



# San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

It's only September and so far this year a ship carrying a tour group of ours sank off the coast of Greece, we have had to find new meeting places, we created a new newsletter printing process, found new long term parking facilities, postal rates increased and we learned we will probably get no more financial support from IBM for mailing the newsletter when the current funds run out. Yet the Club is overcoming all these obstacles and never has had more members or more money in the treasury. Casey Stengel once said "The game ain't over til the fat lady sings." Let's hope whatever else is in store for us is not insurmountable.

The newsletter-mailing crisis has come to an end. Thanks to the efforts of Ed Mueller, Clara De Paul, the Travel Committee and other Club members, we have a mailing process acceptable to the US Postal Service. Almaden Research Labs (ARL) has permitted us to use a conference room at their location thereby resolving the meeting room dilemma.

Again I would like to emphasize the need for us to eventually distribute the newsletter via the Internet. Simply send Ed Mueller an e-mail with your e-mail address and your name as it appears on the mailing label. Then each month you will receive a notice your newsletter is ready. You simply click on the address and as if by magic your copy of the newsletter will appear. With another click you can print the newsletter. Or you can just view it online.

Our 21st Annual Meeting will be held at Silicon Valley Labs (SVL) Cafeteria on Bailey Avenue on October 25 at 2:00 PM . Please try to attend. Refreshments will be served and your participation would be greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Have a great Labor Day Weekend.  
Art Dill

### San Jose IBM Retirement Club — Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 25, 2007

#### 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 2008. 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.

**Candidates are:**

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

**Vice President:** George Walker Write In \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Membership Report Ed Mueller

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August 16, 2007

### Membership History

Year	July	August
1997	1612	1620
2006	2105	2110
2007	2154	2161

### New Members

Lawrence R Doutherd  
Kelly Graham  
Ronald Keihl  
Kelly Lynne  
Waldo "Walt" Roseberry  
Sidney H Smith  
Winston Stone

### In Memoriam

Gino Bottoni  
Hiroyki Hiraoka  
Steven Hryskanich  
Nancy Jackson  
Winfield Johnson  
Ken Kapulka  
J. Richard McElye  
Francis X O'Rourke  
Harold Pool  
Eugene A Ray  
Jack (John) Schuster  
Ted Sedgwick

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## Sunshine Report

Well, I haven't heard from any of you, what is wrong? Has the "cat" got your tongue? I did hear from one of my good friends that she had a by-pass, and is doing well, so well that she doesn't want to stay home any more, she wants to go, go.

I also heard that another friend hurt her toe. Well, I can tell you that is no laughing matter--I have broken all my toes on one foot, and does that smart!

Well, I have one more to report on: **Ray Thompson**. One week ago he passed out on the kitchen floor, and all I could think of was stroke. Thank goodness it wasn't, but it was pretty bad. He was running a temperature of 103 due to a kidney infection. We didn't know any thing was wrong because Ray never says anything, and he wanted to go to Reno the next day. I am so thankful it happened at home. He was in the hospital for a little over a week, and he is now home. They got all the infection out, and fever is gone. Believe me, prayers do help a lot.

thanks to all  
do take care,

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

## Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect or your e-mail address has changed, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform Ed Mueller. He is the Membership Director.

Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail.

Mail: send to:

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# TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Sep 9-11, 2007	Reno: Circus Circus		--	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 11, 2007	PC Club - Mvix - Home Backup Solution and Multimedia Player		6	Walt Cole	972-1178
Sep 12, 2007	Adopt-a-Highway		8	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Sep 18, 2007	San Francisco Tour of the Seagull <b>Sold out, Wait List only</b>	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Sep 20, 2007	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		5	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Sep 24-Oct 5, 2007	Croatia and Slovenia <b>Sold out</b>		--	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Sep 28, 2007	Hike: San Francisco Stairway Walk		6	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Sep 29, 2007	Horse Racing at Bay Meadows <b>Sold out</b>		--	George Nale	779-4275
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2007	Monterey Big Hike		--	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 8, 2007	Indian Casino: Gold Country		--	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 10-16, 2007	New Mexico & Balloon Fiesta		4	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 11, 2007	Adopt-a-Highway		8	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Oct 16, 2007	Central Valley Adventure <b>Sold out, Wait List only</b>	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 18, 2007	Hike: Garrapata State Park		6	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
<b>Oct 25, 2007</b>	<b>IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting</b>		1	Art & Sherry Dill	831 338-3069
Nov 6, 2007	Bocce in Los Gatos		5	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Nov 18, 2007	"Wigged Out" Show		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Dec 8, 2007	Holiday Party		11	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Dec 9, 2007	The Christmas Revels <b>Sold out, Wait List only</b>	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Jan 28, 2008	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 9-11, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 29-Jun 11, 2008	South America		4	Art & Sherry Dill	831 338-3069
Jun 9, 2008	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 14-16, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 20, 2008	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		5	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

