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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Here we are in the second decade of the new millennium! Time seems to fly by while we have fun. The arrival of the New Year can be our incentive to look through this newsletter for new opportunities. Plan an exciting trip, find an interesting new hobby, or join one of our sports activities. There are many offerings for you to consider. Each one will take you to meet new friends, and to see places you have not seen before.

I WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2010!

George Walker, President

Adopt-A-Highway

E-mail sent December 9, 2009

"Dear volunteers and Caltrans,

Due to safety concerns (predicted rain for tomorrow, fog and icy conditions this morning), we are canceling tomorrow's Adopt-A-Highway clean up.

We will try for Wednesday, January 13.

Doug & Evie"

Bob Schneider replied *"Our exit was cleaned a week ago, so I was going to go down there and goof off and report back how hard we worked. Thanks for timely news."*

Murphy's Law was in force on December 10, which means you can thank us for a beautiful Thursday with no fog, no frost and no rain.

Schedule: Meet in the VTA parking lot at 8:45 AM on: **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**
Thursday, February 11, 2010

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466**

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

Become a Docent at the Computer History Museum

The Computer History Museum is a fascinating place, and you could be the one to introduce visitors to its amazing displays. You can learn the features of Charles Babbage's Difference Engine #2, or train to supervise a nostalgic battle of the early computer game, Space War! Tell the story of a single artifact's creation and operation, or extend your knowledge to include 40 years of computer history.

The Computer History Museum is currently looking for committed volunteers interested in leading tours and discussions for diverse groups of people in a brand new premiere exhibit. focused on computing history. Docent trainees will participate in an extensive training program. No special knowledge of computers or computing is required.

To become a docent, you must be willing to commit to one four-hour shift each week, for two years. The next training class will begin in April, 2010, and will run until December, 2010. If you are interested in becoming a docent, please attend an information session on either January 27 or February 9. For more information contact Jim Somers at jsomers@computerhistory.org or check out the Computer History Museum's website at <http://www.computerhistory.org/volunteers/>.

IBM ACS Reunion in February

The Computer History Museum in Mountain View has graciously offered to act as host for a panel discussion and reunion for the IBM Advanced Computing Systems project on Thursday, February 18, 2010. The panel discussion will be held as part of their "brown bag lunch" program and will start at noon. The panel will end by 1:30 PM, and the museum will be open until 4:00 PM for those wishing to stay and visit. We are also considering reserving a room at a local restaurant for dinner that evening for those interested.

A web page for information on the reunion is:

www.cs.clemson.edu/~mark/acs_reunion.html

and contains a list of IBM ACS project members who worked on the project between 1961 and 1969, and for whom I have no contact information. If you happen to recognize any names and could pass on the web page URL to those folks, that would be wonderful.

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School of Computing
Clemson University

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ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, January 21, 2010, 10:00 AM
Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club Meeting

January 12, 2010, 5:00 PM,
Almaden Research Center, room J2-109

Subject: Facebook
www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

December 17, 2009

History

December, 1999: 1742 (+13)

December, 2008: 2158 (+1)

December, 2009: 2165 (-1)

Currently reading online: 1339 (+1)

Currently receiving paper copy: 328 (+1)

Currently not doing either: 513 (-3)

Numbers in () = changes since
the previous 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

By U. S. Mail:

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1269 Peralta Dr.
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In Memoriam

Ben Little
John L. Graham

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

New Members

None this month

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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: \$6.75

Cinelux: \$6.25 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$7.50 - 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

A dynamite coupon book that's such a bar-
gain you can't afford to miss it! Great gift for
anyone, including yourself! It's full of fun.

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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Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059

Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

Sunshine Report

Harvey Melicker is currently in a care facility
following surgery. Anita doesn't yet know
when he will return home.

I'm happy to report **Ernie and Jane Bode** are
home and recuperating nicely following an
automobile accident.

On behalf of the board, I wish our retirees
and their families a peaceful, healthy new
year.

