



# IBM\* Alumni Club Newsletter



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## President's Chat

We are headed into the final stretch for our upcoming  
**GRAND FINALE PICNIC.**

If you have not already done so, now is the time to complete and send in your reservation form. This year's picnic will feature a BBQ lunch for a bargain price and an opportunity to visit with friends and former work associates. There will be a number of door prizes and Bingo!

All on Tuesday, July 30.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**IBM Alumni Club\* Board Meeting**

Thursday, July 18, 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  
Artificial Intelligence  
Troy Wolverton**

July 9, 5:00 pm

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

**Membership Report**

Bev Baker

April-May, 2019

Active Members: 1632

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 news-  
letters.

By e-mail: [membership@ibmsjrc.org](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)

By U. S. Mail: Walt Cole

5868 Pentz Way, San Jose, CA 95123

**New Member**

*none*

**In Memoriam**

**Lewis H. Ackert**

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**Ronald E Boyle**

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**Robert "Bob" De Noris**

**John Russell Fox**

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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**

AMC black tickets: \$10.25  
(no restrictions)

Century/Cinemark: \$8.50

Regal Cinemas: \$8.75

See's Candy \$16.00 certificate  
(reg. \$20.50)

*The above items are available at the  
ticket office at SVL. Everything else the  
IBM Club offers is available only online.-*

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)**

**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.



*Is this your table at the  
Club Grand Finale Picnic?*

*If you haven't signed up yet,  
there is a form on the website.*

**Sunshine**

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

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

**Alan Pintacura 408-997-3211**

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## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Page	Contact	Phone
June 4, 2019	Chukchansi Gold Indian Casino	4	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
June 20, 2019	California Delta Cruise	7	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
July 9, 2019	IBM PC Club—Artificial Intelligence	2	Walt Cole	408-674-1401
July 18, 2019	IBM Alumni Club Board meeting	2	Bernie Coullahan	408-656-2907
July 30, 2019	<b>IBM Alumni Club Picnic</b>	1	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Aug 6-8, 2019	Hot August Nights, Reno	4	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	4	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	<b>IBM Alumni Club Holiday Party</b>	1	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Jan 7, 2020	Graton Indian Casino	4	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Feb 12-19, 2020	Iceland's Magical Northern Lights	6	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393
Mar 3, 2020	River Rock Indian Casino	4	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 10-27, 2020	Magical China	6	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
May 3-5, 2020	Reno: Circus Circus, Pepper Mills, Atlantis	4	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 7, 2020	Table Mountain Indian Casino	4	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 1, 2020	Cache Creek Indian Casino	4	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 16–28, 2020	OBERAMMERGAU Passion Play, Switzerland, Alpine countries	5	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393
Nov 3, 2020	Thunder Valley Indian Casino	4	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314

### 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

Sep 5-9	Sugar Barge Bethel Island	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Oct 10-13	Morro Bay	Bruce Reed	408-833-4571
Nov. 21-24	Casa De Fruta	Dale Jelsema	408-842-1310

#### 2020

Feb 27-Mar 1	Pismo Beach	Bruce Reed	408-833-4571
Mar 26-29	Napa Valley RV Park	Bruce Reed	408-833-4571

## Casino Trips

<b>June 4, 2019:</b>	<b>Chukchansi Gold</b>
<b>August 6-8, 2019:</b>	<b>Reno—Hot August Nights (2 nights)</b>
<b>October 8, 2019:</b>	<b>Jackson Rancheria</b>
<b>January 7, 2020:</b>	<b>Graton</b>
<b>March 3, 2020:</b>	<b>River Rock</b>
<b>May 3-5, 2020:</b>	<b>Reno: Circus Circus, Pepper Mills, Atlantis</b>
<b>July 7, 2020:</b>	<b>Table Mountain</b>
<b>September 1, 2020:</b>	<b>Cache Creek</b>
<b>November 3, 2020:</b>	<b>Thunder Valley</b>

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**

## 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.

Contact: **Bob Martinez** If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.  
**408-835-3393** or email me 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

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

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

## **WOW!, new negotiated cost for Magical China, a Wondrous Adventure**

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

**April 10—April 27, 2020, 17 days**

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 following day we will fly to Shanghai and then transferred to Suzhou where you can option to take a Boat Ride on the Grand Canal. We will visit the Lingering Gardens a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On to Hangzhou for our included leisurely boat ride on West Lake with its willow draped island and stop at the Longjing Green Tea Village. Drive back to central Shanghai where we will explore the "Bund" which runs along the Huangpu River. We will explore Shanghai's Old Town. The following day we take the world famous bullet train from the East Coast 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 the dramatic cliffs that surround the Qutang Gorge. We will arrive at Shibaozhai (Precious Stone Fortress) with its 9 story red pagoda, at the top a picture perfect view of the river and surrounding countryside. Disembark in the mountain city of Chongqing and take a bullet train to Guilin. Visit the Elephant Trunk Hill, symbol of Guilin. The teahouse culture and leisurely lifestyle makes this city so captivating. Enjoy 4 hour leisure lunch cruise down the Lijang River to Yangshuo. The next day in Guilin we will visit the Reed Flute Cave and famous freshwater pearl exhibition. On to the airport to fly to Xian, home of the 8000 Terra Cotta Soldiers and horses the "Eighth Wonder of the World." Visit this amazing site and then a visit to the Small Wild Goose Pagoda of the Tang Dynasty. We will stroll the Ancient City Wall of Xian constructed in 1370. After breakfast the next day our amazing journey comes to end and we fly home.

