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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Greetings! At this point, we are past the half-way mark of the year 2005 even though it seems to me like we just began 2005. Back in January I realized this year would mark the 20th year of the club's existence. And since January, I have been researching the history of the San Jose IBM Retirement Club.

I have come to realize we all owe a debt of gratitude to the retirees who had the foresight and fortitude to pursue and prevail. Some of the names in the early minutes you probably recognize: Mel Olsen, Gabe Nails, Ray Henningson, 'Rusty' Cambell, Nonie Quilici, Betty Bottoni, Ray Power and Ed Henschel. We have many interesting stories you will hear at the Annual Meeting in October. Mr. **Leigh Weimers**, San Jose Mercury News columnist, has accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker this year. Your Executive Board is planning an exciting event and I do hope to see you there.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2005, 2:00-4:00 PM
Building 055, Cottle Road

Ina Havens

Fleet Week In San Francisco Bay Saturday, October 8, 2005

Fleet week is back with "The Blue Angels" precision flying team. Come join us aboard "Celebrations on the Bay Cruise" for a great view of the fleet in San Francisco Bay and the fly-over by the Blue Angels. This is a double deck cruise ship with seating on the lower and top deck.

This tour includes:

- Round trip transportation from building 109 Hitachi/IBM plant site. Board bus at 11:15 am.
- A three (3) hour cruise on the Bay, 1-4 pm
- A Deli lunch on board our cruise ship, 1:30 pm
- Blue Angel Air Show, weather permitting, 3 pm.
- A no host bar
- All gratuities and commissions.

The total cost is just \$95 each.

You must reserve your place by August 8.

Trip activity rating 3.

Contact:

John or Alice Czerniec

(408) 224-6230

e-mail: jzern@earthlink.net

Eyeglasses Report

At our annual picnic we collected **156** pairs of glasses, **9** pairs of lenses and a magnifying glass with a handle.

Some keys were attached to a leather strap in one bag of glasses. If you are missing these keys please call me.

From the "One More Time" bowling league, **2** more pairs of glasses were turned in.

Three phone calls produced **16** pairs of eyeglasses.

Earlier this year **60** pairs were given at the Pasta Fest, and **62** came in from various folks during the first two months of the year.

So the total number is **305** pairs of eyeglasses and lenses so far in 2005!

Thanks to everyone for all these eyeglasses donations. It's all for a good cause.

Contact:

Betty Bottoni

377-8593

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Membership Report**Ed Mueller**e-mail: ibmsjrc@hotmail.com**July 21, 2005****Membership History**

Year	June	July
1995	1525	1533
2004	2064	2065
2005	2072	2077

New Members

**John Grewohl
Richard Oswald
Kenneth Ryan
Norma Young-Mahaffey**

...
plus 1 other

In Memoriam

**Abel A. Costa
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**IBM Retirement Club Web
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www.sjpc.org/sjrc

The current month's newsletter is available at the web site above **before you get it in the mail**. It is there by about the first of the month. Click on **Newsletters** when you get to the web site. The newsletter is in PDF format and can be viewed, saved and/or printed with the free Adobe Reader program.

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Next Club Board Meeting:

**Thursday, August 18, 2005
10:00 am,
Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd. Cafeteria,
Bldg 011, West Room**

Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform Ed Mueller, the Membership Director.

Send your new address and phone number by mail, e-mail or call the club answering machine: 408 256-6364.

Mail: send to:

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555 Bailey Ave.
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e-mail: ibmsjrc@hotmail.com**Sunshine Report**

Marcella Olsen, Mel's wife, was having a rough time in June. It took the doctors a month to finally diagnose her problem as cancer, lymphoma, which had attached itself to the liver. She is now on lots of treatments and medications including chemo, on an out-patient basis. Marcie is tired, but hanging in there.

Vincenzana Bartasi (Vinci) was going up some steps, fell backwards and broke her hip. She was in the hospital 3 days, then in rehab for 4 days, and now she is home. She is walking, and doing whatever she wants, with a walker. She wants to thank everyone for the cards, and phone calls, and said if you want to come and see her, please call first, to make sure she is home.

