



# San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

The 2005 Garlic Festival has come and gone and so has the smell of garlic! If you missed it, the winning recipe this year was "scallops stuffed with roasted garlic". If you think you can't live without it, Mama Mia in Gilroy has it on their menu for awhile.

The Directors-At-Large have been busy with their nominations for the officers for 2006. They still need a secretary. This position requires a person with a computer. We are lucky our current secretary, Pat Alligood, is very proficient in shorthand and computers. I think she is probably the first one we've had who can do all that she does! If any of you MEN and LADIES would like to serve on the Executive Board as secretary, please contact Brian Serpa at 227-7658, Mo Sweet at (831) 636-8851, or Ruth Price at 356-8975. Or, you may contact any of the people listed on Page 2 and volunteer.

I encourage you all to plan on attending this year's Annual Meeting. Not only do we have great speakers and delicious refreshments scheduled, we have a couple of surprises for you! See you there!

# Annual Meeting

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

Ina Havens

### Nominations for Club Officers for 2006

<b>President:</b>	<b>Ina Havens</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Art Dill</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	_____
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Bernie Coullahan</b>
<b>Membership Director:</b>	<b>Ed Mueller</b>
<b>Communications Director:</b>	<b>Walt Cole</b>
<b>Director at Large:</b>	<b>Millie Wiedemer</b>
<b>Director at Large:</b>	<b>Maureen Sweet</b>
<b>Director at Large:</b>	<b>Ruth Price</b>

### Proposed Club Bylaw Change

The Executive Board has recommended a change to the Club Bylaws. (These bylaws are available at the club's web site: [www.sjpc.org/sjrc/](http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc/) )

The current version of the section to be changed is below:

"Article 6, Section II, B: Voting shall be by secret ballot. Ballots will contain nominees and provision for write-ins. Ballots will be mailed a minimum of 30 days before the October general meeting. They must be received back for counting no less than 5 days before the meeting. The candidate receiving the most votes for each office is elected to that office."

The proposed version is:

"Article 6, Section II, B: Voting shall be performed at the annual meeting. The candidate receiving the most votes for each office is elected to that office."

There is a ballot on the last page of this newsletter if you wish to send it in with your vote. Or you may cast your vote at the Annual meeting on October 4, 2005.

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## San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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cliffina@juno.com

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ibmsjrc@hotmail.com

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## Membership Report

Ed Mueller

e-mail: [ibmsjrc@hotmail.com](mailto:ibmsjrc@hotmail.com)

July 21, 2005

### Membership History

Year	July	August
1995	1533	1546
2004	2065	2071
2005	2077	2082

### New Members

Sheila Hill  
Kyung Lee  
Margery Marble  
Eugene Martin  
Charles McCrery  
George Zagelow

### In Memoriam

Edmund Dicambio  
Mildred Dicambio  
Thomas E. Frayne  
Miguel Perez

### IBM Retirement Club Web Site:

[www.sjpc.org/sjrc](http://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.

Contact:

**Walt Cole**  
**408 972-1178,**  
**opawalt@pacbell.net**

**Next Club Board Meeting:**  
**Thursday, September 15, 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 or e-mail.

Mail: send to:

San Jose IBM Retirement Club  
Dept DKTA/F005 SVL  
555 Bailey Ave.  
San Jose, CA 95141

e-mail: [ibmsjrc@hotmail.com](mailto:ibmsjrc@hotmail.com)

## Sunshine Report

**Hal Stevens** was rushed to the hospital with heart attack symptoms and was taken to the operating room. He is doing well now. His wife Sandie said he was soon to be home -- almost as good as new. He will have to mind Sandie for awhile.

**John Martin** was in Reno with us for "Hot August Nites", and had a little bit of hard time breathing. He gets tired easily, but he says he is doing o-k.

**Pat Johns** has had one knee surgery. It went soooooo well, that comes October she is going to have the other knee done. She said the doctor was pleased how quickly she healed and started walking on her own. So she is ready for the next one.

**Alice Kelch** is recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery and getting better all the time. Her doctor is real pleased on how she is doing.

**Aubrey Kelch** has been ill for about 3 months. It started out like asthma but when that seemed to subside he just kept getting weaker and weaker. He tires very easily and has lost weight. He has seen his internist and cardiologist. He may need a peace-maker.

If I have forgotten any one, it might be because I did not know about you. Please let me know if you are sick, or going in for surgery.

