



# San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Thanks to everyone who already sent in the form to Ed Mueller in order to continue receiving this newsletter by U.S. Mail. Thanks also to those of you (now more than half the membership) who have agreed to read the newsletter online.

There are many others, however, whom we have not heard from. **If you wish to receive this newsletter by U.S. Mail in the future, you must return the form on the last page, confirming your address.** If you fail to do this, you are holding the last issue you will receive.

The December newsletter will not be mailed at all due to the holiday mail rush. It will be online as usual.

PS. I hope to see you at the Holiday Dinner Dance on December 17, 2008. (See page 8.)

Art Dill, Club President

### Eyeglass Report

Many pairs of used eyeglasses and lenses have been donated so far this year. At club events and meetings there is always somebody who will collect them and pass them on to me. Here is a summary of this year's donations: (the three numbers are clear pairs, sunglasses and just lenses) Pasta Feed: 25, 2, 3; monthly Board meetings: 38, 11, 0; Bowling: 44, 5, 2; Annual picnic: 81, 15, 14. Of these, 56 came from Anne and Jack Stuyvesant. Anne went out of her way to encourage neighbors and friends to collect used glasses for this cause and she brought them to the picnic. Thanks again, Anne.

There will be a collection box at the Holiday Dinner/Dance on December 17. Everyone, please continue to collect used eyeglasses. This is an ongoing project for a worthy cause.

Contact:  
Pat Falkowski, 408-972-2877

### Monterey "Big Hike" Report

Forty-three Retirement Club members enjoyed the recent Howard Lewis Memorial Big Hike in Monterey. Of this number, nine were on the original Big Hike in Mammoth in August of 1992: Jim and Dottie Riley, Ethel and Vern Curtis, Barbara Hawkins, Bob Lesko, Toh-Bee Syn, Bert and Marianne Fry. It's always great to be back together again. Jim Riley has been awarding a copy of Howard Lewis' book, "You're Standing on my Fingers," to those who have attended faithfully. More copies will be awarded at the pot-luck on November 13.

This year's hikes were all wonderful - good weather, nice trails (Monterey Bay Coastal, Molera State Park, & Garland Ranch), fine conversation. There were some questions, though, as to how the front of the pack got back to the lunch tables so soon. Could they have taken a shortcut?

The boat trip on the Elkhorn Slough was exceptional. Did you know a bunch of otters is called a "raft"? Neither did we. The early-morning guide was rated very good. The afternoon guide was under the impression she had a group of 10 year olds - lots of instruction complete with flash cards.

Of course the whole thing was due to the hard work of Jim and Dottie Riley, who as usual arranged for comfortable lodgings, great hikes, good recommendations for food and other activities. What would we ever do without them? Many thanks to both of them.

Marianne Fry

### Adopt-A-Highway

We canceled our October 9 clean on Hwy. 85 north because of unresolved safety issues. We reviewed our assigned area with Caltrans and have suspended all future clean-ups until safety issues are resolved with them.

**Tentative Schedule:** Second Wednesday, November 12, 2008; second Thursday, December 11, 2008

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Ina Havens

## Membership Report Ed Mueller

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October 16, 2008

### Membership History

Number in ( ) is how many folks are receiving their newsletters via the Internet instead of the US mail

Year	September	October
1998	1707(0)	1708(0)
2007	2161(456)	2163(486)
2008	2156(1005)	2155(1144)

### Join the On-Line Revolution!

More and more club members are getting on the club's e-mail list and do not receive their club newsletters by U.S. mail. Instead, they get an e-mail every month when the latest newsletter is ready. If you are not on this list yet and are willing to join, send an e-mail to Ed at the address below. Be sure to include your name and address.

This will verify your membership without mailing in the form on page 10.

Ed Mueller's e-mail address:  
[membership@ibmsjrc.org](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)

### 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 the Membership Director, Ed Mueller. Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail. Ed will also set you up for "read on line" to save paper, if you request that. Be sure your request includes your name & address, so he corrects the right person.

