



# San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

The annual meeting of the IBM Retirement Club will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 2:00 PM, at the Almaden Winery Community Center, 5730 Chambertin Drive, 95118. Carl Guardino, CEO of Silicon Valley Leadership Group, will share his outlook for the Silicon Valley and answer your questions. The normal business meeting will follow. Refreshments will be served. See you there!

The Holiday Party facility requires firm commitments in order to reserve space for all who wish to attend. Please get your reservations in ASAP so we can secure the space we need. The reservation form is below on this page.

George Walker, President

## 50th Anniversary of the IBM 1401

Please join us on Tuesday, November 10, at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View for a special celebration of the 50th anniversary of the announcement of the legendary IBM 1401 Data Processing System. Activities will include presentations by the original 1401 chief architect (Francis Underwood), engineering program manager (Chuck Branscomb) and the marketing team lead (Shel Jacobs), a synopsis of the Museum's 1401 restoration project (Robert Garner), and a Q&A panel session. Beginning at 2:00 PM, the 1401 restoration team will conduct tours of the Museum's operational 1401. The event is being hosted by Jon Iwata, IBM's SVP of Marketing and Communication.

The IBM 1401 Data Processing System was the most popular computer during much of the 1960s and one of IBM's earliest transistorized computers. In 1965, half of all computers installed in the world were IBM 1401s or members of its compatible family. Announced in October 1959, the 1401 moved thousands of businesses from electromechanical plugboard accounting machines to stored-program computing while its tape and disk systems freed users from the decades-old practice of storing data on endless numbers of punched cards. Growing demand for 1401 software applications contributed to the expansion of the early software industry.

In order to register for the (free) event at the Computer History Museum, please visit:

<http://www.computerhistory.org/events/index.php?id=1246917465>

## 2009 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mariani's Inn & Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

6:00 PM: No host bar serving cocktails, beer and wine – Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Cost: **\$33.00** per person

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

Tables seat 10. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list ALL the names on the reservation forms. Singles will be seated with other singles if requested. Handicapped facilities are available.

**Seating is limited – get your reservation in soon – first come, first served. No tickets will be sold at the door.**

### Reservation Form

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

|                    |  |           |   |
|--------------------|--|-----------|---|
| Dinner Selections: | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Castroville       | included: | Garden Salad                            |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fillet of Sole Almondine  |           | French Rolls and Butter                 |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Marinade of Tri Tip |           | Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee or Tea |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Choice         |           | _____ 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:

IBM Retirement Club, c/o Art Dill, 500 Bloom Grade Road, Boulder Creek, CA 95006, (831) 338-3069

## San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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### COMMITTEES:

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Glen Furlong, Terry Milinic', Ron Harlan,  
George Nale, Ernie Veal, Ina Havens,  
Art Dill

San Jose IBM Retirement Club  
web site:

[ibmsjrc.org](http://ibmsjrc.org)

### Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, October 15, 2009, 10:00 AM  
Fresh Choice  
Almaden Expwy. and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club General Meeting  
October 13, 2009, 5:00 PM, ARC

### Creating Panoramas

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

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

## Membership Report

Ed Mueller

September 17, 2009

### History

September, 1999: 1718

September, 2008: 2156

September 2009: 2162 (+1)

Currently reading online: 1333 (+3)

Currently receiving paper copy: 327 (-1)

Currently not doing either: 516 (-1)

Numbers in ( ); changes since last month

## 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](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)

By U. S. Mail:

Ed Mueller  
1269 Peralta Dr.  
San Jose, CA 95120

## In Memoriam

Forest Firth

Dan Fritch

H. Leonard Hawthorne

Sammy J. Marino

Herbert Earl Thompson

Ron Witherspoon

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

IBM Employee Services Center

1-800-796-9876

## New Members

William Higgins  
William Kabelac

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the Club and their families. Contributions are  
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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: \$51.00 2-day ticket!

\$45.50 3-9 years

### Universal Studios

Gate price: \$69.00, 3 years & up

IBM Club price: \$57.00, 2-day ticket!