## South America May 29 - June 11, 2008

♪*Tall and tan and young and lovely*♪, the girls from Ipanema Beach might be seen on this tour! You will be staying at a beautiful resort hotel on Copacabana Beach. Included are tours of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls and Santiago, Chile, among many other activities.

### Trip Highlights:

- Welcome Cocktail Party -Hot hors d'oeuvres
- Sugarloaf Mountain Sunset Tour via cable car
- Samba Dinner Show at famous Plataforma
- Cogwheel train-Mt. Corovado; Christ the Redeemer
- Tijuica National Park via Jeep Safari
- Eco Train to "Devil's Throat"-Iguassu Falls
- Spectacular Tango Dinner Show in Buenos Aires
- Gaucho Festival-Buenos Aires-BBQ,folkdance +
- Santiago-Neoclassic Moneda Palace and Government Seat
- San Cristobal Hill-View of Andes mountains
- Chili-Pacific Coast full day tour with highlight stops.
- Wineries

The price of the tour including airfare is \$3,995. Single Supplement \$825.00. Main Tour Included features are: Brazilian visa (\$100.), all air flights, transfers, entrance to shows and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 11 breakfasts, 3 main meal lunches, 3 other dinners included.

An optional 4 nights, 5-day tour of Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu is available, June 11 - 15.

- Lima Archaeological Museum + more
- Cuzco Urubamba Valley + more
- Ollantaitambo ruins-Cuzco
- Vista Dome Train to Machu Picchu + tours

Peru extension is \$1550 pp. Single Supplement is \$385. Peru Extension Features are: All air flights, transfers, entrance to tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches included.

Not included in this trip: arrival and departure taxes to be paid in cash for each country, visa pictures, tips, trip insurance.

Prices are based on airfares as of 6/20/07 and subject to change until ticketed.

*More information will be available at the trip presentation on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at Bakers Square on Almaden Expressway.*

Contact:

**Art and Sharry Dill** for brochure.

**(831) 338-3069**

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## Hot-air Balloon Fiesta & Carlsbad Caverns October 10 - October 16, 2007

New Mexico is truly the 'land of enchantment' and you will feel this yourself if you join us on this outstanding tour. We will see Carlsbad Caverns and the White Sands National Monument, the UFO Museum in Roswell, Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos Bradbury Science Museum, the Dawn Patrol and the mass ascension of the hot air balloons at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. We will also visit Santa Fe!

Included: all transportation, all tips & gratuities, hometown transfers, baggage handling and Tour Director.  
6 nights, 7 days, 11 meals; Cost: \$1849 per person.

Contact:

**Ina Havens** at **847-4793** or [cliffina@verizon.net](mailto:cliffina@verizon.net)

# Day Trips

## Wigged Out

**Sunday, November 18, 2007, 2:00 PM Show**

**Wigged Out** is a uniquely original, fast paced, singing and dancing musical comedy experience. The all new production involves a mysterious secret at the hair salon--a secret at Victoria's Hair On Stage salon in Danville. This East Bay musical comedy performs in this most unique theater venue.

At all **Wigged Out** shows we expect a healthy dose of icons, celebrities and household products showing up on stage. At times, the audience becomes part of the show. It's a fun afternoon, lots of good laughs. The Contra Costa Times stated, "You'll hurt yourself laughing and be amazed at the talent."

