



San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

You're invited!!

Don't miss signing up for the **Annual Pasta Fest** to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, and the **Annual Club Picnic** to be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. The form with all the details is below. You can use this one form, one stamp, and sign up for both events. Just remember to write two checks. NO tickets will be sold at either event, so why not fill out the form right now? These events are always well attended and it is a time when a lot of old friends meet again. The food is great at both events.

George Walker, President

Adopt-A-Highway February litter pick up rained out for yet another month

See the Adopt-A-Highway news item on page 4

Schedule: Meet in the VTA parking lot at 8:45 AM on: **Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

Thursday, April 8, 2010

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466**

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

IBM Quarter Century Club & IBM San Jose Retirement Club

PASTA FEST

Saturday, April 17, 2010, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Almaden Research Lab Cafeteria, \$18.50 per person

Reservation Deadline: April 10, 2010

No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!

2:00 PM Social Hour, 3:00 PM Dinner

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

Cancellations must be received by

April 10, 2010, if you wish a refund!

IBM San Jose Retirement Club

PICNIC

Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Cunningham Park, San Jose, \$19.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: May 18, 2010

No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!

10:30 AM: Coffee; 11:00 AM: Walk;

Noon: BBQ Lunch; 1:30 PM: Games

Menu: C. B. Hannegan's BBQ meats
and all the trimmings

Cancellations must be received by

May 18, 2010, if you wish a refund!

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

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

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

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____ 2nd Guest: _____

Total number of persons who will attend Pasta Fest ____ X \$18.50 = \$ _____

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

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

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San Jose IBM Retirement Club
web site:
ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, March 18, 2010, 10:00 AM
Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club Meeting
March 9, 2010, 5:00 PM,
Almaden Research Center, room J2-109
Subject: Apple iPod touch
www.sjpc.org
Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

February 18, 2010

History

February, 2000: 1757 (+4)

February, 2009: 2163 (+3)

February, 2010: 2166 (+1)

Currently reading online: 1340 (+1)

Currently receiving paper copy: 331 (+1)

Currently not doing either: 511 (-1)

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.
San Jose, CA 95120

In Memoriam

Sisto Arena
Robert Bates
Patricia Chrysler
Calvin Clauer
Jack Grogan
Joanne Inman
Richard J. Myers

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

New Members

John R. David
Denis Renaud

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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
Camera Cinemas \$6.30

See's Candy

Regular price: \$16.10 - IBM Club price:
\$13.25 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: \$70.00, 3 years & up
IBM Club price: \$61.00, 3-day ticket!

CA Triple Play Ticket

Legoland, Sealife Aquarium & Water Park

Gate price: \$79.00,
IBM Club price: \$62.00, 2-day ticket

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**

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
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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

Marian Wisbar is recuperating nicely follow-
ing surgery. She told me the surgery was
successful. After a painful first day, she is
doing well.

I have not received many calls so this is a
short column. Remember, names are not
published without permission.

Please let me know of any retiree or spouse
who is ill.