### Legoland

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

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

### Gift Check America Coupon Book for Santa Clara County

Price: \$9.00

That dynamite, fun coupon book that's such  
a bargain you can't afford to miss it!

Great gift for anybody you give gifts to,  
including yourself!

Pick one up at SVL on Wednesdays,  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Discount tickets to other places are avail-  
able online at the IBM Club web site:

**Great America, Gilroy Gardens, Raging  
Waters, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk,  
6 Flags Discovery Kingdom.** See page 8.

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

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**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:

**Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

## Sunshine Report

**Pat Motta** had knee replacement  
surgery. She is undergoing therapy  
and expects to recover fully.

On behalf of the board, I wish our  
retirees good health. Thanks for the  
calls and e-mails, and please contin-  
ue to keep me informed.

**Terry Milinic'**  
[theresano1@yahoo.com](mailto:theresano1@yahoo.com)  
265-5908

# TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

| Date               | Event  | TAR | Page | Contact                            | Phone                |
|--------------------|--|-----|------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Oct 4-9, 2009      | Monterey Big Hike                              |     | -    | Jim & Dottie Riley                 | 268-5482             |
| Oct 5-6, 2009      | Indian Casino: Red Hawk/Gold Country Sold out  |     | -    | Topsy Thompson                     | 377-4314             |
| Oct 8, 2009        | Adopt-A-Highway                                |     | 7    | Evelyn & Doug Dean                 | 264-9502             |
| Oct 9, 2009        | Hike: Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge     |     | 7    | Gil & Julie Feller                 | 247-6769             |
| Oct 12, 2009       | Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting                   | 2   | 5    | Bill Souza                         | 356-6280             |
| Oct 13, 2009       | <b>IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting</b>      |     | 1,7  | George Walker                      | 268-7623             |
| Oct 13, 2009       | PC Club: Creating Panoramic Photos             |     | 2    | Walt Cole                          | 972-1178             |
| Oct 15, 2009       | IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting              |     | 2    | George Walker                      | 268-7623             |
| Nov 10, 2009       | 1401 50th Anniversary, Computer History Museum |     | 1    | Walt Cole                          | 972-1178             |
| Nov 10, 2009       | de Young Museum - Tutankhamun                  | 2   | 5    | Bill Souza                         | 356-6280             |
| Nov 11, 2009       | Adopt-A-Highway                                |     | 7    | Evelyn & Doug Dean                 | 264-9502             |
| Nov 14, 2009       | Golden Gate Fields Horse Racing                |     | 5    | George Nale                        | 779-4275             |
| Nov 18, 2009       | Big Hike Potluck Dinner                        |     | 7    | Gil & Julie Feller                 | 247-6769             |
| Nov 20, 2009       | Hike: Guadalupe River Trail Walk               |     | 7    | Gil & Julie Feller                 | 247-6769             |
| Dec 6, 2009        | Christmas My Way - Sinatra                     | 2   | -    | Bill Souza                         | 356-6280             |
| Dec 8, 2009        | <b>Holiday Dinner/Dance</b>                    |     | 1    | Art Dill                           | 831 338-3069         |
| Jan 12, 2010       | Indian Casino: Cache Creek                     |     | 5    | Topsy Thompson                     | 377-4314             |
| Feb 14, 2010       | Special Valentine's Day Event                  |     | 8    | Bill Souza                         | 356-6280             |
| Feb 19-Mar 5, 2010 | India & Nepal                                  | 4   | 4    | Art & Sharry Dill                  | 831 338-3069         |
| Mar 7-9, 2010      | Silver Legacy, Reno                            |     | -    | Topsy Thompson                     | 377-4314             |
| Mar 16, 2010       | Wildlife, Baseball & Film History              |     | 5    | Bill Souza                         | 356-6280             |
| Apr 13, 2010       | Indian Casino: Black Oak                       |     | 5    | Topsy Thompson                     | 377-4314             |
| Apr 23, 2010       | Asparagus Festival                             |     | 8    | Bill Souza                         | 356-6280             |
| May 6-22, 2010     | Panama Canal Cruise                            |     | 4    | Bill Bartz                         | 971-8928             |
| May 10, 2010       | Into the Wild, Vision Quest Ranch, Salinas     |     | 5    | Topsy Thompson                     | 377-4314             |
| May 20-29, 2010    | Oberammergau                                   |     | 4    | George & Carole Walker             | 268-7623             |
| June 8-14, 2010    | Branson in Springtime                          |     | 4    | Ron & Heidi Harlan<br>Bob Martinez | 266-7639<br>927-1307 |
| June 15, 2010      | Old Sacramento River Cruise                    |     | 5    | Topsy Thompson                     | 377-4314             |
| Jun 27-29, 2010    | Russian River to Pacific Ocean                 |     | 5    | Bud Souza                          | 340-0082             |
| July 13, 2010      | Indian Casino: Chukchansi                      |     | 5    | Topsy Thompson                     | 377-4314             |
| July 18-26, 2010   | Eastern Canada                                 |     | 4    | Ron & Heidi Harlan<br>Bob Martinez | 266-7639<br>927-1307 |
| Sep 21-30, 2010    | West Coast Swing                               |     | 5    | Bud Souza                          | 340-0082             |