Terry Milinic'

265-5908

theresano1@yahoo.com

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Jan 12, 2010	PC Club: Facebook		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Jan 13, 2010	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Jan 21, 2010	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	268-7623
Jan 22, 2010	Hike: Shoreline Park		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Feb 11, 2010	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Feb 14, 2010	Special Valentine's Day Event		-	Bill Souza	356-6280
Feb 19-Mar 5, 2010	India & Nepal	4	4	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Feb 25, 2010	Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco		6	Ron Harlan	266-7639
Feb 26, 2010	Hike: Rancho San Antonio		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Mar 4, 2010	History Undressed		5	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Mar 7-9, 2010	Silver Legacy, Reno		-	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 16, 2010	Wildlife, Baseball & Film History		6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Apr 13, 2010	Indian Casino: Black Oak		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 23, 2010	Asparagus Festival		-	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		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 20-29, 2010	Oberammergau		5	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
June 8-14, 2010	Branson in Springtime		4	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
June 15, 2010	Sacramento Luxury Yacht Luncheon Cruise		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jun 27-29, 2010	Russian River to Pacific Ocean		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 13, 2010	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 18-26, 2010	Eastern Canada		4	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 16, 2010	Rosie the Riveter/Mare Island		6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Sep 21-30, 2010	West Coast Swing		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
Oct 7-11, 2010	Spirit of Washington, D.C.		5	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Oct 12, 2010	Woodland Treasures		6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Nov 2, 2010	Best of Monterey & Beyond		8	Bill Souza	356-6280
Nov 7-8, 2010	Central Coast Getaway		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

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 lowest price for inside cabins is \$2890. A deposit of \$400 will hold a spot. There is an optional insurance premium of \$239. The balance is due by February 1, 2010. Credit cards are accepted!

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

The Best of Eastern Canada

July 18-26, 2010

Visit six of Eastern Canada's most interesting and beautiful cities. Explore Montreal's famous underground city. Wander the quaint streets of Quebec City. Enjoy Ottawa, the beautiful cosmopolitan capital of Canada, and stroll through Byward Market, known for its fresh fruit, flowers, and arts and crafts. 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..

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

Information Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 3:00 to 4:30 PM
Mama Mia's at 200 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell, Ca.
Coffee and dessert served. RSVP to Ron (408) 266-7639

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

Travel Trips

Spirit of Washington D.C.

October 7 –11, 2010

We've planned an exciting trip to Washington. It will be an opportunity to see the National Gallery of Art, the monuments and memorials including the World War II Memorial and the National Museum of the American Indian. This trip is educational, patriotic, and a chance to celebrate the rich history of our country. Washington D.C. holds a unique place in the hearts and minds of the American people. You will get a close look at the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum complex. You will learn the history of the museum, from the intriguing bequest by the English scientist James Smithson in 1829 to the present day complex of museums and research centers. Too many exciting tours to list them all.

Call **Phyllis Souza** for a brochure, (408) 247-7335, or e-mail her at phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net.

Russian River to Pacific Ocean

Sunday-Tuesday, June 27-29, 2010

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**

e-mail: 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 \$2560 plus \$25 ship credit

Early booking may get you a better cabin choice.

Presentation: Monday, February 8, 2010, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Fresh Choice (back room) Coffee/Tea/Dessert/Drawing

5353 Almaden Expressway/Blossom Hill Rd.

Contact **Bud Souza** for a brochure: (408) 340-0082

e-mail: buds2@mindspring.com

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

Day Trips

Central Coast Getaway

Sunday-Monday, November 7-8, 2010

This 2-day trip starts with a hosted lunch at Linn's Fruit Bin in Cambria featuring their open menu. We will then visit the Cambria Historical Museum and Covell's Clydsdale 200-acre ranch with ocean view and see some of the one hundred horses there. Next we'll check in at Morro Bay. The evening dinner is aboard a Morro Bay cruise ship. The next morning after a hotel continental breakfast we will have free time and then depart for the winery tour including wine tasting. All of this for only \$295.

Contact:

Bud Souza: 408-0082,

e-mail: buds2@mindspring.com

History Undressed

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Join me for a fun day held at the Willow Heights Mansion. Included: a 3-course luncheon and a show by Carolyn Loftis. She will delight us with the history of Victorian Dress. Imagine seventeen to eighteen layers of silk, satin, cotton and velvet. Twenty seven pounds of clothing, all just to be presentable as a Victorian lady in the 1800's. You will learn secrets, such as how the heck do you sit down wearing a huge bustle. This is humorous as well as educational.

The cost is \$77.00 per person for lunch, show and transportation.

Call **Phyllis Souza** for your reservation form:

(408) 247-7335

or e-mail her at phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net

**Rosie the Riveter History Park
& Mare Island Tour
Thursday, September 16, 2010**

Join us for a visit to Mare Island National Historic Landmark, established in 1854, for a docent-led tour, including the museum and mansion which offer an extensive collection of Tiffany stained glass windows. We'll have a hosted lunch at Salute E Vita Ristorante. This 100-year old Cape Cod Victorian overlooks the marina waterfront and offers authentic Italian cuisine. Then on to a ranger-guided tour of the Rosie the Riveter History Park which preserves the stories and places of our nation's home-front response to WW II and enjoy a self-guided tour of the USS Red Oak.

