we will fly to the ancient city of Xian where the legendary Silk Road comes to an end. While in Xian we will explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors, a clay army of 8,000 soldiers created to guard China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Later we will walk the Ancient City Wall of Xian. We will have two nights in Xian.

On to Yichang to board our ship for a 4 night cruise up the Yangtze River. Begin your day with a tai chi lesson as we sail the dramatic Xiling Gorge, the longest section of the Three Gorges. Discover the state-of-the-art site: the Three Gorges Dam. Next day we will enjoy a remote ride in Pea Boats up the Shennv Stream. Return to our ship as we sail the Wu Gorge with its 12 forest-covered peaks.....On to Shanghai. We will take the super-fast Maglev train into central Shanghai and that evening be amazed at a Chinese acrobatics show. The next day we will explore Old Town, visit the magnificent Shanghai Museum. Explore the "Bund" which runs along the Huangpu River.

You will have the opportunity of POST NIGHT addition to Hong Kong with its awe-inspiring skyline. Explore the famous Stanley Market and seaside village bazaar, visit Aberdeen Fishing Village. On to Macau, the "Vegas of China." We are still finalizing the prices for the basic trip and the Post Trip. Should have final costs available by March 2019. Estimate pricing for the basic 16 day tour should be around \$5500. That would include all flights including 4 internal flights, trip insurance, China Visa costs. More later on pricing for the Post Trip to Hong Kong. Please contact us NOW with your interest as we only have 20 seats available for this amazing trip.

Sharry and Art Dill (831) 338-3069 or email; arthdill@comcast.net

Bowling

One More Time Senior League Morgan Hill Bowl 650 Tennant Station, Morgan Hill

Our 3rd Quarter Position Round just completed that paired Team #14 – “The Young Uns” (Larry Vogen, Marian Azevedo, Joseph Cliff, Bev Higa [VACANT]) against Team #1 – “Lucky 4” (Topsy Thompson, Josie Supenchek, Carol Hughes, Dave Fitting) with Team #1 - “Lucky 4” coming on top. This match was especially interesting because Team #1 had to win all three games to take the 3rd Quarter by ½ point. Team #1 – “Lucky 4” indeed prevailed!

The results for the one game roll-off on Feb. 6th to determine the 1st Quarter Winner between Team #9 – “Queen’s Men” (O’Lynda Head, Dan Thery, Tom Higa, Ted Head) and Team #11 – “NBFD” (Bill Bartz, Nancy Barone, Fred Mitchell, Dan Terry) was won by Team “Queen’s Men”.

Congratulations to our 1st and 3rd Quarter Winners and good luck to the rest of the teams for your chance to get into the Championship Roll-off by winning the 4th and last Quarter!

Our individual Season High Scores to date are:

	Men		Women			
Scratch Game	266	Cliff Marks & Dan Terry	Scratch Game	214	Bev Ross	
Scratch Series	739	Rich Gavino	Scratch Series	637	Ingrid Baxter	
Handicap Game	279	Armando Hernandez	Handicap Game	270	Pat Falkowski & Mitzi Stewart	
Handicap Series	723	Dick Nakamoto	Handicap Series	695	Joanne White	

This is a 4-person team league that bowls on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. I am starting to take the names who express interest in bowling in our Summer League. If you are interested in joining this fun and friendly league during summer, please contact:

Rich Gavino, Secretary/Treasurer, call or text at **408-307-3444** or email at **rngavino@gmail.com**

Day Trips

California Delta Cruise Thursday, June 20, 2019:

A one-of-a-kind day adventure aboard the Rosemarie. Explore the beautiful California Delta on a 2.5 hour cruise with Captain Morgan. View Great Egrets, Canadian Geese, Great Blue Heron, as well as the railroad bridge, Discovery Bay Lighthouse, and much more. Afterward we've included a family style luncheon at the Garlic Brothers Restaurant.

Cost for this is **\$138.00** per person

Contact **Sandy Suekawa** cell **408-316-0731** or **sandysuekawa@yahoo.com**

Guide Dogs for the Blind, San Rafael Saturday, September 14, 2019:

Learn how the canine companions are trained, developed and nurtured to provide enhanced mobility to qualified individuals. Tour includes the dormitory where the blind and visually impaired students stay while training with their companion dogs on the 11 acres of lush grounds, kennel complex, training facilities, and the vet clinic. We will enjoy a picnic lunch after the tour and then stay for the graduation ceremony.