\*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

## India - Land of Enchantment Including 3½ Days in Katmandu, the capital of Nepal February 19 - March 5, 2010 TAR: 4

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.

Call or e-mail for brochure: **Art and Sharry Dill, (831) 338-3069**, e-mail: [arthdill@comcast.net](mailto:arthdill@comcast.net)

## Branson in Springtime

June 8-14, 2010

A seven-day springtime tour to America's entertainment capital. If you enjoy a variety of music....country, pop, R&B, Broadway style revues, comedy and dazzling acrobats....Branson is the place. Springtime in the Ozarks will include a two hour tram ride through Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, a lunch cruise on Lake Taneycomo aboard the new Landing Princess yacht and the gourmet Sunday Brunch at the beautiful Big Cedar Lodge.

Included features: trip insurance, round trip air (San Jose to Kansas City), deluxe motorcoach, six nights accommodations, thirteen hosted meals, admission to eight shows, baggage handling, airport transfers and all gratuities.

Shows include: Twelve Irish Tenors, Broadway/Osmonds, "Noah The Musical," The Platters, Acrobats of China, Jim Stafford and more.

Price per person: \$2195. For more information and a brochure contact **Ron or Heidi Harlan at (408) 266-7639** or **Bob Martinez at (408) 927-1307**.

## Cruise The Panama Canal

May 6-22, 2010

Fly from the Bay Area to Ft Lauderdale, spend the night there, and then board the Sea Princess for the cruise through the Panama Canal and back to San Francisco.

First we'll stop in Aruba and Cartagena (Colombia). Then we'll transit the canal, and stop at Puntarenas (Costa Rica), and Huatul and Acapulco (Mexico) before returning to San Francisco.

The trip includes all bus transfers, air fare and gratuities.

The price of all this is only \$2695 for inside cabins. The next best price for inside cabins is \$2890. A deposit of \$400 will hold a spot. There is an optional insurance premium of \$239. A second payment of \$1000 is due by October 1, 2009, with the balance due by February 1, 2010. Credit cards are accepted! Any reservation made 6 months or more before departure receives a \$25 discount, or \$50 per couple.

For more information and/or forms, call **Bill Bartz, (408) 971-8928**, or e-mail [bartz.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:bartz.bill@yahoo.com)

## The Best of Eastern Canada

July 18-26, 2010

Visit Eastern Canada's most interesting and beautiful cities: Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls. Explore Montreal's famous underground city, wander the quaint streets of Quebec City. Enjoy Ottawa, the beautiful cosmopolitan capital of Canada.