The Furlong family would like to thank the IBM retirees for their thoughts and prayers sent our way during our son's illness and his passing. Glen Furlong

**Topsy Thompson,
the Sunshine Lady!!
(408) 377-4314**

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
July 31 - Aug 5, 2005	Truckee Big Hike #1		--	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Aug 3-4, 2005	Hot August Nights - Reno Sold Out		--	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
Aug 9, 2005	PC Club: PixieFun		10	Walt Cole	972-1178
Aug 11, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Aug 18, 2005	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting	1	2	Ina Havens	847-4793
Aug 21 - 26, 2005	Truckee Big Hike #2		--	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Aug 27, 2005	IBM Club Napa Wine Trip		8	Frank Vitale	463-2455
Sep 11-13, 2005	Reno -- Circus Circus		4	Glen & Ruth Furlong	378-8226
Sep 14, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Sep 15, 2005	Walking/Cultural Tour Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont		7	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Sep 20, 2005	Sonoma Canines & Marine Mammals	2	6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Sep 22, 2005	Hike: Marin Headlands		10	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Oct 3, 2005	Indian Casino: Chukchansi Sold Out		--	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 4, 2005	20th Annual IBM Retirement Club Meeting		1	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 8, 2005	Fleet Week In San Francisco Bay	3	1	John & Alice Czerniec	224-6230
Oct 10-21, 2005	New England & Canada Cruise (QCC)		7	Hal Calkins	267-6699
Oct 18, 2005	Bocce & Lunch		6	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Nov 2-15, 2005	Thailand		4	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Nov 7-14, 2005	Disney World Orlando		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Nov 20, 2005	Teatro Zinzanni, San Francisco		6	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
Dec 1-4, 2005	Christmas with the Rockettes (QCC)		7	Hal Calkins	267-6699
Dec 10, 2005	Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Show		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 9, 2006	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 24 - Apr 8, 2006	China		5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Apr 3, 2006	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 18-27, 2006	America's Canyonlands		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
July 10, 2006	Indian Casino: Blackoak		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block to hotels & bus
- 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 Trips

Last Opportunity To Hear Overview

Kingdom of Thailand November 2 - 15, 2005

\$2,139 per person, 14 days ALL Inclusive

All Air, Hotels, Tips, Insurance, Departure Taxes
Most Meals

Information Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2005, 2:30 PM
Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell

This is a remarkable trip that is priced at 2002 rates! Fourteen days in Thailand, including roundtrip air, internal flights, hotels, tips, insurance, transfers, departure taxes and most meals for **\$2,139.00!!** We will spend 5 days in Bangkok enjoying leisure time for shopping at the famous tailor shops, cottage industries and the famous Chuiang Mai Night Market. We will experience a dinner cruise on the Chao Praya River and learn the art and history of this exotic and beautiful country. A flight to Chiang Mai brings us to the "Rose of the North" for 6 more days where we will see local artisans, visit an orchid farm and watch the elephants of the famous Maesa Elephant Camp work. In Chiang Mai we will enjoy a cooking demonstration and then enjoy the food. A visit to the Hill Tribe Museum and a visit to their villages will be another highlight of the trip.

This trip is designed to allow for multiple night stays in order to enjoy a leisurely pace.

Also, offered are pre and post trips, which are very exciting and reasonably priced. The pre-trip is a 4 day, 3 night visit at the majestic Angkor Wat, Cambodia with its ornate temples, beautiful landscapes and an exciting elephant trek. The cost is all-inclusive at \$699.00 per person. The post trip, of 6 days and 5 nights, is equally valued and exciting to Vietnam! You will visit Hanoi with its many unique areas of history and culture. You will understand why Halong Bay has been named a World Heritage Site when you take the cruise among the picturesque islands and see the amazing rock formations.

An informational presentation will be held at Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell, on Wednesday, August 17, 2:30 pm. Please come join us for dessert and learn about this exciting and well-priced trip. If you would like a flier about it,

Contact:

George Walker at 268-7623

Last Call - Some Seats Left **Circus Circus** **2 Night Trip To Reno** **September 11-13, 2005**

Price \$97.00/ Per Person, Double Occupancy
\$35.00 Single Supplement

Casino Bonus over \$35.00
\$28.00 Cash/Slot Credit
\$2.00 Food Credit
Breakfast Buffet

Tour Features Include:

Motorcoach Transportation &
Luggage Handling
Two Nights Accommodations at the
Circus Circus Hotel Casino

Area Casino Stops

For a Flyer and more information

Contact Glen or Ruth Furlong
(408) 378-8226
email: GFurlongSr@aol.com

1235 Walnut Drive
Campbell, CA 95005-6505

Trip reservations are confirmed in the order
payments are received.
All money's are due by August 15, 2005.

