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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Many thanks to picnic chairman Bill Souza and his team for putting on another successful Annual Picnic. Bill reports there were 319 club members and friends who registered for this year's event. He says the success of this event was due to the many people who volunteered. Thanks to all of the following:

Terry Milinic and her registration team.

Gil and Pam Wuebker- Database and name tags

Ron and Heidi Harlan and their food servers and soft drink attendants.

Topsy Thompson's Team-

Help getting Gift Certificates: **Marian Wisbar, Helen Wehner, Mel Olsen**

Bingo Friends: **Beverly Turner, Marian Wisbar, Mitzi Stewart & Olga Walters**

Jim Riley- for leading the walk at the park.

Don Johnson- golf putting game.

Ed Klaus and his setup and cleanup teams.

Bud Souza co-chair

As well as all those others who stepped in to help where needed.

Donations:

Jon Yoder, for wonderful table place mats

Claire Leclair, donated IBM wall clock

IBM Club

The following merchants donated gift certificates:

Fresh Choice Almaden Fashion Plaza--donated coffee, condiments, cups, goodies and some gift certificates.

Deepcliff Golf Course, Safeway --Union Ave and Branham lane stores, **Outback**—Blossom Hill Rd.,

Red Lobster—Almaden Exp., **Black Bear Dinner West**—Leavesley Rd-Gilroy, **Holder's Country Inn**—

Monterey Rd & Camden Ave locations, **Domino's Pizza**--Branham Lane, **CoCo's**—Blossom Hill Rd,

Hick'ry Pit—Campbell Ave., **Trader Joe's**—Los Gatos, Almaden Exp And Morgan Hill, **Scrambl'z** --Almaden

Exp., **Meriwest** Credit Union

As you can see it takes a lot of people to make this event a success and to continue to offer our members an opportunity to visit and see old friends. If anyone is interested in helping next year or has suggestions, contact Bill Souza—(408) 356-6280 or bsouza6280@aol.com.

George Walker, President

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Since IBM employees and retirees lost access to the fitness center in building 50, IBM is trying to establish other fitness facilities for interested people. The most promising possibility is getting a corporate rate at the Club One facility in the Silver Creek Sportsplex. While we are still in the process of negotiating the corporate rate, we hope for a monthly fee of \$35 per person. We would need at least 75 people to join.

The Club One Silicon Valley Sportsplex is located at 800 Embedded Way, off Hellyer Avenue, in south San Jose.

A description of the facilities is available at: http://www.clubone.com/?action=cl1pub_club_home&ClubID=305

A list of their group activities is available at: <http://www.clubone.com/scheduler/index.htm?action=scheduler&clubID=305>

If you are interested please call or e-mail Matt Slaven at IBM.

Matt Slaven, Program Manager, Sourcing Optimization

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Holiday Dinner Dance, Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Save the Date!

To be held at Mariani's Inn and Restaurant. Watch future newsletters for more information and a sign-up sheet.

San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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Membership Report

Ed Mueller

May 21, 2009

History

May, 1999: 1688

May, 2008: 2148

May, 2009: 2155

Currently reading online: 1323

Currently receiving paper copy: 323

Currently not doing either: 523

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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In Memoriam

John Arndt
Torben Lindstrom
David Weingartner
Lynn Yates

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

New Members

John Cardinali
Don Chamberlin
Clint Dyer

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, June 18, 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 \$6.25; gold \$7.75

Regal/United Artists: \$6.25

Cinelux: \$6.25 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$7.25 - no restrictions

See's Candy

Regular price: \$15.60 - IBM Club price: \$12.25 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!

Legoland

Gate price: \$77.00, 3-9 years: \$54.00

IBM Club price: \$45.00, 2-day ticket

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

IBM Club Office Main Contact:

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Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059

Ticket Hours: Wednesday:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

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. There are various discount offers at this web site. To get to it, go to our normal club web site and click the button in the left column of the home page called "IBM Club."

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

June 9, 5:00 PM, ARC, Bernal Road

Subject: Digital TV Options

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

Sunshine Report

John Czerniec is home from the hospital recovering from injuries sustained in a fall.

Don Fiehm is recuperating following hip replacement surgery.

Bob Ramirez had successful cataract surgery.

I certainly hope these retirees continue their recovery.

Please call me if you know of a retiree or spouse who is ill. The names will not be published without permission. Until next time.