Send mail to:

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

Ed Mueller,  
e-mail: [membership@ibmsjrc.org](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)

**Next Club Board Meeting:**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2008,**  
**10:00 AM**

Meriwet Credit Union  
5615 Chesbro Ave.  
at Blossom Hill Road

## Sunshine Report

Two of our retirees recently suffered mini strokes. I'm happy to report **Jean Steading** is doing well as is **Jeanne Kile** although Jeanne's bowling and tutoring are on hold.

**Pat Motta** is recuperating from arthroscopic surgery on both knees.

Thanks to **Betty Bottoni** for the cards donated to our club.

Also, thanks for your calls and e-mails.

**Terry Milinic'**  
265-5908

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### In Memoriam

**Michael Carlitz**  
**Bill Dickerson**  
**Bill Furnal**  
**Rudy Hartmann**  
**Paul Lindholm**  
**Horace Mendez**  
**Wade O'Brian**  
**Leo Stringari**

To report life-changing events, and to find answers to benefit questions, contact:

IBM Employee Services Center  
1-800 796-9876

### New Member

Robert C. Byrd

### Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

This web site is one 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/)

### PC Club:

**Tuesday, November 11, 2008**

Scott Maiden, Club member and Senior-Net instructor, will give a demonstration of the new facial recognition technology of the free Picasa Web Album site that identifies faces in your photos. Also covered will be the Picnik and FotoFlexer websites.

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

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## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Nov 5-18, 2008	Winter in Thailand		–	George & Isabel Nale	779-4275
Nov 11, 2008	PC Club: Picasa Face Detection		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Nov 12, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		1	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Nov 13, 2008	Big Hike Potluck		7	Jim & Dottie Riley Gil & Julie Feller	268-5482 247-6769
Nov 20, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Nov 21, 2008	Hike: Coyote Creek Parkway Walk		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Dec 2-8, 2008	Branson for the Holidays <b>Sold Out*</b>		--	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Dec 11, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		1	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Dec 14, 2008	The Christmas Revels		–	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Dec 17, 2008	<b>Holiday Party Dinner Dance</b>		8	George Walker	268-7623
Dec 30, 08-Jan 3, 09	New Year's in Nashville		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
Jan 12, 2009	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 22, 2009	Ozark Mountain Jubilee <b>Sold Out*</b>		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 14, 2009	Valentine's Day Special		–	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Mar 3, 2009	New San Francisco Academy of Sciences	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Mar 8-10, 2009	Reno: Circus Circus		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 6, 2009	Indian Casino: River Rock		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 17, 2009	California Cashmere, Ironstone Vineyards		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 25-May 4, 2009	Truly Tulip Time, Europe River Cruise		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
May 7, 2009	A Day in the Gold Country		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
June 4-14, 2009	Western National Parks		4	George & Isabel Nale	779-4275
June 8-9, 2009	Chukchansi, Reedley Opera House		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 10, 2009	City Streets, Bay Views and Blue Skies	2	6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 11-18, 2009	Calgary Stampede & Canada's Rockies		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 13, 2009	Indian Casino: Feather Falls		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Aug 22-Sep 1, 2009	Ultimate Alaska Cruise		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Sep 17, 2009	Santa Cruz Follies		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 20-23, 2009	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 5, 2009	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 12, 2009	Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting	2	6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 22-31, 2009	Discover Tuscany		5	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
May 20-29, 2010	Oberammergau		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623

\*Most sold-out trips have wait lists. Call the trip host to add your name.

# Travel Trips

## Truly Tulip Trip April 25 - May 4, 2009 Wine! Cheese! Flowers! *Note New Itinerary!*

Due to changes in the river boat contracts, we have a new and exciting trip which will take us to see even more **tulips** because we will be exclusively on **Holland's** and **Belgium's** waterways. Board the ship in **Amsterdam** and make it your home while we see the city including Anne Frank's home and the art museums. We'll visit **Voldendam**, a quaint cheese-making town where time seems to have stopped. We cruise on to **Arnhem**, which played a major role in WW II. Many museums are available to us here. Our cruise continues to **Middelburg**, medieval city and the center of **Deltaworks**, which teaches about the deltas and dikes. We'll see **Ghent, Belgium**, an imperial city which conveys the splendor of by-gone days. **Bruges, Belgium**, one of our all-time favorite spots, is a wonderfully preserved medieval city. It is the center of lace making and has great chocolates!

