Alumni Golf

We have made good friends and lasting memories over the years on the golf courses in SE Minnesota. Thanks to IBM, the Rochester IBM Alumni Club, its board members, and all of the attendees and coordinators who have made this possible.

- Alumni by retirement, hackers by choice
- Still swinging together after all these years
- More laughs than birdies
- Hit 'em long and straight

May the course be with you...

⛳ Rochester IBM Alumni Club 2026 Golf, final round complete ⛳

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We've had 7 events this season. Each event is a 9 AM shotgun start, 18 holes with cart with your own group or individuals placed into groups, most play best ball, lunch and prizes afterwards.

Summary of 2026 Events:

6/1	The Bluffs
6/15	Cedar River
6/29	Zumbro Falls
7/13	Mt Frontenac
7/27	Willow Creek
8/10	St Charles
8/24	Lake City

The Bluffs (Coffee Mill) Golf Club - June 1st

We had 17 golfers, a beautiful day, and a great meal. Dave Lewis won both closest to the pin and longest putt.

Scott Frederickson, Bill Macey, and Dave Lewis finishing at #18 with a nice picture of the clubhouse in the background

John Bazey teeing off on #10, on his way to making a long birdie putt from the fringe.

Larry Pederson hitting his approach shot to #10 green.

Jeff Parker, Larry Pederson, and John Bazey on #17 green overlooking the Wabasha Bridge. John was especially happy after making a natural birdie!

Vic Hartman and Brian Eckre on #17 green. Picture taken by Phil Haskins.

Bob Harding, Dennis Noltee, Dick Thesing, and Wayne Linander. Picture taken by Phil Haskins.

Cedar River Golf Club - June 15th

On June 15 we had 12 golfers, perfect weather, and a refreshing lunch of sloppy joes, potato salad, and a cookie all made and served by the golf course ladies. Mike Schroeder won a sleeve for Closest-to-the-Pin on #3, Vic Hartman won a sleeve for Longest Putt on #9, and door prize balls were won by Mike Schroeder, Vic Hartman, and John Bazey. Two groups shot under par 👏 and everyone had a great time 😊!

Scott Fredericksen sinking a birdie putt after a great approach shot. The whole course was in great shape and the greens were perfection!

Zumbro Falls Golf Club - June 29th

We had 14 golfers in 4 groups, a beautiful hot humid breezy day, and great burger baskets. The course was in great shape. Each group played Best Ball and shot 7 under, 4 under, 1 under, and "we had fun".

- Bob Harding shot Closest To The Pin on #8 to win a sleeve of Alumni Club balls.
- Dennis Noltee hit the Longest Putt on #7 to win a sleeve a Alumni Club balls.
- Vic Hartman, Nathan Vik (Ken Kiefer accepted his prize), and John Bazey each won an Alumni Club ball as a door prize.

Dave Lewis, Phil Haskins, and Vic Hartman on #1. Phil is holding the ball he hit into the hole from 68 yards out to score an eagle. Bill Kleis took the photo. Bill hit a 60 foot putt on #9 for a birdie. Bill asks “Why wasn’t this the Longest Putt hole”?

Mike Schroeder attempting a birdie putt after his great tee shot on #4.

Mike Schroeder attempting another birdie putt after yet another great tee shot on #4. He asks “Why wasn’t this the Closest-To-The-Pin hole”?

Jeff Parker, Larry Pederson, Randy Ruhlow, Mike Schroeder on #4 green

Ken Kiefer (center) and his guests Nathan Vik and Kevin Kiefer

Back Row: Dave Lewis, Phil Haskins, Vic Hartman, Bob Harding
Front Row: Dennis Noltee, John Bazey

Mike Schroeder, Bill Kleis, Randy Ruhlow, Larry Pederson, picture taken by Jeff Parker

Mount Frontenac Golf Club - July 13th

We had a great turnout with 24 golfers. It was a clear, hot day, but we had a nice breeze, a great meal, and not too many complaints. 🙂 Bob Harding won closest to the pin, and Mike Martin won the longest putt. Here are a few pictures from the event.

Bob Harding doing a selfie with Dennis Noltee holding the flag with Mike Martin and Vic Hartman in the background.

Vic Hartman is using his fifteenth club. Not sure if it is for him or Mike Martin.

Jeff Parker doing a selfie with Ken Kiefer, Paul Brown, and Randy Ruhlow.

Scott Fredericksen, Dave Lewis, Bill Macey, and Bill Kleis at #17.