Prior to the show, we will have lunch at the Brass Door near the theater in Danville. Lunch choices will be roast prime rib or roasted rosemary chicken.

The price is \$90.00 per person which includes the show, lunch, motorcoach and all gratuities.

Contact:

**Ron and Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639.**

This event is hosted by the IBM San Jose Retirement Club and is open to all IBM Club and QCC members and friends.

## SeniorNet Computer Courses

By now, you are probably tired of reading requests to receive this newsletter via the Internet. I don't blame you. But someday, the "printed on paper" version will probably be eliminated or cost extra. Nobody knows exactly what or when this will happen. If you have a computer, send and receive e-mail and know what "left click" means, you are ready for this change.

But if your life is pleasant because you have no computer, or don't know how to use one, then you are not quite ready. Becoming a computer user is pretty easy for kids. I teach seniors to use computers so I know it is not so easy for many of them. But it is possible. The SeniorNet Learning Centers in San Jose and around the country offer courses for seniors. There are intermediate level courses for folks that already know the fundamentals, but more importantly, there are courses for absolute beginners. These courses are taught on an ongoing basis, all year long and start 5 times per year. Registration for the next round of classes is on Saturday, October 6. If you think it is finally time to make your life only a little more unpleasant by becoming a computer user, sign up! Some seniors even think the courses are fun!

Almaden Community Center on Camden - 3:00 PM

Willows Senior Center on Lincoln north of Curtner - 11:00 AM

Cypress Community Center - call (408) 244-1353

Contact:

Walt Cole, 972-1178

## Indian Casino Trips

**Cache Creek, Monday, January 28, 2008,**

Price: \$25.00, bonus \$5.00 cash,  
\$5.00 match play, \$2.00 food credit

**Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,  
March 9-11, 2008**

Price: \$99.00 per person double occupancy &  
\$38.00 single supplement;  
casino bonus: \$30.00 cash & \$7.00 food credit

**Chukchansi, Monday, June 9, 2008**

Price: \$20, \$10.00 EZ play and \$5.00 food credit

**Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,  
September 14-16, 2008**

Price: \$99.00 per person, double occupancy &  
\$38.00 single supplement; casino bonus: \$30.00  
cash & \$7.00 food credit

**Jackson Rancheria, Monday, October 20, 2008**

Price: \$25.00, \$10.00 cash & coupons

All Indian casino trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

**Parking:** Capital Expressway and Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride, South lot, Section G

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## Bocce Players Needed

**Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 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 \$30.00 per person for both food and fun! To secure your spot, make out a check to George Walker. Then send it to:

George Walker  
6063 Burnbank Place  
San Jose, CA 95120 .

**Next Club Board Meeting:  
Thursday, September 20, 2007, 10:00 AM**  
IBM Almaden Research, Bernal Road  
Enter at Lobby entrance

# Hikes

## San Francisco Stairway Walk Friday, September 28, 2007, 10:00 AM

If it's September, it must be San Francisco. At least that's the IBM hiking group tradition. This year's San Francisco walk will be unusual in that it's an urban trek, almost all on paved streets and walkways. But oh, what walkways these are! We will use the city's stairways to navigate hills that are too steep for cars. When we scouted the walk, we counted a total of 550 stairs going up, probably about the same going down. So bring your most comfortable walking shoes and tune up your knees for this challenging walk.

We found the walk in a delightful book called "Stairway Walks in San Francisco." If you have access to the book, it is walk #11. Our route takes us through Golden Gate Heights, an area south of Golden Gate Park. It's a quiet residential neighborhood with a lovely park and great views. When we started the walk it was cold and foggy but by noon we could see Ocean Beach and downtown San Francisco.

Other than the stairways we'll navigate, your other challenge will be finding a place to park. We will be meeting on the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln, across the street from Golden Gate Park. We noted that there was available parking on Lincoln, with no time limit. Probably your best bet to get to the city will be the 280-19<sup>th</sup> Avenue route. When you get to Lincoln (just before Golden Gate Park), turn right and begin your search for a space. Carpooling is highly recommended! Carpoolers - meet at the normal place: Camden Park and Ride (Camden at 85), at 8:30 AM.

