



San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

There is not much time left to sign up for 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.) The reservation form is below.

The **Annual Club Picnic** will be on **Tuesday, May 19**, 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 reservation form is below.

We have cleverly combined the reservation forms for the Pasta Fest and the Annual Picnic. You can sign up for either or both. If you sign up for both, write separate checks. Send the form and checks to Terry Milinic'. The form is below.

Ed Mueller has requested that if you change your e-mail address, please notify him at membership@ibmsjrc.org. Also, if you don't get your monthly on-line e-mail notice that the newsletter is ready, please notify him at the above address.

There are a number of interesting and fun day trips offered this spring. So get into the swing of things and sign up as soon as you can as these spaces go quickly.

George Walker, President

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 and Soft Drinks*
Cancellations must be received by
March 14, 2009, if you wish a refund!

IBM San Jose Retirement Club

PICNIC

Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Cunningham Park, San Jose, \$19.00 per person
Reservation Deadline: May 12, 2009
No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!
10:30 AM: Coffee; 11:00 AM: Walk;
Noon: BBQ Lunch; 1:30 PM: Games
*Menu: C. B. Hannegan's BBQ meats
and all the trimmings*
Cancellations must be received by
May 12, 2009, if you wish a refund!

Picnic or Pasta Fest reservation form - *please send a separate check for each event*

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.

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____ 2nd Guest: _____

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

Total number of persons who will attend Picnic ____ X \$19.00 = \$ _____

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

MAIL TO: Terry Milinic'
1480 Bryan Ave.
San Jose, CA 95118-1705

San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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Art Dill

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

February 19, 2009

History

February, 1999: 1733

February, 2008: 2173

February, 2009: 2163

Currently reading online: 1318

Currently receiving paper copy: 318

Currently not doing either: 538

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:

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
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555 Bailey Ave.
San Jose, CA 95141

In Memoriam

Wayne Bultman
William Clemans
Walt Keeshen, Jr.
Daniel A. Nepela
Robert Snively

To report life-changing events, and to find answers to benefit questions, contact:
IBM Employee Services Center
1-800-796-9876

New Members

Austin Kilburn
Barbara Kilburn
David Large
Bobby Nakano
Jan Payne
Michael Walters

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, March 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 Any Day tickets*

There is an IBM Club web site available for IBM retirees. You must register to use it by entering an e-mail address and password.

www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmclub

Once you get there, click the "CA Bay Area" link. This site has information on many IBM Clubs.

Sunshine Report

Olga Walters had shoulder surgery. Fortunately pain is minimal, but she will have a 6-month recuperation period.

Dwight Johnson had chemo treatments which stabilized his condition and, thankfully, he has resumed an active life style. Dwight, for many years, collected eye glasses for distribution to third world countries.

Diego Nichols is home recuperating following hospitalization.

I hope our retirees continue their progress. I appreciate your telephone calls and e-mails.

Terry Milinic'
theresano1@yahoo.com
265-5908

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 products and services from many companies.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

IBM PC Club

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

Subject: Windows 7

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Mar 3, 2009	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 10, 2009	PC Club: Windows 7		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Mar 11, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		4	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Mar 19, 2009	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	268-7623
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 9, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		4	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
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 24, 2009	Hike: Edgewood Preserve		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Apr 25-May 4, 2009	Truly Tulip Time, Europe River Cruise		–	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 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	–	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 5-6, 2009	Hot August Nights - Reno	2	–	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
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 5-6, 2009	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		5	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

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:

- 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

Information meeting (coffee & dessert served):

Thursday, April 9, 2009, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell
Please RSVP to Bob

For more information and a brochure, contact your hosts,

Ron Harlan, Bob Martinez, 408-927-1307 or by e-mail:
harry2po@yahoo.com

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 **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.

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

Adopt-A-Highway Thursday, February 26, 2009

We're back! On a beautiful morning, in our new fluorescent neon chartreuse vests with reflective stripes and Velcro adjustments, 14 volunteers filled 21 bags, making our total to date 2403. Driving to adopt-a-highway, Bob and Ruth Price saw a car on fire! A few minutes later Bernie drove by, the fire was out, and a tow truck was taking it to the auto hospital.