Day 7 we are in **Antwerp** with its Gothic and Baroque architecture and busy cafes. It was the home of Peter Paul Rubens. Again, the chocolates are to die for!! Time here for shopping and exploring. In **Utrecht** we'll see the working windmills and learn at the UNESCO World Heritage Site the story of the battle with the sea. Then we visit the world-famous **Keukenhof Gardens** and 70 acres of flowers. We have secured the best-anticipated time for the peak of bloom. The price of **\$3,669** includes air, insurance, all meals, and local wines on this river boat of 80 cabins.

Contact: **George Walker and Carole Walker**  
[gcwalker95120@yahoo.com](mailto:gcwalker95120@yahoo.com), or call (408) 268-7623

## Once in a Decade Opportunity May 20 - 29, 2010 **Oberammergau**

The details of the **Imperial Cities Tour**, which includes the famous **Passion Play of Oberammergau**, have been re-leased. The trip date is listed above. The cost is **\$5329**, including air and insurance. We will tour **Budapest, Hungary**, enjoy a Hungarian horse show, visit a lovely wine town and enjoy a Renaissance-style dinner. Next stop is beautiful **Vienna, Austria**, where we tour the lovely city of Gothic spires, quiet parks and memorable music. The evening will be in Grinzing, enjoying the wine and music. The next day we will board a river boat for a tour of the Danube and return to Vienna through the Vienna Woods immortalized by Strauss. Our next stop is **Prague, Czech Republic**, the "Golden City." We will have a city tour and have free time to shop. Our last stop is the highlight of the trip, the **Passion Play**, one of the most powerful performances on earth.

We know that May, 2010, seems long way off, but as we get older it seems time goes faster and who knows who will be around the next time Oberammergau presents the "Passion Play"?

Interested? For a brochure, call George or Carole for a mailed brochure or e-mail them for a soft copy.

**An information meeting will be held at Baker's Square,  
Almaden and Hwy. 85, Tuesday, November 11,  
(was November 18)  
at 10:00 AM. Please join us.**

Contact: **George and Carole Walker**,  
408 268 7623 or e-mail [gcwalker95120@yahoo.com](mailto:gcwalker95120@yahoo.com)

## Western National Parks June 4-14, 2009

Tour some of the best known and most interesting national parks and monuments in the western United States at a perfect time of the year.

Starting in Las Vegas, spend 11 days in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota and Colorado. Thrill to the natural wonders at Bryce Canyon, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and the Black Hills National Forest.

See the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, historic Jackson, the Oregon Trail, the Little Bighorn National Monument, the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, the old cattle town of Billings, the Crazy Horse Memorial, and Mt. Rushmore.

All this for **\$2826** including air. For more details, or a brochure, contact:  
**George or Isobel Nale at 408 779 4275.**



### 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

## New Year's In Nashville

December 30, 2008 - January 3, 2009

4 Nights in the Opryland Hotel,  
one of the most fanciful and  
unforgettable man-made  
wonders of the world  
You owe it to yourself  
to be there once in your life.

### Featuring:

New Year's Eve Masquerade Gala  
Dinner/Dance  
New Year's Day Brunch  
General Jackson Dinner Cruise  
Grand Ole Opry Performance

### Included:

Roundtrip Airport Transfers  
Roundtrip Air to Nashville  
6 meals

Baggage handling/1 suitcase per person  
All Taxes, Resort Fees & Gratuities

### Price Per Person:

\$1440 Double Occupancy  
\$1720 Single Occupancy

For reservations & complete brochure,  
contact: **Bud Souza, (408) 340-0082**  
e-mail: [buds2@mindspring.com](mailto:buds2@mindspring.com)

## Calgary Stampede & Canada's Kootenay Rockies

July 11-18, 2009

This trip features spectacular scenery,  
friendly Canadian towns, festivals, great food,  
mountain lakes, hot springs, all at an easy  
pace for a practical package price: \$2,550  
double and \$3,155 single.