RV Camping Club

The IBM Camping Club (Krazy Kampers) is open to all IBM retirees. For a review of the camping schedule go to the website:
www.sjpc.org/camping/

Contact: Ernie Veal,
(408) 224-3584, ecveal@juno.com



Travel Trips

Disney World Magic & Orlando

November 7-14, 2005

If you have ever dreamed about a magical vacation experience, this is the year to make the dream come true on our tour to the Walt Disney World Resort in November.

This wondrous World-within-a-world includes over 47 square miles of Disney theme parks, world class recreation, and the themed resort hotels to suit every taste. We will have the convenient unlimited Magic Pass which gives us the freedom to visit any Disney Theme Park whenever we like during our stay in Orlando. We'll visit EPCOT center, an entire world built on imagination and discovery. This is the place where 11 countries sit side-by-side. A place where your imagination is set free. We will experience tomorrow's breakthroughs today.

The secret to enjoying the size and complexity of Disney World is planning ahead. We have done that for you through a dozen visits to the resorts over the years. Come along with us to the "Happiest Place on Earth."

Tour features include:

- Round trip transportation from San Jose to Orlando
- Eight nights, first class accommodations
- Hosted breakfast daily and two hosted dinners
- Five-day Park Hopper pass at Disney World
- Tour of the Kennedy Space Center
- One day admission to Universal Studios-Orlando
- All tips and gratuities & motorcoach transportation

Price: \$1905 per person

For brochure, contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan, 266-7639

China - Far East Treasures

March 24 - April 8, 2006

Experience 16 days seeing China and cruising the Yangtze river. Starting in Beijing and ending in Shanghai, view such wonderful sights as the Forbidden City, The Summer Palace, the Great Wall, the Terra Cotta warriors, Three Gorges dam, the Li River and the Guilin landscape, the big Wild Goose pagoda, Qutang Gorge, the Bund in Shanghai, Shanghai Museum and a Giant Panda Zoo.

Be entertained by Chinese acrobats and the Tang Dynasty opera, enjoy a delicious Dumpling Banquet and a Peking Duck dinner, plus enjoy 4 nights aboard a 5 star luxury ship. Luxury hotels throughout as you view the treasures of China, with ample time for individual shopping and sight-seeing in Beijing and Shanghai.

The trip is almost all inclusive and much like that taken by some IBM retirees in 2003. Visas are required for China and can be obtained in San Francisco. A TAR of 3. Price for double occupancy is \$2949. A Hongkong extension is available.

Information Meeting on August 27.

Call for details.

For brochures or more information:

Contact:

George or Isobel Nale

779-4275 or at geoandizn@cs.com

America's Canyonlands, April 18-27, 2006

Discover the wonders of our Southwest's unique sights and landscapes as we travel through several national parks. Watch the sun set upon the spectacular Grand Canyon's south rim. Admire the stunning rock formations on a tour of Monument Valley. Enjoy a breakfast cruise on sparkling Lake Powell as the sun dances on the colorful rock walls. More splendid sights await us in Utah's Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park. Watch as the sun brings out the vivid colors of the massive formations, heavily sculpted by wind, frost and water over millions of years. Our fun does not stop there...we spend one night at the famous Casa Blanca Resort and Casino in Mesquite, Nevada, and one night at Harrah's Resort in Las Vegas!

Tour Features Included:

- Round trip transfers and air from San Jose to Las Vegas
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Guides, Gratuities, tips, taxes, and park admissions,
- Hosted breakfast daily, including the breakfast cruise on Wahweap Bay
- Seven hosted dinners

Price \$2185 per person, For a brochure, contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan – 408-266-7639

Day Trips

Sonoma Canines & Marine Mammals

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Trip Activity rating-2

The trip will start at the Assistance Dog Institute in Santa Rosa, where you will tour the training facility. Assistance Dog is an educational and research institution concentrating on teaching and researching ways to "help dogs help people" Assistance Dogs help people with disabilities be more self-sufficient. They "see" for the seeing impaired, "hear" for the hearing impaired; offer mobility for the physically disabled: offer therapy and love to the lonely and sick. During the tour you will visit classes in session, meet the staff and have hands on experience with the dogs.

