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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

The next all-club event is the **Pasta Fest** on **Saturday, March 21**, at the **Almaden Research Center**, on top of the hills separating south San Jose (up from Bernal Road) and the Almaden Valley (up from Harry Road.) This is an informal social gathering with no planned program, just great food and great companionship. See the information below along with the reservation form. Fill it out and mail it with your check to the address on the form. (You'll have to print it first, of course, if you're a modern, online reader.)

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Club Picnic** which will be on **Tuesday, May 19, 2009**, at **Cunningham Park** in San Jose. This is the club's major annual event, with approximately 400 people attending. Renew old friendships and catch up on what has been happening. C.B. Hannegan's will be catering again and serving their outstanding selection of BBQ meats with all the trimmings. The day will start with coffee at 10:30 AM, a walk at 11:00 AM and lunch at noon. Games start at 1:30 PM.

If you retired from IBM before 1997, you are perhaps eligible for an IBM payment called the Special Health Assistance Provision (SHAP.) This payment is a Medicare B Premium partial reimbursement. You must send in a form at least once a year to receive this payment. If you have questions or need the form, call the IBM Employee Services Center at 1-800-796-9876.

George Walker, President

Adopt-A-Highway

**Our sign has been moved. We received our new safety vests.
We plan on cleaning our new, shorter freeway section on Thursday, February 26.**

Contact: **Doug & Evelyn Dean, 264-9502, dougnevie@comcast.net**

IBM Quarter Century Club & IBM San Jose Retirement Club

PASTA FEST

**Saturday, March 21, 2009, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Almaden Research Lab Cafeteria
\$18.00 per person**

**Reservation Deadline: March 14, 2009. *No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!*
2:00 PM Social Hour, 3:00 PM Dinner**

Menu: Various Pastas, Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream, Wine, Coffee or Soft Drinks

Your checks will be held until the reservation deadline before they are deposited.

Cancellations must be received by March 14, 2009, if you wish a refund!

No tickets will be mailed. You pick them up at the registration table the day of the event.

Don't forget to bring old eyeglasses to help those who need them.

Reservation Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____ 2nd Guest: _____

Total number of persons who will attend _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to IBM RETIREMENT CLUB, and mark them PASTA FEST in the memo field.

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San Jose, CA 95118-1705**

San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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Art Dill

Membership Report

Ed Mueller
January 15, 2009

History

January, 1999: 1726

January, 2008: 2168

January, 2009: 2160

Currently reading online: 1307

Currently receiving paper copy: 318

Currently not doing either: 535

Change of Address

Send new addresses, phone numbers
and requests for on-line newsletters or
requests for mailed paper newsletters
to Ed Mueller:

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail:

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555 Bailey Ave.
San Jose, CA 95141

In Memoriam

**Herta Coombs
Jim McIlvain
Jack Parker
Perry Perrone
Madeline Souza**

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

IBM Employee Services Center
1-800-796-9876

New Members

Reba Cohen
Steve Harvey

**Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, February 19, 2009,
10:00 AM**

Meriwest Credit Union
5615 Chesbro Ave.
at Blossom Hill Road

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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

See's Candy

Regular price: \$15.00 - IBM Club price:
\$11.50 1 pound gift certificate

Sea World

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00
IBM Club price: \$48.00 2-day ticket! \$42.50
3-9 years

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$64.00, 3 years & up
IBM Club price: \$54.00, 2-day ticket!
3-9 years: \$42.50

Legoland

Gate price: \$64.00, 3-9 years: \$54.00
IBM Club price: \$40.00, all ages 3+,
2nd day for only \$1.00; see Guest Services

Payment by check or money order only, made
payable to **IBM Club**. No cash. No credit cards.

IBM Club Office Main Contact:
Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106
e-mail: 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
*Ski Lift offers on the web site. Look for
IBM Club Anyday tickets*

Sunshine Report

Fred Grometer is suffering from major
health issues. His son is assisting with
his care and we wish Fred well.

Emily Harmon recently had a stroke
and then fell in rehab breaking her hip.
Larry tells me it will take 3 months for her
to recover fully. They reside in Oklaho-
ma.

Two of our retirees had surgery:

Jo Ann Wilson and Ed Bradley.