Larry Pederson teeing off with John Bazey and Brian Eckre keeping a safe distance.

The previous two pictures were courtesy of Phil Haskins. Thanks, Phil.

Phil Haskins, Larry Pederson, and John Bazey. Picture taken by Brian Eckre.

The view was spectacular!

Willow Creek Golf Club - July 27th

A big thank you to the 16 players who attended on this hot, humid, sunny day. So humid our glasses steamed up.

We played a 9 hole best shot scramble, reduced from our normal 18 holes. Recorded rounds of -3, -2, -1, and even par. Vic Hartman even chipped-in for eagle! 2 players successfully cut the corner on #8 tee shot. 2 players chose to play the back 9 after our box lunch break, and the rest went home to enjoy their well-earned air-conditioning.

John Bazey won a sleeve of Rochester IBM Alumni Club Golf balls for closest-to-the-pin on #6, and Mike Schroeder won a sleeve for longest putt on #5 (4 feet!). Scott Fredericksen, Randy Ruhlow, and Jeff Parker each won a door-prize ball.

A big thank you to Will Lancaster, co-owner and club pro, for being very responsive and flexible as we changed things up to keep everyone safe in the hot weather.

Sorry, no pictures this time. We were all too busy trying to keep our hands dry.

St Charles Golf Club - August 10th

We had fifteen golfers. It turned out to be great weather, and everyone made it to the St Charles Sports Bar after the golf. Jim Kryka came up from Florida to join us and win the longest putt contest. Brian Eckre won closest to the pin.

The team of Dave Lewis, Bill Macey, Scott Fredericksen, and Bill Kleis came in at 4 under par. Bill had a natural birdie on Number 11.

The team of Phil Haskins, Brian Eckre, Mike Martin, and Vic Hartman had an awesome day putting, making 5 putts in the 10-35 feet range: Phil a 35 footer on #10, Vic 30, 15, & two 10 footers, Mike a 10 footer on #11, and Brian a 2 footer on #2 for birdie! Brian hit a 40 yd chip to within 2ft, Vic hit a 40 yd chip to within 3 inches on #16. Everyone contributed great team play, fun was had by all, achieving a 71 final score for the team! With three birdies!

The team of David Fisher, Duane Luinstra, Jim Kryka, and Jeff Parker were on the par train with 15, 1 bogey and 2 birdies. Jim Kryka sank a 15 footer downhill to the right for birdie on #5 par 3 after watching the rest of us miss. Jim also had a natural par on #9, also winning the longest-putt…what a hole for Jim!

From Bill Kleis: This was the last golf event that I coordinated. It has been lots of fun through the years. I'll share a few pictures from Phil Haskins as I sign off for the last time. Thanks for the memories. Bill

Brian Eckre and Phil Haskins

Jim Kryka, Jeff Parker, Duane Luinstra, and David Fisher

Dennis Noltee, Larry Pederson, and Bob Harding

Bill Macey set to drive on Number 4.

Lake City Golf Club - August 24th

A big thank you to the 26 players who attended on this beautiful August day.

We played an 18 hole best shot scramble spanning 7 groups. Recorded an eagle, 31 birdies, a ton of pars, and minimal bogeys. Rounds of -11, -8, -6, -5, -1, -1, and +3. Demonstrating the power of working together!

Chuck Balster won a sleeve of Rochester IBM Alumni Club golf balls for closest-to-the-pin on #7, and Dick Dahl won a sleeve for longest putt on #9 (30 footer!). Individual balls were won by...
- Scott Fredericksen - door-prize random drawing
- Vic Hartman - Longest retirement, 33 years…longer than his IBM career!
- Dave Lewis - Shortest retirement, 1.75 years…just a kid!
- Rick Adams - Longest IBM career, 44 years!

Lake City Golf Club provided 18 holes with cart, and a great lunch of burgers, potato salad, and cookies afterwards. Thank you!

Here's a few pics:

Jim de Longpre, Randy Ruhlow, Paul Brown, Mike Schroeder

Jeff Parker, John Bazey, Jim Kryka (visiting from Florida)

Jim Kryka ringing the bell after finishing #10

Brian Eckre, Phil Haskins, Dennis Noltee, Bob Harding

Bob Harding ready to tee off!

Rick Adams putting out on #9. Rick said this was his best side 😉.
Watching are partners Dave Lewis, Scott Fredericksen, and Bill Macey.
Photo by Bill Kleis.

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