We will learn about the traditions of making maple syrup and try some traditional foods made with local syrups. See the majestic horses of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Enjoy a stroll through Byward's Market, known for its fresh fruit, flowers, and arts and crafts. Ride the VIA train from Ottawa to Toronto and soak in the beautiful Canadian landscape. We will enjoy one of the most beautiful and dramatic waterfalls – Niagara Falls. Take the Maid of the Mist cruise to get an up-close look and to feel the rush of the falls.

Price per person \$2699, which includes: round trip airfare from San Jose, transfers to and from airports and hotels, taxes, air fees, surcharges, all gratuities and free parking at IBM facility, a travel insurance plan and eight breakfasts and four dinners.

For more information and a brochure, contact your hosts **Ron and Heidi Harlan, (408) 266-7639** or **Bob Martinez, (408) 927-1307**.

# Travel Trips

## **Limited Tour Space Available! Oberammergau May 20 - 29, 2010**

The **Imperial Cities Tour**, which includes the famous **Passion Play of Oberammergau**, is \$5159, including air. We will tour Budapest, Hungary, beautiful Vienna, Austria, and spend an evening in Grinzing enjoying the wine and music. Our next stop is Prague, Czech Republic, the "Golden City." Salzburg, the backdrop for "The Sound of Music," is the last stop before the highlight of the trip, the Passion Play, one of the most powerful shows on earth.

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

## **Russian River to Pacific Ocean June 27-29, 2010, Sunday-Tuesday**

We will visit Kendall Jackson & Korbel Wineries and have a gourmet lunch. On to Dawn Ranch Lodge on the Russian River for a 2-night stay. Tour the Roadhouse restaurant and have a 3-course meal. A historian will lead us on a tour of the area including the "California Carnivores," 400 insect-eating plants. We will have a hosted lunch and shop at Duncan Mills. Then to a 3-course coastal evening meal in the Bodega Bay area.

We will visit the Bensinger family winery and have a tram tour of the ranch. Lunch will be on the way to Cornerstone, Sonoma.

3 days, 2 nights: \$469

Contact: **Bud Souza: 408-340-0082**  
email: [buds2@mindspring.com](mailto:buds2@mindspring.com)

## **West Coast Swing September 21-30, 2010**

*2 train rides, 1 night in Seattle, 2 nights in Vancouver, 2 nights in Whistler and 4 nights on a coastal cruise WOW!*

Includes airfare from San Jose and return from San Diego.

15 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 afternoon tea and 5 dinners

Ride the Talgo Train to Vancouver

Ride the Mountaineer Train to Whistler

Cruise the Holland America Coastal

Cruise from Vancouver to San Diego

Cost from \$2595 plus \$25 ship credit

Contact: **Bud Souza: (408) 340-0082**

e-mail: [buds2@mindspring.com](mailto:buds2@mindspring.com)

# Day Trips

## **Vision Quest Ranch Salinas**

**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 Phil's Fish Market. 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**

## **A Stroll through Wildlife, Baseball & Film History**

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

**Connect with wildlife** and learn about the animals found in our backyards and open spaces. At Lindsay Wildlife Museum you can have close encounters with many live, non-releasable wild animals such as an eagle, hawk, fox, snake or coyote.

**Hosted lunch at McCovey's Restaurant.** The blockbuster architecture was designed in the spitting image of San Francisco's SBC Park right down to the "infield" and "outfield" tables dedicated to Willie McCovey's favorite athletes. You'll find an extensive collection of memorabilia showcased in museum displays said to rival the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

**Niles Essanay Film Museum docent led tour.** Learn of the history of Niles and the Niles Essanay Film Co., tour the c.1913 Edison Theater & Projection Room, view two short silent films made in Niles by Bronco Billy & Charlie Chaplin. Weather permitting, the docent will include a walking tour of Niles.

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities 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](mailto: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**, or  
[topray4314@att.net](mailto:topray4314@att.net)

## **Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields November 14, 2009**

Are you looking for a day with good food and great thoroughbred racing? All this and more is available from your club house seat at Golden Gate Fields on the edge of San Francisco Bay.