I am happy to report both are recuperat-
ing nicely.

Thanks for the calls and e-mails, and
please continue sending them.

Terry Milinic'
theresano1@yahoo.com
265-5908

IBM PC Club

February 10, 5:00 PM, SVL, Bailey Road

Subject: Spreadsheet Uses
www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
web site:

ibmsjrc.org

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

This web site is one IBM retirees can use to
obtain discounts on a wide variety of prod-
ucts and services from many companies.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Feb 10, 2009	PC Club: Spreadsheet Uses		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Feb 14, 2009	Valentine's Day Special Sold Out*		–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Feb 19, 2009	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	268-7623
Feb 26, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway Maybe		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Feb 27, 2009	Hike: Año Nuevo State Reserve		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Mar 3, 2009	New San Francisco Academy of Sciences Sold Out*	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Mar 8-10, 2009	Reno: Circus Circus		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 20, 2009	Hike: Sawyer Camp Trail Walk		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Mar 21, 2009	Pasta Fest		1	George Nale	779-4275
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 18, 2009	Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields		8	George Nale	779-4275
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		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 19, 2009	Annual Club Picnic		1	Bill Souza	356-6280
June 4-14, 2009	Western National Parks		4	George & Isabel Nale	779-4275
June 8-9, 2009	Chukchansi, Reedley Opera House		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
June 23, 2009	Angel Island		6	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 10, 2009	City Streets, Bay Views and Blue Skies	2	6	Bill 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 11, 2009	California Magic Theatre & Luncheon	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Aug 22-Sep 1, 2009	Ultimate Alaska Cruise		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Sep 10-19, 2009	France & Bavaria in the Fall		4	Bob Martinez, Ron Harlan	927-1307
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 Souza	356-6280
Oct 22-31, 2009	Discover Tuscany		5	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Dec 2-7, 2009	Charleston Savannah Holiday		5	Pat Johns	847-3898
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.

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block of the bus or hotel
- 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

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, 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 released. The trip date is listed above. The cost is **\$5329**, including air and insurance. We will tour **Buda-pest, 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.

Information meeting:
Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 10:00 AM
at Fresh Choice on Blossom Hill Road

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

France and Bavaria in the Fall September 10-19, 2009

Enjoy three days with us in Paris with dinner in the Eiffel Tower, a romantic Seine River cruise, the Champs-Elysees and Notre Dame. Take the TGV high speed train to Strasbourg in eastern France. We will tour the charming villages on the Alsace wine route.

We will tour Wurzburg, Germany, and the Franconia wine region with its medieval villages, homes and castles. Then on to the Romantic Road and the charming town of Rothenburg. Tour the winding cobblestone streets of the old town and feel history come alive. Next visit the World Heritage city of Bamberg with waterways reminiscent of Venice.

Price per person is **\$3899**, double occupancy. Included in that price are:

- Round trip airfare from SFO
- Transfers to and from airports and hotels
- Air taxes, fees, surcharges
- All gratuities and free parking at IBM facility
- Travel insurance plan
- Tour Director
- Eight breakfasts and four dinners

For more information and a brochure, contact your hosts,

Bob Martinez and Ron Harlan, 408-927-1307.

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 and Yellowstone, and 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.

Travel Trips

Charleston Savannah Holiday

December 2-7, 2009

Come take an early Christmas trip to Charleston, a cultured, refined city, and a beautifully preserved treasure. Also visit Savannah, Georgia, America's first planned city. The entire restored center (more than 1000 buildings) is now a National Historic Landmark. All of these beautiful areas decked out in Christmas finery!

Tour highlights are Charleston city tour, Boone Hall Plantation tour, Fort Sumter boat tour, Beaufort, Jekyll Island trolley tour, lunch at Jekyll Island Club, horse drawn carriage and a Savannah city tour.

Tour Includes: roundtrip airfare, 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, professional tour director, daily sightseeing per itinerary, deluxe motor coach, baggage handling, hotel transfers.