Terry Milinic'
theresano1@yahoo.com
265-5908

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
June 9, 2009	PC Club: Digital TV Options		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
June 8-9, 2009	Chukchansi, Reedley Opera House		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
June 11, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		8	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
June 18, 2009	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	268-7623
June 23, 2009	Angel Island		6	Bud Souza	340-0082
Jun 26, 2009	Hike: Quicksilver, Hacienda entrance		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
July 10, 2009	City Streets, Bay Views and Blue Skies	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
July 11-18, 2009	Calgary Stampede & Canada's Rockies		4	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 13, 2009	Indian Casino: Feather Falls		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 15, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		8	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
July 26-31, 2009	Truckee Big Hike		–	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Aug 11, 2009	California Magic Theatre & Luncheon	2	–	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		4	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		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 20-23, 2009	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 4-9, 2009	Monterey Big Hike		–	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 5-6, 2009	Indian Casino: Red Hawk/Jackson Rancheria		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 12, 2009	Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting	2	5	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 22-31, 2009	Discover Tuscany, Canceled		–	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Nov 10, 2009	de Young Museum - Tutankhamun	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Dec 2-7, 2009	Charleston Savannah Holiday		5	Pat Johns	847-3898
Dec 6, 2009	Christmas My Way - Sinatra	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Dec 8, 2009	Holiday Dinner/Dance		1	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Jan 12, 2010	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 19-Mar 5, 2010	India		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Mar 7-9, 2010	Silver Legacy, Reno		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 13, 2010	Indian Casino: Black Oak		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 10, 2010	Into the Wild, Vision Quest Ranch, Salinas		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 20-29, 2010	Oberammergau		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
June 15, 2010	Old Sacramento River Cruise		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314

*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 visit 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. Travel 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

For more information and a brochure, contact your hosts,

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

Attention! Price Reduction! Salzburg Now Included! Oberammergau

May 20 - 29, 2010

The details of the **Imperial Cities Tour**, which includes the famous **Passion Play of Oberammergau**, have been released. The cost is now \$5159, including air. 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. Salzburg, backdrop for "Sound of Music," is the last stop before the highlight of the trip, the Passion Play, one of the most powerful shows 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? Call George or Carole for a mailed brochure or e-mail them for a soft copy.

**Information meeting
Fresh Choice, Almaden and Blossom Hill
Tuesday, August 25, at 10:00 AM. Please join us.**

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

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.

For those who have already signed-up, there will be a document party at the

**Fresh Choice Restaurant
Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill Road
August 5, 2009, at 10:00 AM.**

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

A History of IBM Mainframe Computers

There is a pdf file on the club web site that chronicles the IBM mainframe computers for the last 45 years. If you have interest, go to the **ibmsjrc.org** web site and click the link in the left titled, "45 Years of IBM Mainframe Computers." (1.3 Mbyte file)

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 will be 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

News of the Old Plant Site

Remember the old IBM plant site on Cottle Road? Remember when they removed all the buildings nearest Cottle Road? Well, the new roads in the old plant site are now open. There are no buildings anywhere. It is all open land, waiting to be developed. What is finished are all the roads, traffic signals, street lights, sidewalks, landscaping between the roads and sidewalks, and public areas. These public areas are scattered. There are several areas of beautiful green grass, picnic tables, bocce ball courts, a few tennis courts, a soccer field, a baseball field, and some green areas lower than the rest of the flat land. The next time you're in the area, drive through and see all this stuff. Also, Great Oaks Blvd. now comes all the way to Cottle Road.

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 MegaJackpot 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

Las Vegas - Fun Tour

September 20-23, 2009

We will stay in the downtown Golden Nugget hotel for 3 nights. Day 2 is a free day: gamble, shop or take in some live entertainment. Day 3 we will visit the Ethel M. Chocolate factory for a tour with tasting, tour the Botanical Cactus Garden and finally stop at the Cannery Casino.

Cost: \$275 per person, double occupancy, singles add \$80.

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

India - Land of Enchantment

Including 3½ Days in Katmandu, the capital of Nepal

February 19 - March 5, 2010

Magical, mysterious, fabulous -- all have been said of this fascinating country. Join us as we travel through a blend of the ancient and modern wonders of India. Visit medieval bazaars that exist beside modern cities such as Delhi. We will see the famous Red Fort, the largest monument in India, as well as the Raj Ghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi on the banks of the river Yamuna. Fly from Delhi to Katmandu to explore this famous city, visiting the royal residence and the Temple House of Kumari, which is the house of the living Goddess. We will take excursions to Patan and Swayambhunath. Visit nearby cities of Pashyatinath, Boudnath and Bhadgaon, with the magnificent Himalayas in the background. Fly back to India to continue our exploration of this complex country via boat cruise, train, rickshaw, motor coach and, if you so desire, on elephant back. Thrill to the magnificent Taj Mahal, "a teardrop on the cheek of time." Set butter lamps afloat on the water of the Ganges as evening falls. Thrill to a sound-and-light show set against the backdrop of the famous Khajuraho Temples. We will visit archaeological museums, ancient temples and the colossal Stupa, plus so much more.