Lunch will be at Joseph's in the Hotel La Rosa which is one of the most historic properties in the wine country. Then on to the Marine Mammal Center which is situated on a windswept headland outside San Francisco's Golden Gate. Established in 1975, the center is a private, non-profit organization licensed to rescue and rehabilitate sick and injured marine mammals.

Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted lunch

All this for \$74.00 per. person

Only a few seats left. Call now!

For reservation information,

Contact:

**Madeline or Bill Souza at (408) 356-6280 or
bsouza6280@aol.com**

Bocce Players Needed

Tuesday, October 18, 2005, 11:30 AM

Campo Di Bocce

565 University Ave., Los Gatos

Everyone who attends has a great time so....come join us for food and fun and friends playing the ageless game of bocce. The game of bocce is easy and fun. It is not strenuous and takes no previous experience. Again we will enjoy the cuisine of Italy with antipasti, appetizers, gourmet pizza and dessert. We require a minimum of 32 players. Sign up early as this event fills up quickly. Cost is \$27.00 per person for both food and fun! Send your reservation along with your check made out to **George Walker, 6063 Burnbank Place, San Jose, CA 95120** to secure your spot

Contact: George Walker, 268-7623

Teatro Zinzanni

Sunday, November 20, 2005

San Francisco

Live music and a gourmet five course meal. Every show is a unique experience. The show breaks new artistic territory with this intoxicating blend of interactive theatre, spectacle, fine arts and fine dining, put together for a memorable evening. You will quickly discover that the entertainment is not confined to the stage as European clown characters engage, amuse and entertain the entire room. Motorcoach, show & dinner all for only \$135. per person. Reserved seating is limited to 40. So don't wait!

Call for "check payable to:" info:

408 377-6094 or 371-2959

Bud or Phyllis Souza

2511 Ontario Dr.

San Jose, CA 95124

Indian Casino Trips in 2005/2006

Oct. 3, 2005

Chuckchansi Indian Casino

SOLD OUT

January 9, 2006,

Thunder Valley Indian Casino

Price \$21.00, Bonus \$ 5.00 Match Play, \$5.00 Food

April 3, 2006,

Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino

Price \$26.00, Bonus \$10.00 cash and coupons

July 10, 2006

Blackoak Indian Casino

Price \$17.00, Bonus \$ 5.00 cash and \$5.00, match play and coupons

Contact: **Topsy Thompson 377-4314 or**

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Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular

Saturday, December 10, 2005

The day begins in the Gold Rush town of Jamestown. After lunch, you will enjoy the fabulous "Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular", at the Sierra Repertory Theatre. This holiday sequel to the hugely popular "Honky Tonk Angel" continues the comic escapades of three good ole country gals as they re-unite for a Christmas show like none other at "The Hillbilly Club" in Nashville.

Included: Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch

All this for \$75.00 per person

**Contact: Topsy Thompson at (408) 377-4314 or
topray4314@cs.com**

Walking Cultural Tours

Ardenwood Historic Farm Fremont, California Thursday, September 15, 2005

"Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear..." Well, they weren't all very thrilling. Most needed hard work in the hot sun on the farms that fed the nation. Such a farm is the Ardenwood Historical Farm, preserved as a museum and a working farm from centuries past. Seeking a fortune in the goldfields in 1949, George Washington Patterson "struck gold" in the fertile farm fields right here in the Bay Area.

"A visit to Ardenwood is a journey back to the time of the Patterson Ranch—a prosperous 19th century estate including a beautiful mansion and elaborate gardens. Today, the Historic Farm exhibits agricultural practices from the 1870s to the present."

We'll arrive at the farm at 11:00 AM for a horse-drawn train ride. Bring your lunches and pot-luck goodies on the train—we'll be eating in the farm yard at 11:30. (Deviled eggs will not be refused.)

After that, we'll split the group in half for docent-led tours of the mansion. First come, first served at 12:30 and 12:45. There will be free time to explore the wonderful barns and equipment sheds as well as the beautiful Victorian Gardens. We can stroll back to the main gate at our leisure, perhaps buying some fresh-picked, organic vegetables sold there.