We didn't find a great place to stop for lunch, so we recommend bringing a snack and drink for munching along the way. Once we finish the walk there is a wide variety of restaurants nearby around 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (we'll direct you) where you can replenish the calories you burned.

Contacts: **Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769.**

## Garrapata State Park Hike Friday, October 19, 2007, 10:00 AM

Garrapata State Park is south of Carmel on Highway 1. Some of you who have gone on the Monterey Big Hike may be familiar with the area. We'll be hiking the Soberanes Canyon Trail located in the park. There aren't many places where you can see prickly pear cactus and redwood trees growing along the same trail, but that's what you'll find in Soberanes Canyon. The trail starts by following a year-round creek at the base of steep coastal hills, cutting through stands of willow, cactus, and chaparral. After ascending gently for a mile, you'll reach a cluster of redwoods and bay laurel perched beside the sandy pools of Soberanes Creek. From here, you can retrace your steps or forge onward, climbing much more steeply to Rocky Ridge Trail. Turn left to loop back, enjoying bird's-eye coastal views as you crisscross the high bluffs. We do plan to hike the entire loop, but if you want to do the shorter out and back route that's OK too. The 6 mile loop hike is rated strenuous (translation - hills). The 2-mile out and back is moderate. There are no picnic tables on the hike route, so we will probably just plunk down somewhere along the trail to eat lunch.

To reach Garrapata State Park, travel south to the Monterey Bay area. Then drive 7 miles on Highway 1 after you cross Rio Road in Carmel. The trailhead is on the east side of the highway near gate 13. Look for a line of cypress trees along the east side of the highway. A parking fee of \$5 applies within the park area. Carpoolers should meet at the Camden park and ride (Camden and Highway 85) at 8:15 AM. See you there! Don't forget your lunch and water.

Contacts: **Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769**

## PC Club Meeting

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 5:00 PM, SVL**

Club member Alan Baker will present "**Mvix** - Home Backup Solution and Multimedia Player."  
The Mvix can be used for many purposes, such as..

- Back up multiple computers
- Transfer very large amounts of data from computer to computer
- Play shows from your Tivo on a different TV
- Play digital videos from the internet on your TV
- Show your digital photographs on your TV
- Play digital music through your TV

Visit: [http://www.mvixusa.com/store/index.php?target=products&product\\_id=1564#main\\_description](http://www.mvixusa.com/store/index.php?target=products&product_id=1564#main_description)

For directions to the meeting see: [www.sjpc.org](http://www.sjpc.org)

Contact for questions: **Walt Cole 972-1178** or [opawalt@gmail.com](mailto:opawalt@gmail.com)

# IBM Club

## IBM Club Discounts

### Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.00; gold \$7.50

Regal/United Artists: \$6.00

Cinelux: \$6.00 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$7.00 - no restrictions

### Universal Studios

Gate price: \$65.00, ages 3 and up \$55.00

IBM Club price: \$47.00 Three day ticket!

### Disneyland single day-one park

Gate price: \$63.00 3-9 years: \$53.00

IBM Club price: \$50.40 3-9 years: \$42.40

### Disneyland 1-day park hopper

Gate price: \$83.00 3-9 years: \$73.00

IBM Club price: \$66.40 3-9 years: \$58.40

### Disneyland 2-day park hopper

Gate price: \$122.00 3-9 years: \$102.00

IBM Club price: \$97.60 3-9 years: \$81.60

### Disneyland 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$159.00 3-9 years: \$129.00

IBM Club price: \$127.20 3-9 years: \$103.20

### Disney World single day-one park

Gate price: \$71.36 3-9 years: \$59.64

IBM Club price: \$57.09 3-9 years: \$47.72

### Disney World 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$252.41 3-9 years: \$218.33

IBM Club price: \$201.93 3-9 years: \$174.66

### Legoland

Gate price: adults \$69.00 3-12 years \$56.00

IBM Club price: \$39.00 all ages, 3 and up

### SeaWorld

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00, 2 days  
IBM Club price: \$44.50 3-9 years: \$39.00, 2 days