INCLUDED: Roundtrip airfare San Francisco to Delhi, airport transfers, all internal flights within India and Nepal. 13 nights at first class hotels, 16 meals including daily breakfast, local guides in each city, all entrances and tours as listed in the brochure, all baggage handling. 15 days for \$3988 per person, double. Single supplement is \$1050.

TRIP PRESENTATION: *Wednesday, June 17, 10:00 AM at Fresh Choice Restaurant, Almaden Expressway, San Jose.*

Call or e-mail for brochure:

Art and Sharry Dill, (831)-338-3069, e-mail: arthdill@comcast.net

Day Trips

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

2009 Santa Cruz Follies Show & Lunch

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Don't miss this outstanding day trip. Many who went last year have already signed up.

We will have an ocean front luncheon at the historic Cocoanut Grove and see the 2009 Santa Cruz Follies production, "That's Entertainment."

Price: \$69.00 per person

9:30 AM pick-up: #87 & Capitol Expressway Park-N-Ride Sec. G

Arrive at the historic Cocoanut Grove for an 11:00 AM luncheon. Then on to the show!

Contact:
Topsy Thompson
(408) 377-4314 or e-mail: topray4314@cs.com

Indian Casino Trips

Feather Falls Indian Casino
July 13, 2009

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

Cache Creek Indian Casino
Tuesday January 12, 2010

Price: \$30.00, Bonus: \$10.00 cash
\$5.00 food credit

Black Oak Indian Casino
Tuesday April 13, 2010

Price: \$21.00, 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

Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting Monday, October 12, 2009

Trip Activity Rating - 2

Taking 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

Vision Quest Ranch Monday, May 10, 2010

See wild animals now retired from Hollywood— birds, large cats, bears, elephants, alligators and more. Next, enjoy a hosted lunch at Haute Enchilada Art Cafe. Then onto Gizdich Ranch, for hosted pie a la mode. For this wonderful day, the price is only \$73.00 per person. Won't you join us? Call Topsy for a flyer: **(408) 377-4314**

Sign Up Now!

Christmas My Way: A Sinatra Holiday Bash! Sunday, December 6, 2009, Trip Activity rating-2

Ring-a-ding-ding! Get set for a fresh, knocked-out Sinatra Christmas, with 40 swingin' hits perfect for the holidays. Four fabulous performers serve up cool versions of Sinatra mainstays like "Fly Me To The Moon," "New York, New York," "The Lady is a Tramp," "Winter Wonderland," "Silver Bells," and others. Our trip will also include a hosted holiday 3-course luncheon at the Columbia City Hotel, plus time on your own to explore this quaint little city decked out for the holidays. On our return trip, a no-host goodie stop at Ghirardelli Chocolate Outlet, Lathrop.

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch

All this for **\$85.00** 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

de Young Museum - Tutankhamun Exhibit Tuesday, November 10, 2009, Trip Activity rating-2

The "Boy King" returns to the de Young Museum. *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* is a glorious exhibit of over 130 outstanding works from the tomb of Tutankhamun. You'll also find many new and exciting elements not seen in previous versions of the exhibit. We've arranged for a private docent led tour of this fabulous exhibit! Our visit will also allow for time on your own to explore the museum.

Enjoy a hosted 3-course luncheon at The Van's on the Hill restaurant in Belmont. After lunch we'll visit the San Mateo County Historical Museum, housed within the restored San Mateo County Courthouse, and considered to be one of the best museums in California.

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch

All this for \$89.00 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

Old Town Sacramento Paddlewheeler Luncheon Cruise Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Please join us for a hosted lunch and cruise aboard the **Spirit of Sacramento**. We will have time to enjoy the historic Old Town Sacramento area.

This wonderful day costs only \$77.00

Call Topsy for a flyer. **(408) 377-4314**

Bowling

One More Time League at 300 San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2008-2009 Winter League May 6, 2009

Our Winter league is over. Here are winners:

1st Place Team: "The Long-Bow": Ruth Furlong, Earl Bowers,
Glen Furlong, Nancy Bowers
2nd Place Team: "Traveling Foursome": Lanh Hoyle, Nick Clason,
Tom & Joann White

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH	
606-Ann Wilson	767-Ron Bianco
578-Jan Curry	697-Dan Thery
HIGH SERIES HANDICAP	
719-Chila Miller	781-Tom White
719-Aloma Lazetera	767-Jim O'Neill
HIGH GAME SCRATCH	
234-Shirley Beyler	280-Bill Hooper
226-Betty Cobarrubias	279-Luther Kekoa
HIGH GAME HANDICAP	
294-Betty Cobarrubias	292-Bill Jeung
273-O'Lynda Head	280-Glen Furlong

Our Summer League started on May 13, 2009. Officers for the Summer league are:

President: Earl Bowers
Vice-President: Carol Hughes
Secretary: Topsy Thompson
Sgt. At Arms: Sal Garcia

If you would like to bowl in the Summer league, come on down. You still have time. We bowl every Wednesday, 9:30 AM.