Highlights include Calgary chuck wagon  
races, Banff and Lake Louise, Kootenay  
Rockies National Park with a Kootenay Lake  
ferry ride, Kimberley (the Bavarian City of the  
Rockies), the Glass House in Boswell, hot  
springs, Sandon Ghost Town and much more.

Included in the cost are round trip airfare and  
transfers, deluxe motorcoach, 7 nights  
accommodations (Calgary 2, Banff 2,  
Kimberley 1, Nelson 2), 12 meals (7  
breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners), admission  
to all the included attractions, tips for driver  
and guide, and baggage handling.

For brochure & detailed info, contact  
**Bud Souza 408-340-0082 email:**  
[buds2@mindspring.com](mailto:buds2@mindspring.com)

## Ultimate Alaska Cruise

August 22 – September 1, 2009

### 11-day Round Trip from San Francisco

- Sail under the beautiful Golden Gate, truly a must do experience.
- One bottle of wine per cabin aboard the luxurious 5-star Sea Princess.
- Visit Icy Strait, a new cruise port for the Princess.
- Thrill to the awe-inspiring Tracy Arm Fjord for glacier-viewing and snow-capped mountains along Alaska's Inside Passage.
- Visit 5 ports including Vancouver Island and the sophisticated seaside city of Victoria, British Columbia.
- Includes all shipboard meals, entertainment and shipboard activities. Enjoy sensational movies under the stars.
- Gratuities for drivers and stevedores, round trip transfers: San Jose/San Francisco.
- Unpack once - baggage handling – 1 suitcase per person.
- Choice of dining: traditional or anytime.
- Specialty dining: Sterling Steakhouse or try Ultimate Balcony Dining
- This is a no hassle trip. You and your luggage are picked up at SVL (old STL) on Bailey Road and driven to San Francisco harbor where you board your ship. You will find your luggage in your stateroom.
- Inside stateroom: \$1699 per person double occupancy. Upgrades are available.

### Informational Meeting:

**November 17, 2008, 1:00 PM, at Bakers Square on  
Almaden Expressway**

Contact:

**Art or Sharry Dill at [ArtHDill@comcast.net](mailto:ArtHDill@comcast.net) or (831) 338-3069**

## Discover Tuscany

October 22–31, 2009

Our vision of Tuscany -- rows of cypress trees on rolling hilltops against the blue sky; olive groves and vineyards marching tidily down a slope; hill towns overlooking land that has been carefully cultivated since Roman times. This is a place rich in culture, art, architecture, history, food and wine.

We begin with a tour of glorious, historic Rome. Then Assisi-Montecatini Terme becomes our home for the next six nights. Next comes Florence, cradle of the Italian Renaissance, and picturesque San Gimignano with its 14 towers, followed by Siena, a wonderful medieval city.

Call for a brochure to read about it all.

Trip cost is \$3,319 per person, double occupancy.

### Informational Meeting:

**January 27, 2009, 3:00 PM at Mama Mia's  
Call Phyllis for reservations.**

**Contact: Phyllis Souza (408)247-7335 ([phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net))  
or Aurora Hicks (209)223-3152**

# Day Trips

## Chukchansi Reedley Opera House Underground Gardens

June 8-9, 2009, a 2-day trip!

- Reedley Opera House, tour, show, luncheon
- Chukchansi, overnight hotel room plus bonuses
- Underground Gardens tour and admission
- Price: **\$158**; Bonus: \$10, EZ Play, \$10 Food Credit

Contact: **Topsy Thompson (408) 377-4314**  
or e-mail: [topray4314@att.net](mailto:topray4314@att.net)

## Indian Casino Trips

*Thunder Valley Casino*

Monday, January 12, 2009

Price: \$ 28.00, \$5.00 Match Play, \$5.00 Food

*Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,*  
March 8-10, 2009

Price: \$114.50 per person, double occupancy &  
\$40.00 single supplement.