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities,
All this for **\$85.00** per person

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

**Woodland Treasures
Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

We'll visit the Yolo Wool Mill for a guided mill tour. This educational tour demonstrates how wool from the backs of sheep (and other fiber animals) becomes the sweater on your back. Visit the gift shop to purchase beautiful Cashmere wear and yarns. Then on to visit the Hays Antique Truck Museum for a docent-led tour. The Hays collection includes over 100 different makes of old trucks, representing 94 different manufacturers. Also on display are trailers, industrial power plants, tools, equipment, and trucking memorabilia.

We'll enjoy a hosted BBQ lunch and tour at Reiff's Gas Station...yes, at a gas station! Mark Reiff will guide us through his crazy collection of memorabilia. So much fun...it was featured on Ripley's Believe It or Not!

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities
All this for **\$78.00** per person

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

**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 about 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

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

**Old Town
Sacramento
Luxury Yacht
Luncheon Cruise**

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Please join us for a gourmet luncheon and cruise aboard the **Island Girl**.

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

**Walt Disney Family Museum
San Francisco Presidio
Thursday, February 25, 2010**

Mickey Mouse in all his glory! This brand new \$110 million museum chronicles Disney's life story from a farm boy to one of Hollywood's most powerful figures. Ten state-of-the-art galleries are testament to his remarkable triumphs. See original artwork from "Snow White" and other classics, early animation artifacts, Academy Awards and family mementos. Be one of the first to see this American treasure.

This trip includes lunch at the Beach Chalet, transport via roundtrip motorcoach, admission to the museum, all tips and gratuities. All of this for only **\$90.00** per person

Contact: **Ron or Heidi Harlan (408) 266-7639**

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**

Bowling

One More Time League at Club 300, San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2009/2010 Winter League, December 9

1st Place Team #10, "Good Shots", Dan Thiery, Nancy Barone, Betty Cobarrubias, Fred Mitchell

2nd place Team #2, Dave Fitting, Ike Andes, Carol Hughes, Laura Woodard

	Women	Men
HIGH SERIES	580-Phyllis House	715-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	562-Marilyn Bianco	675-Bill Bartz 675-Bill Bartz
HIGH SERIES	717-Phyllis House	739-George Zagelow
HANDICAP	689-O'Lynda Head 686-Neil Ramsey	726-Bill Bartz 723-Bill Souza
HIGH GAME	223-Pat Falkowski	267-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	222-Marilyn Bianco 220-Jan Curry	
HIGH GAME	268-DeDe Corral	284-Don Creps
HANDICAP	268-Pat Falkowski 262-Marilyn Bianco	280-George Zagelow
AVERAGE	164-Phyllis House 161-Sandy Suekawa	200-Dennis Pitchford 198-George Zagelow

What good bowlers we have. I wish I was one of them, but I guess we all can't be way above average. I just like to have fun with my friends, and our team sure does have fun. See you all in 2010.

On Friday, May 7, 2010, at 9:30 AM, the IBM Watson Senior Bowling Tournament will be held at Club 300. \$15 for bowling and lunch.

Topsy Thompson: 377-4314, Sue Ehrlich: 578-8500 (at Club 300)

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

December 3, 2009: Individual golf was the format for the day. 24 players showed up to play. Winners were:

	Men	Women
1st	Lupe Rodriguez 57	1st Helen Wehner 55
	Armin Kluth 57	2nd DeDe Corral 60
2nd	Ray Jelesky 59	3rd Clara De Paul 63
	Bill Kurtz 59	4th Marge Condensa 66
3rd	Neil Kever 60	
4th	Leroy Wallace, Darrel Jensen, Dick Gehrer 61	

Closest to Pin #16:

1st	Don Johnson 4' 0"	1st	Marge Condensa 21' 2"
2nd	Jerry Condensa 7' 1"	2nd	DeDe Corral 28' 5"
3rd	Neil Kever 9' 7"		
3rd	Neil Rowland 15' 1"		

The next golf dates are Thursdays, January 7 and February 4, 2010. 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"