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

## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Sep 11-13, 2005	Reno -- Circus Circus <b>Sold Out</b>		4	Glen & Ruth Furlong	378-8226
Sep 13, 2005	PC Club: Photo Story 3		10	Walt Cole	972-1178
Sep 14, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Sep 15, 2005	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting	1	2	Ina Havens	847-4793
Sep 15, 2005	Walking/Cultural Tour Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont		8	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Sep 18, 2005	Barber Shop/Ice Cream Social		8	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Sep 20, 2005	Sonoma Canines & Marine Mammals <b>Sold Out</b>	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Sep 22, 2005	Hike: Marin Headlands		11	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Oct 3, 2005	Indian Casino: Chukchansi <b>Sold Out</b>		--	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
<b>Oct 4, 2005</b>	<b>20th Annual IBM Retirement Club Meeting</b>		1	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 8, 2005	Fleet Week In San Francisco Bay	3	7	John & Alice Czerniec	224-6230
Oct 10, 2005	Horse Racing - Bay Meadows		8	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Oct 13, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Oct 18, 2005	Bocce & Lunch		7	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Oct 21, 2005	Hike: Point Lobos State Reserve		11	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
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		7	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
Dec 1-4, 2005	Christmas with the Rockettes (QCC)		--	Hal Calkins	267-6699
Dec 10, 2005	Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Show		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 9, 2006	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 24 - Apr 8, 2006	China		5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Apr 3, 2006	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 6-21, 2006	New Zealand		6	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Apr 18-27, 2006	America's Canyonlands		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
May 1-10, 2006	Russia/Eastern Europe		6	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
July 10, 2006	Indian Casino: Blackoak		8	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

### Kingdom of Thailand November 2 - 15, 2005

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

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

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**

### **Sold Out!** **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/](http://www.sjpc.org/camping/)**

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



## Travel Trips

### Disney World Magic & Orlando

November 7-14, 2005

**Last Chance -- 2 seats left!**

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. 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.

For brochures or more information:

**Contact:**

**George or Isobel Nale**

**779-4275 or at [geoandizn@cs.com](mailto: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 the New York, New York Hotel 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**

## Travel Trips

### **Russia/Eastern Europe**

**Featuring Moscow, Novgorod, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague and Vienna.**

**May 1-20, 2006**

***Come to the Tour Presentation  
for Russia/Eastern Europe  
Thursday, September 29, 10:00 am  
Bakers Square, off Almaden Expressway***

This tour begins in Moscow, seat of the Great Russian Empire and former homes of the Czars including Catherine the Great. You will view the Kremlin, Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral. Travel northwest to St. Petersburg, often referred to as "Venice of the North." Here you will visit the Hermitage, which houses the many treasures of the Czars. Your coach will take you through Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic and finally Austria. The tour is set at a leisurely pace permitting time to enjoy the culture and atmosphere of the beautiful countries you will be visiting.

Travel Features Include:

- Airport transfers: Cottle Rd. - SFO
- Airfare: SFO/Moscow/Vienna/SFO
- 17-Night Hotel Accommodations
- 32 Hosted Meals: 18 Break, 14 Dinners
- Private Deluxe motor-coach.
- Sight seeing with local guides: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague and Vienna.
- Special Features: Red Square, Citadel, Hermitage, Warsaw Ghetto, Jasna Gora Monastery, Hradcany Royal Castle, and Hofburg Palace.
- All admissions to included features.
- Russian Visa.
- Baggage handling throughout for one suitcase per person.
- Sky Cap Tips and gratuities to Tour Director, Local guides and Driver.
- Pre-trip Orientation with Refreshments.

Cost: \$4250 p/p double, \$1075 single supplement, \$3450 Land only.

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**Contact: Art & Sharry Dill  
(831) 338-3069 ArtHDill@Comcast.net**

### **Highlights of New Zealand**

**April 6-21, 2006**

A 16 Day Tour of New Zealand in their fall season. Experience the finest New Zealand has to offer: Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Mt. Cook Trans-Alpine Express Railway to Franz Josef, Wellington, Rotorua and Auckland.

All inclusive price with tips, transfers and trip cancellation/medical insurance: \$3866.

Post-tour Option

5 Days in Cairns - Highlighting a Catamaran tour to Great Barrier Reef and Kuranda Rail trip to the Aboriginal Cultural Park.

Space on New Zealand and Australia tours is limited to 25 people. Reserve your space before seats are gone. Call for details.