Pick your horse from the tout sheets, or visit the paddock to size them up, place your bet and cheer them home. Win or lose—it is a great day.

The bus leaves for the track at 10:00 AM so that we can catch all the action, including video of races at other tracks. The cost is very reasonable at \$55 per person, a bargain in today's economy.

Reservations must be made by October 10, 2009.

Call **George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275**

## **Indian Casino Trips**

**Cache Creek Indian Casino**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

Price: \$30, Bonus: \$10 cash, \$5 food credit

**Black Oak Indian Casino**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

Price: \$21, Bonus: \$10 cash

**Chukchansi Indian Casino**

**Tuesday, July 13, 2010**

Price: \$27, Bonus: \$20 cash, \$5 food credit

All these 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](mailto:topray4314@att.net)

# Bowling

## One More Time League at Club 300, San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2009 Summer League, Final Results

1st Place Champs: "Shirley & the Guys," Shirley Veal, Bill Jeung, Sal Garcia, George Zagelow

2nd Place tie:

"Ten+One=Us," Barbara Pugh, Jim O'Neill, Eddie Fahrner, Faye Fritz  
"Just 4 Fun," Carl & Marian Wisbar, Sally & Diego Nicholls

| Women       |                    | Men                |  |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| HIGH SERIES | 630-Faye Fritz     | 689-George Zagelow |  |
| SCRATCH     | 550-Ruth Furlong   | 622-Bill Jeung     |  |
| HIGH SERIES | 706-Barbara Pugh   | 746-Bill Hooper    |  |
| HANDICAP    | 702-Beverly Higa   | 719-Mac McDowell   |  |
| HIGH GAME   | 234-Shirley Beyler | 266-Luther Kekoa   |  |
| SCRATCH     | 213-Kris Denholm   | 234-Ernie Veal     |  |
| HIGH GAME   | 270-Shirley Veal   | 277-Paul Houghton  |  |
| HANDICAP    | 262-Marian Wisbar  | 264-Earl Bowers    |  |

### Most Improved Bowlers

Beverly Higa Mac McDowell

The Winter League is now bowling with 23 teams, and space for more. If you would like to join this fun league, call Topsy or Sue. You don't need a current bowling average; one will be determined after you have bowled 3 games. Bowling takes place every Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM. Winter League officers are Pres: Bill Bartz, V-Pres: Ike Andes, Secretary: Topsy (who else), Treasurer, Sue Ehrlich, Sgt @ Arms: John Cabri. Again, please get off the couch and come bowl. You will see old friends, make some new ones and have lots of fun.

**Topsy Thompson: 377-4314**

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

# Short 18-Hole Golf

## Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

**September 4, 2009:** The Rusty Campbell Memorial Tournament was enjoyed by 24 players. Format for the day was Individual golf. Winners were:

| Men |                   | Women |                     |
|-----|-------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 1st | Neil Rowland 54   | 1st   | Kathy Harrington 54 |
| 2nd | Bill Bartz 55     | 2nd   | DeDe Corral 55      |
|     | Ray Jelesky 55    | 3rd   | Clara DePaul 62     |
| 3rd | Jerry Condensa 57 |       | Marge Condensa 62   |
| 4th | Don Johnson 58    | 4th   | Helen Brock 68      |
|     | Rich Campbell 58  |       |                     |
|     | Jim Stonehouse 58 |       |                     |

**Closest to Pin #16:** Jerry Condensa 11' 6"  
Bill Bartz 26' 3"

The next golf dates are Thursdays, October 1 and November 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 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 the full report, go online and look for "Par Tee Golf"

**Aptos Seascap, September 21, 2009:** The "Shot(s)-Of-The-Day" go to John Mai & Warren Gannon. On hole #4, a 362 yard par four, John chipped in his fourth shot from 30' to save par. On hole #12, a 118 yard par three, Warren hit his ball to 2 inches from the cup. And, the "Trick-Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Jim Stonehouse. On hole #15, a 336 yard par four, Jim hit a beautiful drive. He hit his second shot, and it disappeared! No one saw where it went---no one saw it leave the area from where it was struck! So, after some careful searching, they found it "buried" right where he struck it---only the very top portion of the ball (about the size of an eraser on a pencil) was visible. Great shots, John, Warren and Jim! The format of play was "2 Best Ball Foursome." There were 46 golfers. The results are below.