Finds: Barbara Warner: a lizard sunning itself; John Warner: an imitation Leatherman tool; Howard Hansen: a metal folding chair (had been run over a few times); Josie Supencheck: censored stuff; and Carol George: a feeling of accomplishment. Money: \$1.40. Barbie Story: Bob Ramirez found a pair of Barbie heels and Bernie found a Barbie head. Barbie lost her head, God bless her sole, and we hope any wounds will heal. Is this literary litter? Recycling: Bernie found a low tech garden tool, a manual weed whacker we gave to the Goodwill truck in the parking lot, and a blue tarp that was adopted by Sally Large to cover horse manure loads she hauls for her garden. Automotive: Marge found a driver's license and a gas pass; Walt found a blue 2009 vehicle license sticker and a bag of lemons; Doug found a driver's license and 3 bumpers. Was this a bumper crop of bumpers? Tailgate: Pat Motta: baked luscious cookies for us.

Schedule: Wednesday, March 11, & Thursday, April 9
Meet in the VTA parking lot at 8:45 AM.

Caller: Barbara Pugh 265-2466

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



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

Ultimate Alaska Cruise

August 22 – September 1, 2009

11-day Round Trip from San Francisco

Thrill to awe-inspiring glaciers and snowcapped mountains along Alaska's Inside Passage aboard the luxurious 5-star Sea Princess. Visit five ports including Icy Strait Point (Alaska), Vancouver Island, and Victoria (British Columbia). All meals, entertainment and activities on the ship are included, as well as gratuities for drivers and stevedores, and round trip transfers from San Jose to San Francisco. Dining hours are traditional, or anytime. You'll be picked up at SVL (old STL) on Bailey Road, and driven to San Francisco harbor. You are allowed one suitcase, which will be placed in your stateroom before your arrival.

Inside stateroom : **\$1699** per person, double occupancy. Upgrades are available.

Contact: **Art or Sharry Dill at**

ArtHDill@comcast.net or (831) 338-3069

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: topray4314@att.net

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**

Red Hawk & Jackson Rancheria

October 5-6, 2009

The brand new Red Hawk Indian Casino is in the beautiful hills of El Dorado County. After four hours there, we'll move on to Jackson Rancheria, the casino that has more Mega-Jackpot winners than any other Northern California casino, where we will stay overnight. Price for both casinos and the hotel is only **\$88.00** per person--double occupancy; \$108.00, per person, single occupancy.

Bonuses from both casinos: \$25.00, plus coupons. We leave the next day for home, with a stop in Clements at the Chocoholics Store.

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

or e-mail: topray4314@att.net

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

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

Now taking a reservations for a second bus.

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

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**

or e-mail: topray4314@att.net

Bowling

One More Time League at 300 San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2008-2009 Winter League February 11, 2009

1st Place Team: "Alley Sharks," team 15: Paul Houghton, Beverly Higa, Rick Toarmina
2nd Place Team: "Good Mix," team 1: Gene Laseter, Edie McDowell, Mac McDowell, Bob Mathiesen

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES

582-Ann Wilson 767-Ron Bianco
578-Jan Curry 694-Fred Mitchell

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

697-Shirley Beyler 806-Ron Bianco
695-Laura Woodard 767-Jim O'Neill

HIGH GAME SCRATCH

234-Shirley Beyler 287-Ron Bianco
226-Betty Cobarrubias

HIGH GAME HANDICAP

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

AVERAGE

172-Jan Curry 199-Dennis Pitchford
165-Shirley Beyler 198-George Zagelow
164-Ann Wilson 194-Ron Bianco

The IBM Watson Bowling Tournament takes place on Friday, May 1. Check in at 9:15 AM; bowling starts at 9:30 AM. Everybody bowls 3 games. BBQ lunch follows. You must sign up in advance for this event. Price in next month's newsletter.

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 rain. Only the rain didn't show up. But since thunderstorms were predicted, play was canceled. If lightning strikes a golf club, the results are unpredictable.