Terry Milinic'
265-5908
theresano1@yahoo.com

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

| Date | Event | TAR | Page | Contact | Phone |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|------|------------------------|----------|
| Mar 4, 2010 | History Undressed | | - | Phyllis Souza | 247-7335 |
| Mar 7-9, 2010 | Silver Legacy, Reno | | - | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| Mar 9, 2010 | PC Club: Apple iPod touch | | 2 | Walt Cole | 972-1178 |
| Mar 10, 2010 | Adopt-A-Highway | | 1,4 | Evelyn & Doug Dean | 264-9502 |
| Mar 16, 2010 | Wildlife, Baseball & Film History | | - | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| Mar 18, 2010 | IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting | | 2 | George Walker | 268-7623 |
| Mar 26, 2010 | Hike: Uvas County Park | | 8 | Gil & Julie Feller | 247-6769 |
| Apr 8, 2010 | Adopt-A-Highway | | 1,4 | Evelyn & Doug Dean | 264-9502 |
| Apr 13, 2010 | Indian Casino: Black Oak | | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| Apr 17, 2010 | Annual Pasta Fest | | 1 | George Nale | 779-4275 |
| Apr 23, 2010 | Asparagus Festival | | - | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| Apr 23, 2010 | Hike: Santa Teresa Park | | 8 | Gil & Julie Feller | 247-6769 |
| Apr 29- May 2, 2010 | Palm Springs Getaway | | 4 | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| May 6, 2010 | Horse Racing - Golden Gate Fields | | 5 | George Nale | 779-4275 |
| 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 |
| May 22, 2010 | Baseball - Giants vs As - Oakland Coliseum | | 7 | Frank Vitale | 927-2106 |
| May 25, 2010 | Annual Club Picnic | | 1 | Bud Souza | 340-0082 |
| 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 12-14, 2010 | Silver Legacy, Reno | | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| 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 5, 2010 | Indian Casino: Red Hawk | | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| Oct 7-11, 2010 | Spirit of Washington, D.C. | | 5 | Phyllis Souza | 247-7335 |
| Oct 12, 2010 | Woodland Treasures | | 6 | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| Oct 14, 2010 | Annual Club Meeting | | - | George Walker | 268-7623 |
| Nov 2, 2010 | Best of Monterey & Beyond | | 6 | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| Nov 7-8, 2010 | Central Coast Getaway | | 5 | Bud Souza | 340-0082 |
| Dec 1-7, 2010 | A Country Christmas, Opryland, Nashville | | 4 | Ron & Heidi Harlan | 266-7639 |
| Dec 8, 2010 | Lunch & Theater - NunSet Boulevard | | 6 | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |

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

A Country Christmas

Gaylord Opryland Resort, Music City, Nashville, Tennessee, USA
December 1 -7, 2010

Start your holiday season with us at the grand Opryland Hotel. Experience the charm and elegance of the holidays in the South. View the many acres of lush indoor gardens, winding pathways and a sparkling waterfall from your private balcony. Two million dazzling lights, decorations, and holiday activities draw visitors from all over the world. We'll see the Radio City Rockettes, Louise Mandrell's Christmas dinner show, the Grand Ole Opry and 5 other shows and events.

A brochure and details will be available soon. Contact **Ron & Heidi Harlan, 408-266-7639** or **Bob Martinez at 408-927-1307**.

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**.

Palm Springs Getaway

Thursday-Sunday--April 29-May 2, 2010

Enjoy the fabulous Palm Springs Follies which celebrate happy days with their newest edition titled "Let the Good Times Roll!" and that is exactly what they're going to do! All season long, they're bringing back the greatest good-time music of the '40s, '50s and '60s. They'll dance! They'll sing! They'll laugh...and they promise you'll want to do the same! In addition, you will enjoy the history, romance, and splendor of America's longest running outdoor drama...since 1923-- "Ramona."

Tour includes luxury coach transportation, 3 nights hotel accommodations at the Spa Casino Resort (walking distance to downtown Palm Springs), 7 hosted meals, Palm Springs Follies & Ramona Pageant premium seating, all taxes and gratuities.

All this for \$672.00 per person, double occupancy.

For reservation information contact Bill Souza at (408) 356-6280 or bsouza6280@aol.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 complex. 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.

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

Adopt-A-Highway News

We have a spin-off in La Selva Beach!

Congratulations to Tom Clarke who has been trying to get an Adopt-A-Highway permit for two years. Details below.

e-mail from Tom Clarke:

I wanted to let you and Doug know that the moratorium on new Adopt-A-Highway permits has finally been lifted and our La Selva Beach Community Church encroachment permit should be arriving in the next few weeks. I sent our coordinator the front page from December's newsletter and here was her response. Tom

e-mail from Jeanette Green to Tom Clarke:

Thank you Tom. It's so nice to see enthusiasm from people who help us clean up the litter. Please thank your group for all their hard work! Your new Permit Application will go out in today's mail.

Kind regards, Jeanette Green, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

Travel Trips

Spirit of Washington D.C.

October 7 –11, 2010

We've planned an exciting trip to our nation's capital. 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.

Prices: \$1,799 double, \$2,249 single, \$3,169 triple, all per person.