Meet at 10:00 AM, the usual "Park and Ride" lot at Curtner and Highway 87. We'll ride-pool; riders pay \$3. To get there, go north on Highway 17 (I-880), turning left onto Highway 84 for a mile or so. Turn right onto Ardenwood Blvd. The main gate is right there. We've made plans for 30 folks. Please call Fred for reservations.

Contact:

Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157

IBM Quarter Century Club Activities

For those of you that had 25 years of IBM service, you are also a member of the IBM Quarter Century club. They have a web site at www.sjqcc.com and their email address is qcclub@us.ibm.com. They have events planned that might be of interest to you and are open to not only QCC members, but their friends as well. The newsletter of QCC is available at the web site.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am developing a list of the Club members who are the proud owners of cars that are considered Antique, Classic, Special interest or Street rods. Send me an email with info if you qualify. The car should be a 1980 model or before and be "street" worthy. Indicate if you have or would be willing to show the car. Based upon the input, we will decide what type of fun we can initiate.

Thanks,

Ron Harlan, rharlan@sbcglobal.net

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

AMC Movie passes
\$5.50 each; no limit. They never expire

Cinelux Movie passes
\$4.50 per admission. No limit, never expire.

Six Flags Marine World
Ages 3 and up: \$22.90

Universal Studios Southern California
Gate price: \$49.75 under 48": \$39.75
IBM Club price: one day ticket: \$41.00

Disneyland
Gate price: \$53.00 3-9 years: \$43.00
IBM Club price: \$50.40 3-9 years: \$41.40

Legoland any day tickets
Gate price: \$45.95
IBM Club price: \$30.95

Bonfante Gardens
Gate price: \$34.99 3-6 years: \$24.99
Season: \$67.99
IBM Club price: \$15.00 Season: \$59.99

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no cash, no credit cards.
Checks or money orders should be
made payable to IBM Club**

Ticket Hours:
Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am-1:00pm
(San Jose Site: Bldg. 50 lobby)
IBM Club Office Contacts:
Valerie Cowing - 463-2462
Frank Vitale - 463-2455

Napa Wine Country Day Trip

Saturday, August 27, 2005

Join the IBM Club for a bus trip to the heart of the Napa Valley, for a day of wine tasting, fun and great surprises along the way. Not interested in wine tasting....You can also choose to do a spa or shopping in Calistoga.

Board our video coach at 8:00 AM at the Cottle Road site, and enjoy a relaxing ride, complete with continental breakfast, games, prizes and great video entertainment.

Our first stop will be at the charming V.Sattui Winery where a special tour and time for tasting await you. Then create a delicious lunch for yourself from their gourmet deli and enjoy it in a beautiful reserved picnic setting or you're welcome to bring your own picnic meal from home.

Along the way, we'll also visit award-winning:

St. Supery, Sutter Home and enjoy a special winery treat!

The Cost is \$40.00 per person and includes:

- Round trip video coach from San Jose
- Continental breakfast.
- Wine tasting at three award winning wineries.
- Complimentary tour at the V. Sattui Winery.
- Games and Prizes
- Driver Gratuity

Or you can visit Calistoga with \$15.00 back to spend on shopping, food or toward a spa day!

We'll return to San Jose between 6:30 – 7:00 PM.

Space is limited to 4 per person. Reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis. Reserve your spot by calling **Frank Vitale** at **408-463-2455** or email at **tcsports@us.ibm.com**

Payment is by check or money order made out to the IBM Club.

New Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

There is a new web site that IBM retirees can use to obtain discounts on a wide variety of products and services from many companies. Included are discounts on a wide variety of IBM PCs. But everything from home electronics to auto insurance is offered. If you are interested, go to the following URL.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

On Demand Community

Does your favorite charity or school need computer equipment or money to help ensure the success of an important project? As a qualifying active volunteer, you can help make it happen through the IBM Community Grants program!

Not yet registered with On Demand Community? Get registered now so you can start logging volunteer hours leading to your chance to be part of the Community Grants program.

Go to the club's web site and click on the link "IBM On Demand Community" you will find in the left navigation pane. There you can register as a volunteer. Then you can sign in and record your hours.