*Information Meeting  
October 6, 2005 10:00AM  
Baker's Square  
5055 Almaden Expressway  
Almaden Expressway at Route 85*

Come listen to the details of this exciting trip and enjoy refreshments.

Contact:

George & Carole Walker  
(408) 268-7623

## Day Trips

### **Sonoma Canines & Marine Mammals** Tuesday, September 20, 2005

# ***Sold Out***

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.

Contact:

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

### **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.

**17 seats still available and need to be filled.**

Trip activity rating 3.

Contact:

**John or Alice Czerniec**  
**(408) 224-6230**

e-mail: [jjzern@earthlink.net](mailto:jjzern@earthlink.net)

### **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**

### **Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular** Saturday, December 10, 2005 **Only a few seats left. Call now!**

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**

**"Life is a Cabaret" Ice Cream Social  
Barbershop Harmony Society  
San Jose Chapter  
Orchard City Hall  
Campbell Civic Center Banquet Hall**

**Sunday, September 18, 2005**

Mark your calendars and then join us for a good, old-fashioned Ice Cream Social along with an evening of four-part harmony at its best.

The San Jose Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will present your favorite songs after you have had your fill of ice cream. Select your own condiments to adorn your sundae. The festivities start at 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, and last until 6:00.

You'll want to hum along to the classics in a tribute to Stephen Foster, America's first great composer and song writer as well as other familiar hits presented by the Garden City Chorus. In addition, there will be a parade of top quartets singing in the special barbershop way.

The seats are reserved and cost only \$15 per person. There will be a cash bar for sodas, beer and wine. Such a deal!! So take your spouse, or even the whole family, for a wholesome evening of fun. For tickets, call IBM Retirement Club member, Fred Grometer, who will be singing in the chorus. The hall is located at the intersection of Winchester and Campbell Blvds, Campbell

**Contact:**

**Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157**

**Horse Racing at Bay Meadows  
Monday, October 10, 2005**

Attention race fans! This could be the last racing season at Bay Meadows! Long rumored, it may happen. They have shortened the season and close in October. We have secured the only date in October open to us, Monday, October 10. All you race fans who thrill to the sight of thoroughbreds racing around the oval with their brightly jacketed jockeys urging them on can once again challenge the odds. Enjoy the bus ride up, the air conditioned comfort of the Jockey Club, a nice buffet lunch and the chance to win big. Bay Meadows is a beautiful facility and you can pick your winner as you watch them get saddled up, then watch the race trackside or from your table in the clubhouse.

Cost for the trip is \$48 and the weather is usually beautiful. A nice day with exciting races and pleasant company. To sign up:

Contact:

**George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275**  
or send an email to [geoandizn@cs.com](mailto:geoandizn@cs.com)

**Indian Casino Trips in 2005/2006**

October 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  
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 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

**Payment by check or money order only,  
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**

## **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/](http://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!

The Community Grants program provides funding and IBM products to eligible community organizations and schools where IBM retirees are active volunteers and supporters of specific projects, and are registered participants in the IBM On Demand Community. It's a great way for retirees to extend their desire to help a favorite school or charity even further. Here's how to participate:

- If you're registered with the On Demand Community, check to make sure you have enough qualifying hours volunteering with the organization you want to help.
- If you qualify, visit the Community Grants Web site to request a grant.
- If your organization is not already listed, fax or mail a copy of its IRS 501(c)(3) tax exemption documentation to:

Ken Barnett  
IBM Corporate Community Relations - Western Area  
400 N. Brand Boulevard, Suite 800  
Glendale, CA 91203  
818-539-3379  
FAX 845-432-0496

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. This year's program is active until November, 2005 or until grant allocations are depleted.

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/](http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc/)

## 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](http://www.sjqcc.com) and their email address is [qclub@us.ibm.com](mailto:qclub@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.

## Adopt-A-Highway

**Thursday, August 11, 2005**

What do you do when litter looks you in the eye? Avoid it! This was another hot day as Josie Supencheck was cleaning, with a cool smelly breeze gently wafting toward her. She approached a large plastic bag and was startled to see litter looking back at her, a bag of fish heads and a couple of whole fish! Our guidelines from Caltrans say don't pick up the dead...thank you Caltrans! Al Arabia found a silver ladies' watch that is still ticking and it's not even a Timex! We will have it up for adoption at the annual meeting. Also available will be an almost new American flag found by Howard Hansen, a ladies gold bracelet, and a car battery strap found by George Nale. We have a date with you: see you at Retirement Club's 20th annual meeting Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2-4 p.m. in Bldg. 55 cafeteria. Please drop by our exhibit and see some of the treasure we have found.