Casino bonus: \$37.00 cash & food credit

*River Rock Casino*

Monday, April 6, 2009

Price: \$29.00, Bonus \$20.00 Cash

*Feather Falls Indian Casino*

July 13, 2009

Price: \$20.00, Bonus: \$10.00 cash

*Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino*

October 5, 2009

Price: \$33.00, Bonus: \$10.00 cash

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

**Parking:** Capitol Expressway and Hwy 87  
Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G  
Depart: 8:00 AM

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## California Cashmere, Ironstone Vineyard

Friday, April 17, 2009

Learn how cashmere is harvested, graded, sorted, and de-haired. Then we will go on to Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys for a guided tour of the old wine caverns, gardens and other exhibits. The visit to the winery will include wine tasting, with canapés, and a private group luncheon. Price **\$85.00**

Contact: **Topsy Thompson (408) 377-4314**  
or e-mail: [topray4314@att.net](mailto:topray4314@att.net)

## Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting

Monday October 12, 2009

Trip Activity Rating - 2

Travel to **Marshall's Honey Bee Farm**, American Canyon, for a guided tour and honey tasting. The beekeeper, Spencer Marshall, will be your guide. You'll learn about his hand-crafted approach to traditional honey production. Time will also allow for a visit to the darling country store on site. **V. Sattui** winery is the best place to picnic in the Napa Valley. When the group arrives at this lovely estate, they will be treated to a private gourmet picnic within the beautiful tree-covered picnic area. A winery tour and tasting are included. The marketplace at V. Sattui is not to be missed with a gourmet cheese shop offering over 200 types of cheeses, and wine/cooking gift items. The day will continue with the breathtaking drive to the **Petrified Forest** in Calistoga. Upon arrival enjoy a docent-led meadow walk which will include the history of the Petrified Forest.

**Tour Includes:** all gratuities, a hosted lunch, and docent tour

All this for **\$80.00** per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information, contact:

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

## City Streets, Bay Views and Blue Skies

Friday, July 10, 2009

Trip Activity Rating - 2

View the city from a **DUKW**, popularly called the **DUCK**, a six-wheel-drive amphibious vehicle developed by the United States during World War II for transporting goods and troops over land and water. **Ride** through San Francisco's historic streets and neighborhoods. **Splash** down into the bay while the captain entertains you with stories of the past and present. Hosted luncheon at **Pompeii's Grotto** at the wharf. Explore **Hiller Aviation Museum** which celebrates the history of aviation in Northern California and beyond. Through unique aircraft collections, exhibits and programs, the museum provides a stimulating environment with multiple ways for visitors to experience the adventure and innovation of flight.

**Tour Includes:** all gratuities, hosted lunch

All this for **\$77.00** per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information, contact:

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

## Day Trips

### A Day in the Gold Country

Thursday, May 7, 2009

We will be going to the beautiful Sierra foothills to tour the Sutter Creek gold mines. We'll board the Boss Buggy Shuttle to go deep underground into the Mother Lode. Afterward we will have a hosted luncheon at the American Exchange Hotel's Bellotti's Restaurant in the heart of Amador County. We will have time to do a little shopping in downtown Sutter Creek. On the way home we will make a non-hosted stop at Chocoholics Divine Desserts in Clements.

What a wonderful day trip this will be. Come join us.  
\$79.00 Per Person

Contact:

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### New San Francisco Academy of Sciences

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Trip Activity 2

The newest and largest cultural attraction in San Francisco, the Academy brings together a natural history museum, an aquarium, a planetarium and a 4-story rainforest under one living roof. It's certain there will be something of interest for everyone! We were told to allow 3 1/2 to 4 hours for the tour. With several dining options on location, a no host lunch break can be made at your convenience. On the return trip two fun stops will be made: the PEZ Memorabilia & Classic Toy Museum and a no-host stop at Preston's Ice Cream and Candy.

All this for \$61.00 per person.

Contact: **Bill & Madeline Souza** 356-6280

e-mail: [bsouza6280@aol.com](mailto:bsouza6280@aol.com)

### IBM Watson Trophy Trap and Skeet League

For over 25 years the IBM Watson Trophy Trap and Skeet League shooters have spent evenings in south San Jose doing their thing. This club is another sub-club of the IBM Club. They shoot a ten-week trap league and a ten-week skeet league at the Santa Clara Field Sports Park located on Metcalf Road on Thursday evenings from April to September. The league is open to IBM retirees, employees and dependents and a handicap system is used to give all participants an equal chance. Instruction and shotguns are available if needed.