Total cost: **\$1899** (\$600 single supplement)

Contact:

Pat Johns, 847-3898 or patvjohns@verizon.net

Ina Havens, 847-4793 or cliffina@verizon.net

Calgary Stampede & Canada's Kootenay Rockies

July 11-18, 2009

This trip features spectacular scenery, friendly Canadian towns, festivals, great food, mountain lakes and 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

e-mail: buds2@mindspring.com

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: topyray4314@att.net

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 viewing glaciers 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.
- 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. You'll be glad to unpack only once!
- Inside stateroom: **\$1699** per person double occupancy. Upgrades are available.

Contact: **Art or Sharry Dill at**

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.

Contact: **Phyllis Souza (408) 247-7335**

phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net

or Aurora Hicks (209) 223-3152

Day Trips - (more Day Trips on page 8)

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

Indian Casino Trips

**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

Contact: **Topsy Thompson
(408) 377-4314**

or e-mail: topray4314@att.net

Angel Island

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

For the most spectacular views of San Francisco and the Bay, nothing beats a ride around Angel Island. Tour includes round trip transportation from San Jose to Tiburon, Tiburon ferry to Angel Island, cove lunch and the delightful tram tour. Then we take the return ferry to Tiburon and coach to San Jose. Bring your camera.

A memorable experience for only **\$75.00** per person

Contact
Bud Souza
408-340-0082
e-mail:
buds2@mindspring.com

California Magic Theatre & Luncheon

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Trip Activity rating-2

The day will start with a guided history tour of Martinez, one of California's first towns, and a visit to the local museum. The renowned naturalist John Muir made Martinez his home and the legendary Joe DiMaggio was born there. Following the tour the group will be thrilled by a magic show and luncheon at California Magic Dinner Theatre. For those who went last year, please join us again as we experience the talents of a new and very entertaining magician. Luncheon Menu: marinated boneless breast of chicken served on a bed of herb rice, baby greens salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing, and a decadent dessert of freshly hand-dipped chocolate-covered fruit. (*Vegetarian meal option available.*) A return-trip, no-host stop will be made at Bittersweet Café, Danville, where you'll find chocolate goodies, ice cream, pastries and confections. Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities, hosted lunch and docent tour. All this for **\$79.00** per person.

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

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, and you'll visit the charming country store on the site. Then you'll be treated to a private gourmet picnic in the beautiful tree-covered picnic area on the estate grounds of the **V. Sattui** winery. 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, hosted lunch, & docent tour

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

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information, contact:

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

City Streets, Bay Views & 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:

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

Bowling

One More Time League at 300 San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2008-2009 Winter League January 14, 2009

Can you believe the First Half is over? Where did the time go?
On January 7 we had our Roll Off. Here are the winners of the first half:

1st Place Team: "Traveling Foursome," team 19: Lanh Hoyle,
Joanne White, Tom White, Nick Clason
2nd Place Team: "We Are Number One," team 1: Laura Woodard,
Dave Fitting, Carol Hughes, Ike Andes

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES

582-Ann Wilson	767-Ron Bianco
576-Jan Curry	697-Dan Thery

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

697-Shirley Beyler	806-Ron Bianco
695-Laura Woodard	781-Tom White

HIGH GAME SCRATCH

234-Shirley Beyler	287-Ron Bianco
226-Betty Cobarrubias	268-Dan Thery

HIGH GAME HANDICAP

294-Betty Cobarrubias	300-Ron Bianco
273-O'Lynda Head	288-Jim O'Neill

AVERAGE

172-Faye Fritz	203-George Zagelow
169-Jan Curry	199-Dennis Pitchford
168-Shirley Beyler	197-Ron Bianco

Topsy Thompson: 377-4314

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

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

January 6, 2009: The format for the day was Low Putts. Only 16 players signed up. I guess the rest had to go Christmas shopping. Winners were:

Men	Women
1st Armin Kluth	28 1st Chris Oba 31
Neil Kever	28 2nd Helen Brock 33
2nd Darrel Jensen	29 3rd Clara DePaul 38
3rd Don Johnson	30 4th DeDe Corral 39
4th LeRoy Wallace	32
Bill Kurtz	32
Ray Jelesky	32

Closest to Pin #10: Women: Chris Oba

The next golf dates are Thursdays, February 5 and March 5. Play starts **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 \$25 **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. 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"

Ridgemark (Gabilan) January 19, 2009: There were five Shots-of-the-Day. On hole #3, a par 5, Eric Schrader chipped in his 4th shot for Birdie. On hole #4, a par 3, Patrick Arnett chipped in his 2nd shot for Birdie. On hole #7, a par 4, John Mai chipped in his 4th shot to save par. On hole #14, a par 4, Mel Rodinsky chipped in his 3rd shot for Birdie. And, on hole #17, a par 4, Dan Tautges chipped in his 4th shot to save par. Great shots, guys! We had a nice turnout of 57 golfers.