### Sees Candy

IBM Club price: \$10.75 1 pound gift certificate

### Gilroy Gardens (Bonfonte Gardens)

Gate price: \$39.99 3-6 years: 28.99

IBM Club price: \$22

### Great America

Gate price: \$46.95 parking pass: \$10

IBM Club price: \$27.95 ages 3 and up

Parking pass: \$5

### 6 Flags Discovery Kingdom (Marineworld)

Gate price: \$49.99 parking pass: \$15

IBM Club price: \$24.99 ages 3 and up

Parking pass: \$10

### Raging Waters

Gate price: \$27.99 Season: \$58.99

IBM Club price: \$19.99 Season: \$38.99

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: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

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**Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106**

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## IBM Club Web Site for Retirees

In the past, in order to access the IBM Club web site, you had to be an IBM employee. Retirees could not access the site. Recently, IBM has made an IBM Club web site available for IBM retirees. It is a global web site containing information about IBM Clubs all over the world.

In order to access this web site, you must first register. Then you can subscribe to whatever IBM Club is closest to where you live or to multiple IBM Clubs. Our local club is the Silicon Valley IBM Club.

The address of the web site: [www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmclub](http://www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmclub)

Once you get there you will need to provide an e-mail address and provide a password in order to register. You must also specify which IBM Club you are interested in.

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

## Swap'N'Shop

Do you remember the old Swap 'N' Shop board in the cafeteria? You could submit a 3x5 card and it would be posted describing the things you wanted to sell or buy. Well, it is now online. IBM employees and retirees can participate. On the first day, more than 100 items were posted and 10 times that number of employees browsed through the site.

[www.employeeswapshop.com/ibmer](http://www.employeeswapshop.com/ibmer)

## 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.

[www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/](http://www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/)

## IBM Retiree ID Card

IBM retirees that have lost, or never had, or just cannot find their IBM Retiree ID card can call and get one. Call the IBM Employee Service Center: **1-800-796-9876**.

# Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, August 9, 2007

Bob Schneider found a fire! In the Santa Teresa gores (those mini park areas between ramps). When Bob arrived, ready to capture litter, he saw smoke and went to investigate. He found a wind driven smoldering fire in the ground mulch of chipped wood. He cleared away the unburned material and then stomped out the fire. Just as he finished, a fire truck drove up and he pointed out the area to the firemen. The firemen used their hoses to wet the area down. Someone must have called the fire in. Aren't cell phones amazing!

System breakdown: some things have to be utilized to work. In the Almaden off ramp area, Barbara Warner and Tom Clarke discovered many unopened condom packages labeled Planned Parenthood.

There is some beautiful litter. Phyliss Chai found peacock feathers. Bob Rameriz said he had a ball 'cause he found a tennis ball and 2 golf balls. Bob Schneider rounded out his adventure by capturing 3 mangled license plates. John Czerniec bagged a big inflatable bat and then a 12"x16" inch flag on a dowel that he put in his back pocket as a talisman to keep him safe; he said it was his patriotic duty to protect our flag.

Finances: income for the day was **\$6.71**. Jose Castaneda found a five dollar bill, a dime, and four pennies. Alice Czerneic discovered a dime. Tom Clarke brought in a quarter and a penny. John Warner thinks he found a child's savings when he picked up a plastic baggie containing a nickel and 100 pennies. Bob Schneider netted 5 cents, Mel Olsen a penny, and Doug Dean a dime. It was a big disappointment that a giant \$100 dollar bill turned out to be a memo pad page. Our tailgate treat of watermelon cost 5 dollars so we netted \$1.71 for the day.

14 volunteers filled 19 bags bringing our total to 2118 bags to date.

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

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 second Wednesday

Thursday, October 11, 2007 second Thursday

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Barbara Pugh 265-2466

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## IBM Matching Grants

If you contribute to certain charitable institutions and organizations, IBM will match half your contribution if you are an IBM retiree. To take advantage of this IBM benefit, you must fill out the IBM Matching Grants form and mail it to the organization to which you are contributing. The form is available on the IBM web site for retirees, but it is hard to find. It is now on our club web site. The navigation panel on our home page has a link to the IBM Matching Grants form pdf file. It is a 2-page form. The second page gives the requirements the organization must satisfy in order to receive funds from IBM.