The Winter League will start once again on September 9, 2009. So have a real nice summer.

Topsy Thompson: 377-4314
Sue Ehrlich: 578-8500 (at the bowling center)

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

May 7, 2009: Individual Golf was played by 24 players. A great time was had by all. Winners were:

Men		Women	
1st Neil Rowland	53	1st DeDe Corral	57
2nd Neil Keever	54	2nd Hughie Cabri	62
3rd LeRoy Wallace	55	Marge Condensa	62
		3rd Chris Oba	63
4th Earl Bowers	59		

Closest to Pin #10:

1st Jerry Condensa	14' 3"
2nd Jim Stonehouse	27' 10"
3rd Don Johnson	22' 7"
4th Neil Rowland	26' 26"

The next golf dates are Thursdays, June 4 and July 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 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)**

IBM Watson Senior Bowling Tournament Results May 1, 2009

High Series Scratch	509-Jan Curry	628-Rich Gavino
High Game Scratch	178-Pat Falkowski	227-Bill Jeung
High Series Handicap	625-Maria Stout	690-Mario DeHaro
High Game Handicap	234-Topsy Thompson	243-Dennis Pitchford

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

Summitpointe - May 4, 2009: My sincere thanks to Don Johnson for covering this tournament for me. (Kathy and I were down with Bronchitis---and no, it was not the "Swine Flu"! We need players for June 15 at Sunnyvale, so get your foursome together and sign up! No "Shots-of-the-Day" were reported. There were 26 golfers. The format was "Two-Best-Ball-Foursome". Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 122	Bill Avery	Gil Feller	Greg Johnston	Leroy Wallace
2 / 127	Lou Tolbert	Graham Kelly	Bill Niffenegger	Chris Oba
3 / 135	Joe Salamida	Bud Jackson	Tom Baker	Darrell Bellah

Closest-To-Pin	#3	#5	#13	#16
Men	Nestor Delevaux 9' 3"	Rich Hiser 24' 1"	Lou Tolbert 46' 5"	Bill Avery 25' 7"
	Darrel Jensen 25' 11"			Dan Tautges 34' 11"
	Mel Rodinsky 40' 4"			

There were four bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are: Rich Hiser & Lou Tolbert 82; and Graham Kelly & Darrell Bellah 88. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future:			
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)
Aug 24	Poppy Hills	\$85.00/July 1	Includes cart-Bob Slater Memorial - Format = individual play
			Payment must be received at Poppy Hills by July 1---Get your payment in early!!! 68 players MAX! No Cancellations!
Sep 21	Aptos Seascape	\$55.00/Sep 2	Includes cart - Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes: Annual Par Tee membership cost is \$50.00.
Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net, for 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

Adopt-A-Highway, Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Eight volunteers filled 12 bags of litter (2426 to date).

Random act of kindness: When someone lost a five dollar bill, little did they know what they set into motion. Chuck Williams found the fiver on the Almaden off ramp, noticed a homeless woman nearby, and gave her the bill. She was very appreciative.

Strange blessing: Warmer growing temperatures have provided tall uncut weeds that have become self-sufficient litter trappers and dispensers. Down side, they provide lots of stickers for one's socks and trouser legs.

Direction omen: About a hundred plastic forks in the road! Which fork do you take?

Driver who disagreed: A "Stop Here on Red" sign found on the ground, leaning against the sign pole at the Santa Teresa ramp to 85N. We gave the lowly news to Caltrans.

Great Find: Chuck Jackson, a new volunteer found at the Club's picnic. Welcome to **Litter Wars, Year 7!**

Schedule: Thursday, June 11, and Wednesday, July 15. Meet in the VTA parking lot at 8:45 AM.

Caller: Barbara Pugh 265-2466, **Contact: Doug & Evelyn Dean 264-9502 dougnevie@comcast.net**

Hikes

Almaden Quicksilver Park Historic Trail

Friday, June 26, 2009, 10:00 AM

This 5-1/2 mile loop hike starts at the Hacienda entrance to the park, located at the south end of New Almaden. We will be hiking the Almaden Quicksilver Park Historic Trail. We will begin by hiking a steep 1.2 mile uphill on Deep Gulch Trail. Then we will explore several other trails in the park, stopping along the way to brush up on the area's history, following the historic trail brochure. We will break for lunch during the hike.

The Hacienda entrance is located at the south end of New Almaden. From Almaden Expressway, proceed 3 miles along Almaden Road through the town of New Almaden to the unpaved staging area on the right. Pack a lunch, and be sure to bring plenty of water, as it could be quite warm. Also beware of poison oak, especially along the Deep Gulch Trail.

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

There will be no regular monthly hike in July, since one of the Big Hikes is in July.