The format of play was "Two-Best-Ball-Foursome." Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>	<u>Team</u>			
1 / 116 Tony Scalora	John Grewohl	Al Carlson	Lynn Watkins	
2 / 119 Mel Rodinsky	Fran Plummer	John Akeley	Joey Akeley	
3 / 122 Leroy Wallace	DeDe Corral	Rich Campbell	Clara DePaul	
Closest-To-Pin	#4	#9	#12	#15
Men:	Deen Hamid	Don Johnson - 3' 6"	Joey Akeley	Tom Siljander - 6' 1"
	John Grewohl	John Mai	Bob Foote	Pat Arnett
	Mike Kuhn	Rich Campbell	John Akeley	Darrel Jensen
Ladies:			Barbara Schrader	

There were eleven bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are: John Grewohl 76; Rich Hiser 79; Nick Nomm 82, Eric Schrader 83; Graham Kelly 84; Patrick Arnett 85; Tony Scalora 86; Lou Tolbert 87, Deen Hamid 88; Rich Campbell 89; and Dave Falcone 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future:				
February 9	Ridgemark-Diablo	\$45.00/January 20	Includes cart	- Format = 2 best ball foursome
March 2	San Jose Municipal	\$45.00/February 11	Cart optional @ \$7 per player	- Format = 2 best ball foursome
April 6	Laguna Seca	\$40.00/March 18	Cart optional	- Format = 2 best ball foursome
May 11	Summitpointe	\$52.00/April 22	Includes cart	- Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes: If you have not renewed your Par Tee membership for 2009, it is now due: \$50.00. Joining costs the same.

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

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

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: **Topsy Thompson (408) 377-4314**
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Racing at Golden Gate Fields **Saturday, April 18, 2009**

Come with us to the races. Beautiful Golden Gate Fields is the only horse racing venue for thoroughbreds left in the Bay Area. We have reservations for Saturday, April 18. One of the winningest jockeys in the nation and a lot of other skinny little guys are aboard some of the beautiful big horses as they fly around the track. Lots of color and excitement, particularly if the horse you bet on is in the running. A fine lunch is part of the deal.

The price is only \$55 and it is usually a grand day, particularly if you pick a couple of winners.

For reservations call:

George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275 or email us at
gr4na@aol.com. **george**

Hikes

Año Nuevo State Reserve **Friday, February 27, 2009**

Back by popular demand – a visit to Año Nuevo State Reserve. Here we will be treated to a wildlife drama that attracts visitors from all over the world – a close up look at the largest mainland population of elephant seals. At this time of the year, the reserve is only open using naturalist-guided tours. The guided walk consists of a 2-1/2 hour, 3-mile long walk. We will have lunch in the park after the walk. We will be going rain or shine – as a matter of fact, the elephant seals are most active in bad weather! Just remember to dress appropriately. It can be very cold and windy. Wear layers! Walks are limited to 20 participants. If you want to participate, you must reserve a spot in advance. There are still a few spots left. You can pay us on the hike day or mail your check for \$7 per person to the Fellers at 563 Bucher Avenue, Santa Clara 95051. Note that there is also a per vehicle fee in California State Parks. You should allow at least an hour and 15 minutes to get from South San Jose to the park. Take Highway 17 south over the hill, and then go north on Highway 1 to the park. Once you pass the entrance kiosk, continue to the parking lot and we will meet in the visitor center. When you contact us to make your reservation, we will give you further information about carpooling and timetables.

Sawyer Camp Trail Walk, March 20, 2009, 10:00 AM

This out-and-back walk is on a flat, paved trail. Hike distance will be up to 7 miles. Details in the next newsletter (or online.)

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