The club's web site: **www.sjpc.org/sjrc/**

Adopt-A-Highway

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

It was a scorching hot day with a breeze blowing and one of the hottest days (if not the hottest) we have been out. 20 volunteers armed with plenty of water, energy, and sunny attitudes set out to conquer the annual 4th of July litterbug festival evidence. New recruits **Al Arabia**, **Bob Schneider**, **Lize Johannes**, and **Dick Sementelli** joined our army in waging war against litter. After our battle was won, we were rewarded with a big bag count, a sense of accomplishment, and ice cold watermelon. Our winning score was **47 bags**, bringing our total to **1507**.

Mel Olsen brought his sickle and trimmed all the weeds around our sign. He ran out of bags and left about 5 bags worth of cut weeds that hopefully, Caltrans will pickup. Speaking of Caltrans, they have renewed our permit for **five years!**

Help from Caltrans: weeds were mowed at the Santa Teresa off ramp. Wow, what a difference a mow makes!

We did not find any treasure unless you count some dear befuddled husband's questionnaire from a church sponsored marriage encounter. He lays out a lot of the goals that all of us old married folks have been struggling with for years. You can see it on our display at the annual club meeting.

Bob Schneider developed a new technique in litter retrieval when he found a long metal post a far distance from where the bags were to be piled. He introduced the post to the Javelin throw. Get the picture? It took a lot of throws while filling his bag in between.

Returns: A man lost his Wells Fargo ATM card, health insurance card, credit card, & prepaid phone card. We returned them to Wells Fargo on Blossom Hill who said they would mail them to him. It's a bummer to replace an insurance card. We returned a Costco employee's ID badge, who turned out to be an ex employee. It doesn't take too much imagination to figure out how it became litter.

Lost & Found: We knew the party was over when 3 empty pint bottles of Canadian Mist were discovered. A 3' diameter table top (sans legs), an intact dining room chair, mandatory rubber glove (don't you just love those hot colors they are now?), pieces of tires, & a jeep parked on shoulder without a note or ticket on it. Ray Orr found a brand new (in it's original packaging) kneeling and sitting pad that he would not take it home, "my wife will put me to work" was his reasoning. Mitsubishi emblem off a car, Boss Scaggs CD, 2 hub caps, & warped carbide tip Skil saw blade. Was sad to find a baby's binky, a brown blanket square with satin trim on the top.

Money: \$2.65 all "tired" coins (car tires do almost as good a job as those amusement park coin flattening machines). One mega millions lottery ticket was found and will be checked out by the finder. Must have been a dud!

We have a date with you: see you at retirement club's 20th annual meeting Tuesday, October 4, 2-4 PM in Bldg. 55 cafeteria. Drop by our exhibit.

Schedule: meet in **VTA Parking lot 8:45 a.m.**

Thursday, August 11, 2005 second Thursday

Wednesday, September 14, 2005 second Wednesday

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Barbara Pugh 265-2466

Hikes

Marin Headlands Hike **Thursday, September 22, 10:30 AM**

On this hike, we'll be exploring a beautiful area just across the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. The Marin Headlands were formerly the property of the US Military, but in 1974 the land was turned over to the National Park Service who now administers it. The area is a resource rich in human history and natural beauty. This hike takes us deep into the headlands, where we will discover remnants of the area's military past, breathtaking vistas, and a landscape both wild and accessible. When we scouted out this hike, the area was shrouded in summer fog, but we could imagine the sweeping views from the hilltops overlooking the bay.

The hike follows a loop route of about 5-1/2 miles and is moderately strenuous. There is an 880-foot climb from sea level and some steep, gravel covered downhills, so you will need to wear your hiking shoes. We also recommend a hiking stick to aid you on those downhills. The route has very little shade (not a problem if it's foggy) but we are hoping for a clear day in September so be sure to wear a hat and bring your sunscreen. We plan to eat our lunch at an abandoned radar station dubbed "Hill 88." Along the way we will see the ruins of Army gun batteries that guarded the Bay in the past. As we near the end of the loop, we'll visit the Marin Headlands visitor center to learn more about the area.

For those of you who would like to join us but don't want to do the entire route, there is an alternate 2-1/2 mile loop. We will be leading the longer hike but will provide you with a map and directions as both hikes start and end at the same place.

For an optional activity after the hike, we will drive a short distance to the only restored Nike Missile site in the USA. There we can take a guided tour led by a knowledgeable park ranger who will give fascinating insights into the history of this once vital defense facility. The tour takes about 30 minutes.