If you are interested or have any questions, would like to try your hand at this sport or just learn more about it, contact me. I will be glad to meet you at the range, provide the shotguns, and shoot a round of trap or skeet with you.

Contact:

**Joe Henke, (408) 578-0346** or [alongshot@aol.com](mailto:alongshot@aol.com)

## Hikes

### Coyote Creek Parkway Walk

November 21, 2008, 10:00 AM

Join us for a walk on the Coyote Creek Parkway. This is a level, paved trail (no mud to worry about). We will go on an out-and-back route, stopping along the way for lunch. Distance can be as far as everyone wants to go – approximately a 6 mile round trip. Those of you wanting to ride bikes may bring them along. This is a bike-friendly trail that goes all the way to Morgan Hill. We'll access the trail at Hellyer Park.

To get to the starting point of the walk, take Highway 101 to the Hellyer Avenue exit. From south San Jose, go left over the freeway upon exiting. Follow signs to County Park. At the park entrance, go straight into the Velodrome entrance, then turn left. Go to the second parking lot by the velodrome. We'll meet at 10 AM there. Note that there is an entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle unless you have a county park sticker. Bring lunch and water. Heavy rain cancels the walk.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller 247-6769**  
[jfeller1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfeller1@ix.netcom.com)

### Howard Lewis Big Hike Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 13, 2008, 5:00 PM

Mark your calendars and reserve Thursday, November 13, for our annual Big Hike Potluck Dinner. We'll meet, once again, at the Belwood Recreation Center, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos. The potluck is open to all those who have attended any of the prior Big Hikes, and to anyone who is interested in learning more about our future Big Hikes.

Please contact one of the following to confirm your attendance and let them know if you will be bringing a hot dish, salad, or dessert. Coffee and tea will be provided. Don't forget to bring your dinnerware items along with the pictures you took at Mammoth or Monterey.

**Jim or Dottie Riley, 268-5482, e-mail: [irriley@prodigy.net](mailto:irriley@prodigy.net)**  
**Gil or Julie Feller, 247-6769, e-mail: [jfeller1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfeller1@ix.netcom.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: \$64.00 ages 3 and up  
IBM Club price: \$54.00 Two-day ticket!

### 6 Flags Discovery Kingdom

Gate price: \$51.24, parking: \$15.00  
IBM Club price: \$25.61, parking \$10.00  
Print tix online: \$27.66 + \$3 order fee  
[www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com), Promo code: 'Ibm', click 'go'

### Gilroy Gardens

Gate price: \$41.99  
IBM Club price: \$23.00

### Legoland

Gate price: adults \$61.00 3-12 years \$49.00  
IBM Club price: \$40.00 all ages, 3 and up  
2nd day for only \$1; go to Guest Services at Legoland

### See's Candy

IBM Club price: \$11.50 1 pound gift certificate

### Sea World

Gate price: \$59.00 3-9 years: \$49.00  
IBM Club price: \$46.50 3-9 years: \$41.00 2-day ticket

**Disneyland & Disney World** discount tickets are no longer available from the IBM Club. These tickets are available online at the Beneplace web site, although the discount is less there.  
(See bottom of page 2)

Payment by check or money order only,  
no cash, no credit cards.

Checks or money orders should be  
made payable to IBM Club

IBM Club Office Main Contact:

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

**e-mail: [tcsports@us.ibm.com](mailto:tcsports@us.ibm.com)**

IBM Club Office Alternate Contact:

**Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059**

**Ticket Hours: Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

## 2008 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

**Wednesday, December 17, 2008**

**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 8:00 - 11:00 PM

Cost: **\$30.00** per person

Raffle tickets sold at the event - lots of great prizes!