Los Lagos December 28, 2009. The original date of the December tournament was the 7th, but unfortunately, we were rained out. So, we rescheduled to the 28th. The "Shot(s) of the Day" go to Fred Mitchell, Mike Green, and Kathy La Scola. On hole #10, a par 5, Fred chipped in his fourth shot from 60 yards out for Birdie. On hole #12, a par 3, Mike chipped in his second shot from 35 yards out for Birdie. And, on hole #11, a par 4, Kathy hit her second shot which struck a "Target Pipe Marker" in the middle of the fairway, dead center. The plastic pipe is 2 inches in diameter and was about 40 yards in front of her, and her ball landed about 25 yards behind her! Great shots, Fred and Mike! Tough break, Kathy! This completes my tenth year as Tournament Director. I extend my sincerest thanks to all of you who participate in the monthly tournaments. Thanks, also, to Don Johnson for chairing the membership for the Par Tee Golf Club, and to my lovely wife, Kathy, who verifies your scorecards. We had a nice turnout of 48 players. Here are the results:

Place/Score**	Team			
1 / 113	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Joe Salamida	Bud Jackson
2 / 115	Jerry Condensa	Marge Condensa	Darrell Bellah*	Bud Jackson*
2 / 118	Greg Johnston	Darrell Jones	Norris Mooring*	Kathy La Scola*

* = "Blind" Draw

Closest-To-Pin	#2	#3	#5	#7	#16
Men	Hank Gibson 3' 11"	James Taubodo 19' 7"	Tom Siljander 2' 0"	Lou Tolbert 7' 10"	Andy La Scola 4' 11"
	Fleming Mathis 4' 7"	Jerry Condensa 20' 1"	Joe Salamida 3' 0"	Ray Sanchez 10' 10"	Dave Godine 9' 4"
	Fred Mitchell 7' 9"	Dan Thery 27' 4"	Nick Nomm 11' 1"	Ray Jelesky 16' 8"	Dave Moulton 9' 8"
Ladies		Dede Corral 14' 7"		Kathy La Scola 13' 0"	Marge Condensa 18'

There were thirteen bogey golfers, gross score of 86 or better, and they are Fleming Mathis 73; Ray Sanchez 75; Rich Hiser 78; Jerry Condensa 80; Lou Tolbert, Nick Nomm and Willie Abraham 81; Pat Boyd 82; James Taubodo, Tom Siljander & Darrell Bellah 84; Andy La Scola 85; and Mike Green 86. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future:	Cost/Due Date	
Jan 18	San Jose Municipal \$45.00/Dec 30	Cart optional - Format = 2 best ball foursome
Feb 1	Ridgemark-Gabilan \$45.00/Jan 16	Includes cart - Format = 2 best ball foursome
Mar 8	Ridgemark-Diablo \$45.00/Feb 17	Includes cart - Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- The monthly schedule for all of 2010 will soon be on the SJRC web site: www.ibmsjrc.org.
- Renewals are due for the Par Tee Golf Club. \$57.00 Contact Don Johnson (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
- 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 sign ups is: **Par Tee Golf, P.O. Box 53535, San Jose, CA 95153-0535**

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

Hikes

Shoreline Hike

Friday, January 22, 2010, 9:30 AM

Time for another flat but scenic hike, this month at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. We'll be walking about 6 miles on paved or gravel trails, so good athletic shoes will be sufficient. We hope to see many varieties of waterfowl in the marshy wetlands. After the hike, we will have lunch on the patio overlooking Shoreline Lake. This time you can have a choice of bringing your lunch or buying it, as there is a café where you can purchase lunch if you like.

We will begin the hike at 9:30 AM, since we are having lunch at the end of the walk. To get to the meeting place in the Shoreline Lake parking lot, travel north on Highway 101 or Highway 85 toward San Francisco, exit at Shoreline Boulevard. Make a right turn at the stoplight onto N. Shoreline Blvd. heading east. Stay on Shoreline, go past the guard shack at the entrance to the park and continue till the road ends at the lake and boathouse. See you at 9:30 AM. Don't forget your water, and lunch if you prefer not to buy at the café. Carpoolers, meet at the Camden Park and Ride at 8:45 AM.

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

Save this date for the February hike: Friday, February 26, 2010, 10:00 AM, Rancho San Antonio

One More Day Trip

Best of Monterey & Beyond!

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Imagine your perfect day! What do you envision? Coastline walks, sea otter spotting, the wonders of the Monterey Bay, a gourmet lunch in quaint Carmel-by-the-Sea. Let's make it happen! Please allow us to introduce...Gael Gallagher. She'll step on the bus, and join our group to share her passion and her knowledge of the Monterey Bay. Her ongoing coursework in local history, ecology, architecture, and natural sciences keeps her presentations timely and accurate. She'll share her enthusiasm and connections to ensure we receive a true insider look at the area's most popular attractions. Our day includes a hosted 3-course lunch at PortaBella Restaurant, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities -- All this for **\$85.00** per person

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

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