Now...directions! It took us about 1-1/2 hours to get there from Santa Clara. Drive north on Highway 280 to the 19th Avenue/Park Presidio exit just beyond Daly City. Continue on California Highway 1 North – over Junipero Serra Boulevard, 19th Avenue, and Park Presidio – to the Golden Gate Bridge. Immediately after crossing the bridge, take the Alexander Avenue exit. Turn left at the first stop, go under the freeway and then turn right onto Conzelman Road, following the signs for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Marin Headlands. After climbing steeply into the headlands for a bit over a mile – the views are spectacular – turn right onto McCullough Road and head

downhill, away from the ocean. Turn left onto Bunker Road, drive past Field Road, bearing left at Mitchell Road. Continue past Rodeo Lagoon and the buildings of Fort Cronkhite. Drive to the end of the road and park in the parking lot. There are restrooms nearby.

Due to the distance we do recommend carpooling. If you need a ride or have room to take others with you contact Lee Westfall at 225-7667. Lee has graciously offered to coordinate carpools for this particular trip.

We hope to see you in September. Bring your lunch and plenty of water.

Contact: **Gil or Julie Feller, 247-6769**

PC Club Meeting **Tuesday, August 9, 5:00 PM, SVL**

Bader Kudsi, Club Program Director, will give a presentation on Pixifun kits which allow you to create cool and fun things with your digital photos. There are 5 different kits to choose from: a Photo Key Ring kit, Photo Magnet kit, Photo Stickers kit with Mini Photo Album, Photo CD/DVD Labeler kit, and a Photo ID Badge kit. Each kit includes a Pixifun software CD with project template to import your photos, a generous number of pre-sized, pre-cut photo paper, alignment guide and test sheets for easy printing, and a user's guide to help you complete your projects. In three easy steps, you can have your favorite photo in a keepsake item to put on display or give to family and friends. You can use digital photos from your digital camera, camera phone, or picture CD. You can even use your scanned photos or photos downloaded from the internet. For more information go to:
<http://www.pixifun.com/pixifun>.

See the PC Club web site for directions:
www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions:
Walt Cole 972-1178 or opawalt@pacbell.net

Fun Stuff

If you receive e-mail, you may have seen this before. It is at least 5 years old. But this editor likes it and this page would have been blank without it. So reading this page is optional (I suppose all of them are, since we're retired.)

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5-year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy.

The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k". This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling.

Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer people wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensibl riten styl.

Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru.

Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speking German like zey vunted in ze forst plas.

If zis mad you smil, pleas pas on to oza pepl.

Bowling

One More Time League at Oakridge Lanes 2005 Summer League July 20, 2005

Team Standings:

1st Place: Team # 10: 27 wins
Barbara Pugh, Jim O'Neill, Chila Miller, Eddie Fahrner

2nd Place: Team #9: 25 wins
George Zagelow, Tom Higa, Paul Houghton & Blind

3rd Place: Team #8: 24 wins
Bill Furnal, Nancy Bowers, Mary Jane Canavan & Earl Bowers

Individual Achievements to Date

Ladies

Men

High Averages

174-Faye Fritz
160-Ann Wilson
157-Chila Miller

208-George Zagelow
201-Bill Jeung
187-Sal Garcia

High Scratch Game

212-Chila Miller
204-Ruth Furlong
203-Faye Fritz

287-Bill Jeung
264-George Zagelow
237-Sal Garcia

High Scratch Series

557-Faye Fritz
540-Ann Wilson
530-Chila Miller

699-George Zagelow
695-Bill Jeung
644-Sal Garcia

High Handicap Game

259-Mary Jane Canavan
257-Chila Miller
250-Barbara Pugh

290-Bill Jeung
283-George Zagelow
261-Bill Furnal

High Handicap Series

670-Mary Jane Canavan
659-Chila Miller
655-Madeline Sousa

728-George Zagelow
701-Sal Garcia
695-Bill Jeung

Thanks to all the bowlers who have been coming to sub. Please continue. We always need you.