Estimate pricing for the basic 17 day tour should be around **\$2988**, double occupancy. Included is international air from SFO, 2 internal flights, 2 legs of bullet train. 15 nights accommodations in 4 star hotels and our 4 night cruise based on double occupancy. Daily American buffet breakfast and other meals as listed in brochure. Entrance to sightseeing spots listed, sightseeing air-conditioned bus and driver service, taxes and fuel surcharges.

Exclusions: Trip insurance cost about \$398.00 pp, China visa—\$169.00 pp, any chosen optional programs, tour guide tips.

Please contact us NOW with your interest as we only have 20 seats available for this amazing trip. We will be happy to send you the online brochure and/or mail you a hard copy.

**TRIP PRESENTATION: June 27, 2019 1:00 pm at private home: 10132 Deeprise Pl., Cupertino, Ca. 95014  
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

After bowling for 33 weeks, the One More Time Winter League came to an end on May 15th with the four quarter 1st place teams rolling off for the league championship. The team with the most pin count plus handicap was declared the CHAMPS. Here are the four teams that were in the roll-off:

Team #1 - *Lucky 4* (Topsy Thompson, Josie Supenchek, Carol Hughes, Dave Fitting)

Team #3 - *Patti's Devils* (Pat Falkowski, Jim Porter, Sal Garcia, Frank Bonura)

Team #7 - *A & A* (Bev Ross, Jesse Cornejo, Ingrid Baxter, Rick Oliver)

Team #9 - *Queen's Men* (O'Lynda Head, Dan They, Tom Higa, Ted Head).

When it was over, Team ***Patti's Devils*** (2391) prevailed, winning by 24 pins over Team ***Queen's Men*** (2367). Team ***Lucky 4*** (2298) came in 3rd place followed by ***Team A & A*** (2241).

Congratulations to Team ***Patti's Devils*** for winning this year's Championship!

Lastly, our Individual Award winners are:

<b>Men</b>	Scratch Game	268	Jesse Cornejo	<b>Women</b>	Scratch Game	233	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. Our Summer League will be starting on May 29th and finishes on August 21st. 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 **rngavin@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, Canada 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**

# Par Tee Golf

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

**Laguna Seca – April 8, 2019.** No Shot(s)-of-the-Day reported on this beautiful sunny day! So, here is a S-O-T-D from last year. On #14, a 146-yard par 3, Rich Hiser recorded a Hole-In-One (the second of his career) using a 7 iron! Great shot, Rich! We had 43 golfers. The format of play was "2 Best Ball Foursome". Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 125	Ron Scaglione	Greg Seaton	Bill Irish	Bob Housholder
2 / 126	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Darell Bellah	Bill Irish*
3 / 128	Ed Jones	Rich Mace	Tom Squier	Dave Shoquist

\* = Blind Draw

Closest-To-Pin	#2	#8	#12	#14	#17
<b>Men</b>	Bill Irish	Bill Stevenson	Andy La Scola	Jim Moore	Randy Mc Donald
	Joe Lumpkin	Dave Shoquist	Jim De Long	Tom Squier	Mel Rodinsky
	Bob Housholder	Carl Woodland	Edsel Carson Jr.	AJ Hart	Phil Nielsen
<b>Ladies</b>					Jane Hall

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**Monterey Pines – May 13, 2019.** This is the first time we have played at this military-run, well-maintained and fun golf course! We had plenty of very positive comments asking to keep this course in our rotation. The Shot-of-the-Day goes to Richard Mace. On #3, a 106-yard par 3, Richard chipped in his second shot from 45 yards for Birdie. Great shot, Richard! We had 33 golfers. The format of play was "2 Best Ball Foursome". Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 116	Jim Sitter	Rich Campbell	Dave Giles	Darrell Jones
2 / 117	Terry Gray	Dennis Niemeyer	Steve Mayne	Ron Fellows
3 / 119	Ron Scaglione	Greg Seaton	Bill Irish	Bob Housholder

Closest-To-Pin	#3	#7	#8	#11	#13
<b>Men</b>	Bob Housholder	Pat Boyd	Joe Lumpkin	Steve Mayne	Ron Fellows
	Bill Stevenson	Jim Rice	Lou Tolbert	Dennis Niemeyer	Terry Gray
	Jim Delong	Rich Campbell	Greg Seaton	Ben Jasmine	Kurt Aichele
<b>Ladies</b>				Kathy La Scola	

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Looking ahead at our schedule:

Date	Course	Cost/Deadline	Notes
June 10	Old Del Monte	\$65.00/May 22	Includes Cart & Prize Fund- Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome
July 15	San Jose Country Club	\$65.00/June 26	Includes Green Fee, 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 IBM Alumni Club web site: [www.ibmsjrc.org](http://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](mailto: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.)