Did a Coinco brand computer with "property of Coca Cola" label inside, found by Marcie Coullahan belong to a coke machine? It had a blue bow on it which leads one to wonder if a going away party was involved in its' trip to 85 N. Maybe it used the nifty laminated map Phyliss Chai found, if so the computer was headed for Watsonville. In the money department we found \$6.81, we had spent \$4.58 from our slush fund for watermelon (our reward after a hot clean) putting us \$2.23 in the black. Found a RSA SecurID device with a digital read out showing numbers that keep changing. We followed the instructions on the back regarding finding this device. There has been no response. It must be a breach of security to reply or acknowledge that it is missing. It looks like our group made it into the Caltrans litter campaign video, we'll keep you posted. At the end of the day, 14 volunteers had filled 27 bags, bringing our total to 1534.

**Schedule:** meet in **VTA Parking lot 8:45 a.m.**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2005** 2nd Wednesday  
**Wednesday, October 13, 2005** 2nd Thursday

Contact:

**Doug & Evelyn Dean** 408-264-9502  
[dougnevie@comcast.net](mailto:dougnevie@comcast.net)

**Callers:** Alice Czerniec 224-6230  
Barbara Pugh 265-2466

## PC Club Meeting

**Tuesday, September 13, 5:00 PM, SVL**

Walt Cole, Club President and SeniorNet Almaden instructor, will give a presentation on Photo Story 3 which allows users to create professional looking slide shows from ordinary digital photos. This easy-to-use new Microsoft program includes capabilities to add music, narration and text to any photo or group of photos. Amazing pan and zoom effects (Ken Burns effects) can easily be added as well. There really is not much to learn to use this free program to create slide shows that will wow your family and friends. The slide show file produced is actually a video file with the WMV extension. You must have Windows XP to use Photo Story 3 and Windows Media Player 10 to view the result. A low-cost plug-in for Photo Story 3 is available to create a DVD version of the slide show that makes the slide show viewable with most DVD players. For more information enter Photo Story 3 in a Google search box.

See the PC Club web site for directions:

**[www.sjpc.org](http://www.sjpc.org)**

Contact for questions:

**Walt Cole 972-1178 or [opawalt@pacbell.net](mailto:opawalt@pacbell.net)**

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Park Presidio exit just beyond Daly City. Continue on California Highway 1 North – over Junipero Serra Boulevard, 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **Point Lobos State Reserve Hike** **Friday, October 21, 10:00 AM**

In October we will be visiting a unique environment where the Monterey cypress makes a last stand. The grove at the Reserve is one of only two native stands of these weather-beaten trees in existence.

Point Lobos is a breathtaking meeting of land and sea at the southernmost end of the Monterey Peninsula. The many birds and marine mammals that live in the preserve provide a noisy backdrop to the natural beauty of the area. There are several miles of trails in the Reserve. If we take time to explore all of them, we may be there for quite awhile as there is so much to see. Plan on a leisurely pace – we don't want to miss the harbor seals, sea lions, cormorants, and the wonderful sea otters. The total distance we hike will depend on the wishes of the group. We could go anywhere from two to six miles, but the trails are not difficult. You'll definitely want to bring your binoculars for this hike. A word of warning - poison oak abounds at Point Lobos, so if you are sensitive to it we recommend long pants and long sleeve shirts.

Point Lobos is located three miles south of Carmel just off Highway 1. There is a state park day use fee per vehicle (\$9 including a map). We will meet at 10AM at the Information Station parking lot. From the Reserve main gate, drive until you see a small kiosk with restrooms nearby. There should be adequate parking, but if the lot is full there is additional parking at the Piney Woods picnic area, a short distance from the meeting area. Don't forget lunch and water.

Carpoolers should meet at the Camden park and ride (Camden and Highway 85) at 8:15 AM. See you there!

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

## Bowling

### One More Time League at AMF Oakridge Lanes 2005 Summer League August 17, 2005

Team Standings:

**1st Place:** Team # 10: 41 wins  
Barbara Pugh, Jim O'Neill, Chila Miller, Eddie Fahrner

**2nd Place:** Team #9: 40½ wins  
George Zagelow, Tom Higa, Paul Houghton & Blind

**Position Rounds: August 24**

**Last Day sweeper: August 31**

**Bowler of the Month: George Zagelow** with a 300 perfect game!! This the second perfect game for George and we were here to see it!