Contact:
Ann Wilson 408 269-1894

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

July 7, 2005 - Format for the day was Four Clubs and a Putter. We had 28 golfers at the course. Everyone had fun and didn't complain to much about not having enough clubs. Winners were:

Men

1st - Bill Bartz - 52
2nd - Dave Fitting - 59
Neil Rowland - 59
3rd - Gino Bottoni - 61
4th - John Cabri - 62
Neil Keever - 62

Women

1st - DeDe Corral - 54
2nd - Kathy Herrington - 58
3rd - Hughie Cabri - 59
4th - Irene Rodriguez - 65

Closest to the pin on Hole # 10

Men

1st - Gino Bottoni - 16' 1"
2nd - Neil Rowland - 29' 1"

Women

1st - Clara De Paul - 19'

The next dates are Thursdays, August 4 & September 1. **We tee off at 10:30 am, sharp. Please be there by 10:00 am to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 **15 days in advance** of our golf date (or sooner) to:

Helen Wehner
1561 Park Crest Ct.
San Jose, CA 95118

Or call Helen to let her know you'd like to play that day. Sign ups will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, since there is a limited number of players allowed. Make your check out to the "IBM Retirement Club" and on the memo line write "Short 18 Hole Golf". Handicaps will be figured out after you have golfed at Deep Cliff. If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have cancelled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5. Also, remember golf at Deep Cliff is on a first come-first serve basis so get your checks in to Helen **right away**.

September's golf will be the Rusty Campbell tournament. Hope you all can make it.

Happy Golfing from **Clara, Helen and DeDe**

Contacts: Helen Wehner 264-6296
DeDe Corral 378-6470
Clara De Paul 294-7041

Par Tee Golf

Contact: Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329 or alascola@earthlink.net

Boulder Creek July 18, 2005. No "Funny Things That Happen on a Golf Course" or "Shot of the Day" to report, so here are three golf jokes. **1.** My father-in-law, who played golf all his life, has his own definition of the word G.O.L.F.: Getting Old and Living Fine! **2.** The schoolteacher was taking her first golfing lesson. "Is the word spelt p-u-t or p-u-t-t?" she asked the instructor. "P-u-t-t is correct," he replied. "Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing." **3.** Two long time golfers were standing overlooking the river. One golfer looked to the other and said, "Look at those idiots fishin' in the rain." We had a nice turnout of 43 golfers. The format of play was "1-2-3". Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>		<u>Team</u>			
1/121	Gene Levitre	Gil Feller	Gary Poole	Cliff Norfleet	
2/122	Jerry Condensa	Marge Condensa	Gil Maes	Jim Betz	
3/123	Mel Rodinsky	Fran Plummer	Jim Viallet	Dick Lake	

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	#5	#7	#11	#14	#18
Men	Jerry Condensa	Mel Rodinsky	Jim Viallet	Gary Poole	Lou Tolbert
	2'1"	6'8"	16'2"	7'4"	5'8"
	Tony Scalora	Eric Schrader	Gil Maes	Jim Betz	Cliff Norfleet
	6'10"	10'8"	22'4"	14'3"	21'1"
	Jim Stonehouse	Ron Carter	George Zagelow	Carl Mendel	Rich Campbell
	13'4"	11'9"	31'0"	16'1"	32'4"

Ladies Marge Condensa Debra Jones
27'0" 23' 6"

There were ten bogey golfers, (gross score of 83 or better), and they are: Eric Schrader 70; Jerry Condensa & Lou Tolbert 76; Gary Poole 78; Jim Betz 79; Gil Feller & Tony Scalora 80; Patrick Arnett 81; and Gil Maes & Ron Carter 83. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
August 15	Poppy Hills	Sold Out	
Sep. 12	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$55.00/Aug 24	Includes cart-soft spikes required-2 best ball foursome
Oct. 10	Pajaro Valley	\$35.00/Sep.21	Soft spikes required-Format = 2 best ball foursome
Nov. 7	Coyote Creek-Tournament	\$60.00/Oct. 19	Includes cart-soft Spikes required- Format=Individual play-Salami Shoot
Dec. 5	Los Lagos	\$47.00/Nov.16	Includes cart-soft spikes required- Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

1. The monthly golf schedule for the entire year, can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
2. To join the Par Tee Golf Club, (membership cost is \$45.00), contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send e-mail to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
3. Prices are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site for latest information.
4. Make all checks payable to **Par Tee Golf**, (not the IBM Retirement Club). 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**

5. Include you GHIN number, and your e-mail address, (If I don't have already have them on file). Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (Note: If you do not sign up as a four-some, your group may be split up).

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