The Par Tee Golf Club NCGA membership renewals for 2010 are due. (See instructions in "Notes" below.)

### Place/Score

| Place/Score | Team           |                |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 /116      | Graham Kelly   | David Godinez  |
| 2 /122      | Leroy Wallace  | Greg Johnston  |
| 3 /123      | Jerry Condensa | Marge Condensa |
|             | * Blind Draw   |                |

### Closest-To-Pin #6

| Men          | #6     | #8              | #12    | #14           | #16             |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| Graham Kelly | 12' 6" | Terry Gray      | 13' 5" | Warren Gannon | 0' 2"           |
|              |        | Dennis Niemeyer | 16' 9" | Tom Siljander | 6' 0"           |
|              |        | Eric Schrader   | 24' 0" | Don Johnson   | 13' 11"         |
|              |        |                 |        |               | Jerry Condensa  |
|              |        |                 |        |               | 5' 4"           |
|              |        |                 |        |               | John Grewohl    |
|              |        |                 |        |               | 13' 7"          |
|              |        |                 |        |               | Nestor Delevaux |
|              |        |                 |        |               | 52' 8"          |

There were eight bogey golfers (gross score of 89 or better) and they are Graham Kelly 75; John Grewohl 76; Terry Gray 78; Eric Schrader, Jerry Condensa & Dennis Mitchell 83; Scott Peterson & Dennis Niemeyer 89. Congratulations to all of the winners!

| Future: | Cost/Due Date |                |               |
|---------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Oct 5   | Pajaro Valley | \$40.00/Sep 16 | Cart optional |
| Nov 9   | Spring Valley | \$65.00/Oct 21 | Includes cart |
| Dec 7   | Los Lagos     | \$48.00/Nov 16 | Includes cart |

### Notes:

Annual Par Tee membership cost is \$50.00. Contact Don Johnson (408) 997-9452, or [maxdonmar@comcast.net](mailto:maxdonmar@comcast.net), about renewing or joining. Please make your checks for only one tournament at a time. (If you are signing up for two tournaments, send two checks).

The mailing address for signups is **Par Tee Golf**  
**P.O. Box 53535**  
**San Jose, CA 95153-0535**

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

# Hikes

## Big Hike Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 5:00 PM

Mark your calendars and reserve Wednesday, November 18, for our annual Big Hike potluck dinner. We will 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 dinner service items along with the pictures you took at Mammoth or Monterey.

**Jim or Dottie Riley 268-5482**

e-mail: [jrriley@prodigy.net](mailto:jrriley@prodigy.net)

**Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769**

e-mail: [jfeller1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfeller1@ix.netcom.com)

## Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge (Alviso) Hike

Friday, October 9, 2009, 10:00 AM

We will wander through restored wetlands at the south end of San Francisco Bay. The 5-1/2 mile walk is completely flat on dirt trails. If we are lucky, we will see many species of waterfowl as we walk around the sloughs. We'll picnic at the end of the walk by the environmental education center at the refuge. We'll meet at the refuge parking lot.

Directions: From I-880 or Highway 101, exit on Highway 237 toward Alviso. Turn north onto Zanker Road. Continue on Zanker Road to the Environmental Education Center entrance road (a sharp right turn at Grand Blvd). The distance from 237 to the entrance road is 2.1 miles.

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

## Guadalupe River Trail Walk

Friday, November 20, 10:00 AM

The Guadalupe River Trail has been extended from the last time we walked it. It is now possible to walk from downtown San Jose all the way to Alviso! However, we will just do a part of it. We are going to start near the Children's Discovery Museum downtown and walk as far as everybody likes, and then head back. We'll have lunch somewhere along the way. The walk is nearly all flat so we should be able to cover 6-8 miles round trip.