The next golf dates are Thursdays, March 5 and April 2. 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)

Tennis

A group of retirees (some IBM) plays doubles tennis on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM. The group is co-ed and skill level isn't important. Everyone who shows up gets to play. We would welcome anyone who wants to participate. We play on the courts at Doerr Park in San Jose, east of Leigh and south of Curtner.

Contact: Aaron Rosenberg
223-6477, aaron2317@yahoo.com

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

Ridgemark-Diablo, February 9, 2009: The Shots-of-the-Day go to Darrel Jensen, Jim McGuire and Don Johnson. On hole #2, a 348 yard par four, Darrel chipped in his 4th shot from 20 yards for par. Also, on hole #2, Jim chipped in his third shot from 60 yards for a Birdie. And on hole #8, a 130 yard uphill par three, Don got his first Hole-In-One! (Note: This is the third Ace recorded since I have been running the golf tournaments for the retirees in 9 years, 2 months!) Great shots, guys! We had a nice turnout of 45 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>	<u>Team</u>				
1 / 122	Jim McGuire	Carol McGuire	Mike Higginbotham	Larry Rosseland	
2 / 123	Al Carlson	Lynn Watkins	Rich Campbell	Chris Oba	
3 / 124	Frank Wilson	Jim Stonehouse	Fred Mitchell	Mike Nunziata	
<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	#4	#8	#10	#15	#17
Men:	Bill Bookin	Don Johnson (Hole In One!)	Al Carlson	Mike Higginbotham	Fred Mitchell
	Ray Jelesky	Jim McGuire	Darrel Jensen	Andy La Scola	Leroy Wallace
	Bob Foote	Bob Graves	Eric Schrader	Rich Hislip	Pat Arnett
Ladies:		Carol McGuire			

There were seven bogey golfers (gross score of 90 or better) and they are: Nick Nomm 81; Eric Schrader 83; Jim McGuire 84; Darrell Bellah 86; Don Johnson 89; and Pat Arnett & Bob Foote 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future:

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
June 15	Sunnyvale	\$45.00/May 27	Cart optional	- Format = 2 best ball foursome
July 13	Boulder Creek	\$40.00/June 24	Cart optional - Includes lunch	- Format = Scramble-(Wilson Handicap)

Notes: If you have not renewed your Par Tee membership for 2009, it is now due: \$50.00. Joining new costs the same. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net, for renewing or joining.

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

Mail checks to: Par Tee Golf, P.O. Box 53535, San Jose, CA 95153-0535

Day Trips

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 big, beautiful 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@live.com**

Hikes

Sawyer Camp Trail Walk

Friday, March 20, 2009, 10:00 AM

This month we will visit Sawyer Camp Trail, located just off Highway 280 in San Mateo County. The trail parallels picturesque Crystal Springs Lake and San Andreas Lake. The pristine watershed area surrounding the trail is recognized as a Fish Wildlife refuge and a Biosphere Reserve. The trail is paved and relatively flat, suitable for hikers of all levels. Restrooms and benches are conveniently located along the trail. On this out and back walk we plan to cover about 7 miles, stopping midway for lunch at the Jepson Laurel area where the largest and oldest known laurel tree in California stands. For those who prefer a shorter hike, there are distance markers every ½ mile and you can turn around at any point. Bicycles are permitted on the trail, which is paved for 6 miles.

To get to the trail, travel north on Highway 280. Pass the Highway 92 exit (about 22 miles north of the 280/85 junction) and exit at Bunker Hill Road. Turn left to cross over the freeway, then turn right onto the frontage road, continuing along the road and crossing the bridge. Park anywhere near the stop sign. We will meet at the trail entrance, which is on the left. People wanting to car pool should meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden & Hwy 85) at 9:00 AM. Don't forget lunch and water.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller 247-6769, jfeller1@ix.netcom.com**

Edgewood Preserve Hike

Friday, April 24, 2009, 9:30 AM

This will be a docent-led hike with a wild flower expert. We will hike 5 to 6 miles with some hills. Parking is limited. Further details in April newsletter.

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