Tables seat only 8. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list ALL the names on the reservation forms. 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 December 3, 2008. No tickets will be sold at the door.**

### Reservation Form

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

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

Dinner Selections: \_\_\_ Prime Rib; \_\_\_ Salmon; \_\_\_ Vegetarian - Salad, mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls and dessert included

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:**

**John Warner, 5781 Chandler Court, San Jose, CA 95123**



## Bowling

### One More Time League at 300 San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2008-2009 Winter League October 15, 2008

Well, here we are with 24 full teams, and going strong.  
1st Place Team: Alley Sharks, team 15  
2nd Place Team: Purple Pills, team 3

#### HIGH SCRATCH SERIES

582-Ann Wilson	694-Fred Mitchell
561-Aloma Lazetera	663-George Zagelow

#### HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

697-Shirley Beyler	760-Fred Mitchell
692-Jane Bode	709-Don Johnson
692-Helen Wehner	

#### HIGH GAME SCRATCH

213-Shirley Beyler	279-Luther Kekoa
212-O'Lynda Head	257-Fred Mitchell

#### HIGH GAME HANDICAP

273-O'Lynda Head	285-Luther Kekoa
269-Helen Wehner	279-Fred Mitchell

#### AVERAGE

177-Shirley Beyler	202-Dan Thery
169-Faye Fritz	201-George Zagelow

We bowl every Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM.  
If you would like to bowl with us, call

**Topsy Thompson: 377-4314**

**Sue Ehrlich: 578-8500** (at the bowling center)

## Short 18-Hole Golf

### Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

October 2, 2008: A perfect day on the course. 26 players came for 18 holes of golf and lots of fun. Winners were:

#### MEN

1st Ray Jelesky  
2nd Jim Stonehouse  
3rd Neil Rowland  
4th Andy La Scola  
Neil Keever  
Dave Fitting

#### WOMEN

1st Helen Brock 58  
DeDe Corral 58  
2nd Kathy La Scola 60  
3rd Hugi Cabri 61  
4th Marge Condensa 63  
Kathy Herrington 63

#### Closest to Pin #10:

Neil Rowland, Rich Campbell, Clara DePaul

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, November 6 and December 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.

**Happy Golfing,**

**Clara DePaul (294-7041)**

**DeDe Corral (378-6470) & Helen Wehner (264-6296)**

## Par Tee Golf - To see full report, go online and look for "Par Tee Golf"

**Pajaro Valley, October 6, 2008:** The "Weird (Trick) Shot-Of-The Day" goes to Jim Stonehouse. His ball, instead of going down the fairway, decided to go on a more adventurous route. It went "sideways" (picture that---not forward, not to the right, but towards Jim) between his legs and struck Frank Wilson (who was sitting in a cart behind Jim) in the stomach, bounced out and landed on the ground between them. (Note: there is a 2 stroke penalty for hitting your playing partner.) On Hole # 17, Don Johnson and Otto Hampel had to scramble from under a big pine tree when a huge branch broke off and came crashing down! Luckily, the branch missed them! The format of play was "Two-Best Ball-Foursome." We had a great turnout of 52 players.

**The Par Tee Golf Club NCGA membership renewals are now due. (See details in "Notes" below.)**

Here are the results: **Place / Score / Names**

1 / 124	Jim McGuire	Carol McGuire	Mike Higginbotham	Earl Bowers*
2 / 126	Jerry Condensa	Marge Condensa	Rich Campbell	Keith Nelson
3 / 127	Eric Schrader	Milton Loo	Phil Nielsen	Ray Jelesky

\* Blind Draw

#### Closest-To-Pin

#3

#7

#11

#14

**Men:** Dave Singletary  
Bill Niffenegger  
Marty Satalino

Jim McGuire  
Sidney Wong  
Graham Kelly

Nick Nomm  
Glen Yuki  
Al Carlson

Jim Stonehouse  
Tom Baker  
Bob Fish

**Future:** Nov. 10: Spring Valley, \$60.00 due by Oct. 22  
Dec. 1: Los Lagos, \$48.00 due by Nov.12

Jan. 19: Ridgemark-Gabilan TBA  
Feb. 9: Ridgemark- Diablo TBA

**Notes:** Renewals are now due for the "Par Tee Golf Club." Renewals before December 5 are \$40.00.

After December 5, or no previous NCGA number, are \$50.00.

Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: [maxdonmar@comcast.net](mailto:maxdonmar@comcast.net), for renewals.