Thanks to Bonnie Home who reminded me about this benefit. If you have older forms, you should use the one on our web site. A year or two ago, the address where IBM receives these forms changed. If you have a form that has an address including "Six Forks Road" in Raleigh, you need the new address. It is on the second page of the form.

Again, our web site address is: [www.sjpc.org/sjrc/](http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc/)

**Contact:**

**Walt Cole**

**408 972-1178**

[opawalt@gmail.com](mailto:opawalt@gmail.com)

**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.

When there are pictures in the newsletter, they are black and white in the printed copy. They are in color on the web site.

The newsletter is in PDF format and can be viewed, saved and/or printed with the free Adobe Reader program. If you have questions about this modern digital way to obtain the newsletter,

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## Bowling

### One More Time League at Club 300 (Oakridge Lanes) 2007 Summer League

Here are some mid-season "STATS" for week number 12 for our summer bowling.

#### Individual Achievements

##### Ladies

##### Men

#### High Scratch Game

226-Pat Falkowski  
202-Chila Miller  
190-Ruth Furlong

243-Bill Hooper  
224-Eddie Fahrner

#### High Scratch Series

570-Faye Fritz  
566-Ann Wilson

645-George Zagelow  
593-Sal Garcia

#### High Handicap Game

259-Shirley Beyer  
242-Olynda Head

267-Ed Henschel  
264-Sam Walters

#### High Handicap Series

686-Shirley Veal  
662-Carol Hughes

728-Ernie Veal  
684-Wes Berg

Team 3 with George Zagelow, Sal Garcia, Bill Jeung, Shirley Veal are still in first place. But with two weeks to go, two teams are fighting it out.

Put these dates on your calendar for winter league:

- Summer league ends August 29
- September 5, 2007: meeting at 9:30 AM and NO TAP (This means if you get 9 pins, it counts as a strike)
- Winter league starts September 12, 2007 at 9:30 AM

If any retired IBMer's would like to bowl with us on Wednesday mornings, contact Sue at the bowling lanes (578-8500) or Barbara Pugh (265-2466) or Topsy (377-4314) to let us know if you are "new" and want to join this exciting league.

#### Summer League Officers

President	Ernie Veal
Vice-President	Beverly Higa
Secretary	Barbara Pugh
Sgt. at Arms	Ted Head

## Short 18-Hole Golf

### Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

**August 7, 2007:** A format of Individual Golf was played by 23 players. Winners were:

#### Men

#### Women

1st Darrel Jensen 55	1st Clara De Paul 58
Jim Stonehouse 55	2nd Hugie Cabri 62
2nd Jack Buchanan 59	3rd DeDe Corral 64
3rd John Cabri 60	4th Marge Condensa 65
4th Andy La Scola 61	Helen Brock 65

#### Closest to the Pin #10:

1st Darrel Jensen 26' 8"	1st Gwen Kaefer 27' 4"
2nd Jim Stonehouse 27'	
3rd Andy La Scola 27' 7"	

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, September 6 and October 4, **at 10:00 am, sharp. Please be there by 9:30 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."**

If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have canceled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5.

### *The Rusty Campbell Tournament*

*will be on September 6, 2007*

*Let's have a good turn out.*

Clara, DeDe and Helen

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

## RV Camping Club

The IBM Camping Club (Krazy Kampers) is open to all IBM retirees and employees. 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](mailto:ecveal@juno.com)



# Par Tee Golf

**Poppy Hills, August 27, 2007.** This was our annual "Bob Slater Memorial Golf Tournament". Bob Slater was the person responsible for starting the Retirement Club golf tournaments. The "Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Rollo Parsons. On hole #15, a 180 yard par three, Rollo recorded his first "Hole-in-One." Phenomenal shot, Rollo! (Note: This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole-in-one recorded in the 8½ years that I have been running the Retiree Club tournaments.) There were also some honorable mentions: On hole #18, a par 5, John Nauman chipped his 3<sup>rd</sup> shot into the cup for "eagle", and on hole #14, a par 4, Kathy La Scola "putted" her 4<sup>th</sup> shot from about 25 feet 'off' the green for par. Great shots, John & Kathy! The format of play was "Individual Play." We had a large turnout of 60 players. Here are the results:

1 / 62	Bill Bumgarner	2 / 63	Rich Hislip	3 / 66	Alex Lilley	3 / 66	<b>Rich Hiser*</b>
4 / 68	<b>Marge Condensa**</b>	4 / 68	Andy La Scola	5 / 69	Gary Pyle		
6 / 70	Bill Niffenegger	6 / 70	John Nauman	6 / 70	Kathy La Scola		
7 / 71	Paul Koch	7 / 71	Tom Howell	7 / 71	Glenn Yuki		

\* = Men's Bob Slater Award Winner

\*\* =Ladies Bob Slater Award Winner

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<b>#2</b>	<b>#6</b>	<b>#11</b>	<b>#15</b>	<b>#17</b>
<b><u>Men</u></b>	Bob Graves 2' 8"	John Grewohl 6' 10"	Nick Nomm 16' 1"	Rollo Parsons 0' 0"	Jim Betz 6' 6"
	Bill Niffenegger 2' 11"	Marty Satalino Jr. 7' 0"	Lou Montini 29' 7"	Roger Haskin 16' 5"	Al Cimino 6' 7"
	Rich Hiser 8' 8"	R. Lopez & A. Lilley 9' 2"	Rick Vargas J 30' 1"	Jim McGuire 22' 1"	Rich Hislip 8' 1"
<b><u>Ladies</u></b>		Dora Moutafian 60' 1"			Marge Condensa 10' 1"

Congratulations to all the winners.

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sep. 10	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$60.00/Aug. 22	Includes cart; Soft spikes required; Format= 2 best ball foursome
Oct. 8	Pajaro Valley	\$40.00/Sep. 19	Cart optional; Soft spikes required; Format= 2 best ball foursome
Nov. 5	Coyote Creek-Tournament	\$65.00/Oct. 17	Includes cart; Soft spikes required; Format= Individual play-Salami Shoot
Dec. 3	Los Lagos	\$45.00/Nov. 14	Includes cart; Soft spikes required; Format= 2 best ball foursome

- Notes:**
- The "Par Tee Golf Schedule" and "Golf Rules" for 2007 can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: [www.sjpc.org/sjrc](http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc)
  - Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means that "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed. Thank you!
  - The membership fee for joining Par Tee Golf is \$45.00. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: [maxdonmar@comcast.net](mailto:maxdonmar@comcast.net)
  - Prices are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site for latest information.
  - 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 is:

Par Tee Golf  
P.O. Box 53535  
San Jose, CA 95123-0535

Include your GHIN number, & your e-mail address, (If I don't 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 foursome, your group may be split up).

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

# *2007 Holiday Party Dinner Dance*

**Saturday, December 8, 2007**

**San Jose Elks Lodge**

**444 West Alma Avenue, San Jose**

No Host cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM

Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Dancing follows dinner

Cost \$30.00 Per Person

Door Prizes and Raffle

Tables seat only 8. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list the names of the members at that table on the reservation form.

Seating will be assigned as received.

If you want to be seated near the dance floor, please get your reservation form in early.

Singles will be seated with other singles if requested.

Handicapped facilities are available.

***Reservations must be received by November 23, 2007.***

***No tickets will be sold at the door.***

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## ***Reservation form for the***

### **IBM San Jose Retirement Club 2007 Holiday Party Dinner Dance**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Selections:

\_\_\_ Beef    \_\_\_ Fresh Fish    \_\_\_ Vegetarian

Wine may be purchased by the glass, carafe or bottle at the bar.

Singles Table \_\_\_

We would like to sit with the following people:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the IBM Retirement Club.

Mail this form and check to:

**Terry Milinic'**  
**1480 Bryan Ave**  
**San Jose, CA 95118**