Orientation Meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 3:00 PM at Mama Mia's on Hamilton Ave. RSVP to Phyllis.

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.

Contact **Bud Souza** for a brochure: (408) 340-0082
e-mail: buds2@mindspring.com

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

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) 340-0082,**
e-mail: buds2@mindspring.com

Day Trip

The Sport Of Kings Horse Racing, Golden Gate Fields

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Thoroughbred racing may have been the sport of kings and queens in the old days, but this is a democracy and for \$56 we can give you a royal experience for a day, complete with a lot of good food, a very nice clubhouse with a great view of the track and the ponies, a nice bus ride with old friends and the chance to make a bundle if you pick the right jockey/horse combination.

Golden Gate Fields is the only thoroughbred racing venue left in the area, but it is a lovely facility set on the edge of San Francisco Bay, and it gives you a day of excitement and color that you will long remember. We had a lot of winners on the last trip. How's your luck? If you want to go, call us or send us an email. We need to confirm the trip by April 18, so get your reservation in early.

Contact: **George and Isobel Nale, (408) 779-4275, gr4na@live.com**

Day Trips

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

Holiday 2010 Luncheon & Theater Event

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Now taking reservations for a second bus.

The Nuns are back at the Campbell Theater in Martinez in the fabulously funny new musical NunSet Boulevard. The storyline puts the Little Sisters of Hoboken in Hollywood thinking they are to perform at the Hollywood Bowl. Only it turns out to be the Hollywood Bowl-Arama, a local bowling alley. When the Sisters find out there is a screen test for a major film happening across the street, they are certain this is their chance for movie stardom. This looks like the latest in a long line of "Nunsense" successes. Hosted lunch at Bridges Restaurant in Danville

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities

All this for **\$89.00** per person

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

Indian Casino Trips

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

Reno Getaway -

Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino

September 12-14, 2010

Price: \$128.00 per person,
double occupancy,
single add \$41, Casino Bonus: \$41

Red Hawk Indian Casino

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Price \$30.00, Bonus: \$20.00 Match Play,
or \$15.00 Slot Play

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: 7:30 AM

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

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

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

Bowling

One More Time League at Club 300, San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2009/2010 Winter League, February 10

1st Place: Team #10, "Good Shots", Dan Thiery, Nancy Barone,
Betty Cobarrubias, Fred Mitchell
2nd Place: Team #9, "Up Your Alley", Kris Denholm, Jim Balistreri,
Bill Hooper, Marilyn Bianco

Season to date Individual Achievements:

| | Women | Men |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| HIGH SERIES | 580-Phyllis House | 715-George Zagelow |
| SCRATCH | 562-Marilyn Bianco | 676-Dennis Pitchford 675-Bill Bartz |
| HIGH SERIES | 715-Phyllis House | 739-George Zagelow |
| HANDICAP | 689-O'Lynda Head 686-Nell Ramsey | 726-Bill Bartz 723-Bill Souza |
| HIGH GAME | 223-Pat Falkowski | |
| SCRATCH | 222-Marilyn Bianco 220-Jan Curry 214-Shirley Beyler | |
| HIGH GAME | 268-DeDe Corral | 284-Don Creps |
| HANDICAP | 268-Pat Falkowski 262-Marilyn Bianco 257-Jan Curry | |
| AVERAGE | 164-Sandy Suekawa 163-Jan Curry | 196-Dennis Pitchford 196-George Zagelow |

Holy Moly! Look at the ladies. They are really, really good bowlers.

IBM Watson Senior Bowling Tournament Friday, May 14, 2010, at 9:30 AM at Club 300 *The date changed! It was a week earlier.*

You must be at least 55 years old. There is no extra handicap for being even older. If you want to bowl in this tournament, you must sign up and pay in advance. \$15 for bowling and a finger-licking-good lunch. Call Topsy, Sue or Frank.