#### Individual Achievements to Date

##### Ladies

##### Men

#### High Averages

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

209-George Zagelow  
198-Bill Jeung  
186-Sal Garcia

#### High Scratch Game

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

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

#### High Scratch Series

566-Faye Fritz  
540-Ann Wilson  
530-Ruth Furlong

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

#### High Handicap Game

259-Mary Jane Canavan  
257-Chila Miller  
250-Barbara Pugh  
250-Mary Brown- age 90

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

#### High Handicap Series

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

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

Sign Ups for Winter League: Call Sue Erlich at Oakridge Lanes at 578-8500 or Ann.

Contact:

**Ann Wilson 408 269-1894**

## Short 18-Hole Golf

### Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

**August 4, 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 - Neil Keever - 49  
Jim Betz - 49  
Darrel Jensen - 49  
2nd - Dick Lake - 50  
3rd - Don Johnson - 56  
4th - Sam Walters - 58  
Bill Avery - 58  
Lupe Rodriguez - 58

#### Women

1st - Marge Condensa - 55  
2nd - DeDe Corral - 60  
3rd - Clara De Paul - 61  
4th - Hughie Cabri - 62

Closest to the pin on Hole # 10

#### Men

1st - Darrel Jensen - 12' 9"  
2nd - Andy La Scola - 15' 5"  
3rd - Sam Walters - 15' 8"  
4th - Neil Rowland - 26' 3"

#### Women

Marge Condensa - 24' 2"

Next dates are Thursdays, September 1 and October 6.  
**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**.

Remember, September 1 is the Rusty Cambell tournament. See you then.

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](mailto:alascola@earthlink.net)**

**Poppy Hills, August 15, 2005:** This was the "Bob Slater Memorial Golf Tournament." Bob Slater was the person responsible for starting Retirement Club golf tournaments. The "Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Tony Scalora. On hole #8, Tony chipped one in from 50 yards out for "birdie." Nice shot, Tony! The format of play was, "Individual Play." We had a large turnout of 60 players. Here are the results:

<u>Place / Score / Name</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
1 / 63 / <b>Greg Johnston *</b>	6 / 73 / Joe Guerra	1 / 70 / <b>Kathy La Scola **</b>
2 / 68 / Mike Higginbotham	6 / 73 / Phil Nielsen	2 / 74 / Cathy Priest
3 / 70 / Mike Filice	6 / 73 / Tony Scalora	3 / 75 / Cassie Mangini
4 / 71 / Andy La Scola	7 / 74 / Ralph Lyle	
4 / 71 / Bill Kurtz	7 / 74 / Mel Rodinsky	
5 / 72 / Glen Yuki		

\* = Men's Bob Slater Award Winner

\*\* =Lady's Bob Slater Award Winner

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<u>#2</u>	<u>#6</u>	<u>#11</u>	<u>#15</u>	<u>#17</u>
<b>Men</b>	Jim Balistreri 10' 10"	Ralph Lyle 14' 10"	Andy La Scola 8' 9"	Jay Hockenbury 15' 2"	Mike Higginbotham 4' 3"
	Rich Hislip 17' 2"	Nick Nomm 15' 7"	Gil Maes 12' 5"	Rich Campbell 17' 11"	Otto Hampel 32' 10"
	Lou Tolbert 33' 0"	Joe Guerra 31' 4"	Phil Nielsen 17' 10"	Don Johnson 27' 1"	Paul Cavagnolo 40' 0"
<b>Women</b>		Cathy Priest 11' 11"			Fran Plummer 11' 6"
		Gloria Nigg 49' 10"			Debra Jones 34' 9"

There were five bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are: Mike Higginbotham 84; Andy La Scola 88; Nick Nomm 89; Eric Schrader & Ralph Lyle 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
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](http://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](mailto: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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**Mail-in Ballot**

Maintaining our goal of being cost effective, yet still offering the opportunity for you to express your wishes, we submit the names of the following candidates as officers of the Club for 2005. This "clip and mail" ballot allows you to vote for your "write-in" candidates if you wish to vote for someone other than the candidates listed and to vote for the bylaw change.

**Candidates are:**

**President:** Ina Havens Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President:** Art Dill Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:** Bernie Coullahan Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Director:** Ed Mueller Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Communications Director:** Walt Cole Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Directors at large:** Millie Wiedemer, Maureen Sweet, Ruth Price

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: IBM San Jose Retirement Club  
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San Jose, CA 95141

Bylaw Change? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
See page 1 for description of bylaw change.