This trip will fill up fast. Cost is **\$78.00** per person.

Contact **Sandy Suekawa** cell **408-316-0731** or **sandysuekawa@yahoo.com**

Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery trip to Jackson Thursday, November 7, 2019:

A unique experience awaits...We'll visit Jackson, CA and enjoy a period costumed docent tour of 221B Baker St., the London flat of Sherlock Holmes....we'll sneak in while he's away. Our day away will include a tea luncheon at Hein & Company bookstore where we'll have a mystery of our own to solve. This is an interactive experience so be prepared to play along! Meal includes: Traditional high tea fare including savory delights and sweet treats.

This fun trip is **\$110.00** per person.

Contact **Sandy Suekawa** cell **408-316-0731** or **sandysuekawa@yahoo.com**

Celebrate the Season with Poinsettias, Cheese & Chocolate Monday, December 2, 2019:

Visit Duarte Nursery for a tour and opportunity to purchase spectacular Poinsettia and Cyclamen plants to grace porches, hearths and to be given as gifts. Remember to bring cash or check, as credit cards are not accepted. Our visit to Hilmar Cheese will include a cheese making tour, hosted lunch with deli sandwich buffet featuring turkey and ham 1/2 sandwiches, Hilmar's signature cheese chowder, green salad, beverage, and cream cheese brownies for dessert. Next we'll visit the Ghirardelli factory outlet store. As you enter you'll be greeted with the wonderful aroma of chocolate and a free sample. This trip will fill up quickly. Cost for this exciting trip is **\$80.00** per person!

Contact **Topsy Thompson** **408-377-4314**

Casino Trips

April 9, 2019: Feather Falls August 6-8, 2019 Reno—Hot August Nights (2 nights)
 June 4, 2019: Chukchansi Gold October 8, 2019 Jackson Rancheria

Casino day trips are at least a 5-hour stay; bring your ID so you may collect the Casino Bonus.

These trips are open to anyone - 21 years and older - ask your friends, neighbors, relatives. The trips are fun. On the bus we have refreshments, play games and show movies. Best of all—you don't have to drive! We have great, skillful bus drivers.

These trips are for you—we do need your participation. If we don't get enough people, trips may be cancelled. Won't you please join us?

Parking: Capitol Expressway & Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G. Depart: 7:30 am

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, 408-377-4314, Sandy Suekawa, 408 225-5629 or sandysuekawa@yahoo.com**

Par Tee Golf

Contact: Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329 or lascolandy@comcast.net

Spring Valley March 4, 2019. The Shot(s)-of-the-Day go to Darrell Jones and Terry Gray. On #12, a 297-yard par four, Darrell chipped in his third shot from 80 yards into the cup for Birdie! Also, on #12, Terry putted his third shot from off the green into the cup for Birdie! Great shots, Darrell & Terry! We had 20 players. The format of play was 2 Best Ball Foursome. Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1/127*	Terry Gray	Dennis Niemeyer	Darrell Jones**	Lou Tolbert**
1/127*	Jorge Gonzalez	Khanh Nguyen	Fred Valverde	Leonard Valverde
2/128	Andy La Scola	Darell Bellah	Terry Gray**	Dennis Niemeyer**
	* = Tie	** = Blind Draw		

Closest-To-Pin	#2	#4	#7	#11	#16
Men	Rich Hiser	Carl Woodland	James Taubodo Andy La Scola Darell Bellah	Terry Gray	Jorge Gonzalez Harry Tran

Ladies None

Looking ahead at our schedule:

Date	Course	Cost/Deadline	Notes
April 8	Laguna Seca	\$40.00/March 21	Includes Prize Fund-Cart Optional = 2 Best Ball Foursome
May 13	Monterey Pines	\$40.00/April 23	Includes Prize Fund-Cart Optional = 2 Best Ball Foursome
June 10	Old Del Monte	\$65.00/May 22	Includes Cart & Prize Fund- Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome

Notes:

1. Please send your checks early to play in tournaments The P.O. Box is noted below. This will eliminate having to wait in line at the golf course and will allow me to better award prizes! Please, please, please help me out on this!
2. Check the Alumni Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org for "Par Tee Golf" information, rules and results. IBM Retirees and friends are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club Tournaments.
3. Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
4. If you have NEVER had an NCGA Card, you may get one by joining the IBM Retiree Par Tee Golf Club. The cost is \$55.00. Contact Terry Gray @ (408) 629-8893, or send an email to: tgolf18@aol.com
5. 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 signups 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 have 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.)