Our 10:00 AM meeting place is the Discovery Museum light rail station which is located on Woz Way. To get there, why not take the light rail to the meeting place? Leave your car at home and take public transit. If you do decide to drive and park you can use the public lot on Woz Way but you will have to pay. We found no free parking in the area. Bring your lunch and water.

Here is the link to see the light rail routes:

[http://www.vta.org/schedules/lr\\_interactive\\_map/lrBusMap.html](http://www.vta.org/schedules/lr_interactive_map/lrBusMap.html)

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## San Jose IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

### Mail-in Ballot

The Club Board submits the names of the following candidates for Club officers in 2010:

|                          |  |                |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| President:               | George Walker                          | Write In _____ |
| Vice President:          | Bill Souza                             | Write In _____ |
| Secretary:               | Marian Wisbar                          | Write In _____ |
| Treasurer:               | Dave Sloan                             | Write In _____ |
| Membership Director:     | Ed Mueller                             | Write In _____ |
| Communications Director: | Walt Cole                              | Write In _____ |
| Directors at large:      | Jerry Bemis, Betty Bradley, Tom Clarke | Write In _____ |

Please mail to:  
George Nale  
3835 Live Oak Lane  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

There are no bylaw changes recommended by the IBM Retirement Club Board this year.

## Adopt-A-Highway

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Our "fall litter harvest festival" was celebrated by 12 volunteers filling 14 bags (2,477 to date). Doug Dean and Howard Hansen summed up our efforts: "Good variety of litter but nothing to write home about." Marge Condensa found evidence of a celebration: a motel room entry key card, Jasmine air freshener, and remains of a "good luck, happy birthday" balloon. Bob Ramirez is back in the monthly litter-collecting business after recovering from cataract surgery.

Disappointed hope: John Warner thought he had found a wonderful Harley Davidson motorcycle beside the road, but before he could get to it, two guys picked it up, placed it in a pickup, and drove off. Real story: A guy was standing by the dead machine, roadside. Before John could get there to offer assistance, another guy in pickup drove up and the two of them loaded the lifeless Harley into the pickup and drove off. Wow, the miracle of a cell phone call when an unfortunate event occurs!

Christmas is coming: Every year Christmas decorations and merchandise appear earlier. Dick Sementelli found a 3x3x4 foot box full of Christmas lights and squished up aluminum tent frames.

Green news: Our fall litter fest wasn't a lead-free clean up. Caroline found a 16 inch bolt from a guardrail and took it to a recycling center along with 7 lead tire balances. The outside turn at the ramp collects lead tire balances. Walt speculated that some cars/trucks are going around with unbalanced tires and wheels.

Security news: We had a bugged bag. Josie Supencheck accomplished this feat by filling it with ant-covered litter.

Economic indicators: 67 cents recovered. Barbara Warner found a quarter before we even got out of the parking lot, wondered if it was an omen, but apparently not since we only found a few more coins. Our tailgate treat cost \$4.50 but our earnings are up this quarter so we stayed in the black.

Schedule: Meet in the VTA parking lot at 8:45 AM on **Thursday, October 8**, and **Wednesday, November 11**.

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466**

Contact: **Doug & Evelyn Dean 264-9502** [dougnevie@comcast.net](mailto:dougnevie@comcast.net)

## AfterIBM

IBM has redesigned its web page for IBM retirees. There used to be multiple items, all in separate web sites. Now, there is one web page that has links to all of the others. This is a big improvement. It includes the following: IBM Club, Discounts for IBMers, Employee Purchase Programs, On Demand Community, Matching Grants, NetBenefits, and others. To see the entire list, visit our web site, [ibmsjrc.org](http://ibmsjrc.org), and click on **AfterIBM**. Some of the sites require that you register and give your e-mail address and a password.