Topsy Thompson: (408) 377-4314, Sue Ehrlich: (408) 578-8500 (at Club 300), Frank Vitale: (408) 927-2106

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

February 4, 2010: Format for the day was Individual Golf with 15 players attending. If a player didn't have a nice time, he or she kept quiet. Winners were:

| Men | | | Women | | |
|-----|---------------|----|-------|------------------|----|
| 1st | Don Johnson | 53 | 1st | DeDe Corral | 60 |
| 2nd | Dick Lake | 61 | 2nd | Marge Condensa | 63 |
| 3rd | Darrel Jensen | 64 | 3rd | Kathy Harrington | 67 |
| 4th | Ray Jelesky | 65 | 4th | Chris Oba | 70 |

Closest to Pin #16:

| Men | | | Women | | |
|-----|----------------|---------|-------|------------------|--------|
| 1st | Ray Jelesky | 3' 9" | 1st | Chris Oba | 52' 5" |
| 2nd | LeRoy Wallace | 12' 10" | 2nd | Kathy Herrington | 55' 3" |
| 3rd | Lupe Rodriguez | 14' 11" | | | |

Don Johnson had three birdies and a low score of 53!

The next golf dates are Thursdays, March 4, 2010, and April 1, 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

The January tournament was rained out. The February tournament was held on February 1 and the report for that tournament is in last month's newsletter (February.) So there is no Par Tee Golf tournament to report on currently.

| Future: | | Cost/Due Date | |
|---------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar 8 | Ridgemark-Diablo | \$45.00/Feb 17 | Includes cart - Format = 2 best ball foursome |
| Mar 15 | San Jose Municipal | \$45.00/Feb 24 | Cart optional at \$7.00 per player - Format = 2 best ball foursome (Rainout makeup) |
| Apr 5 | Laguna Seca | \$40.00/Mar 17 | Cart optional - Format = 2 best ball foursome |

Notes:

- Proper golf attire is required at all of the courses we play. That means that jeans or Levi's are not allowed.
- 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

Baseball: San Francisco Giants vs Oakland A's Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 1:05 PM, Oakland Coliseum

You get lower level seating, a BBQ lunch between 11:15 AM and 12:45 PM which includes tri-tip, chicken, 3 sides, drinks, and dessert, all for only \$30.00 (regular price is \$46.00.) There is a limit of 4 tickets per IBM retiree.

Reserve your tickets today by sending a note with the number of tickets in your party to: tcsports@us.ibm.com. Make check or money order payable to the IBM Club. Tickets are limited so pick up your tickets early!

Direct questions to **Frank Vitale**, IBM Club Sports / Events Coordinator

Phone: **927-2106**; e-mail tcsports@us.ibm.com

Hikes

Uvas Canyon Hike

Friday, March 26, 10:00 AM

Our March hike takes us to lovely Uvas Canyon Park in the southern part of Santa Clara County. The park has some great waterfalls which should be spectacular with all the rain we have had this year. There are a couple of options for this hike. The first is an easy, mainly flat loop route of about 1-1/2 miles along the Waterfall Loop Trail, which follows Swanson Creek. At a trail junction at about 3/4 mile, the Waterfall Loop goes back to our starting point.

At the trail junction, those preferring a more difficult hike (translation – hilly!) can continue with the hike leader on the Contour and Alec Canyon trails. Manzanita Point along the Alec Canyon trail offers a great view. Total distance is about 4.5 miles for the more difficult hike.

To get to the park, travel south on Almaden Expressway and turn right onto Harry Road. Almost immediately, turn left onto McKean Road. McKean turns into Uvas Road after about 6 miles. Continue on Uvas for about 3.5 miles, and turn right onto Croy Road. Drive a little over 4 miles to the park entrance at the end of the road. About 0.4 miles before the entrance you will pass through Sveadal, a Swedish vacation retreat. Note that the speed limit is only 5 miles per hour on this narrow road. You'll have time to look at the quaint little cottages where Swedish flags still fly and you are reminded to look out for the trolls!

We will meet at 10:00 AM at the day use parking area. After going through the entrance (\$4 fee unless you have a county parks sticker) drive up the road a bit and look for the "day use parking" sign on the right side. There are restrooms available near the lot. Bring lunch and water.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller, 247-6769, giljulief@gmail.com**

The April hike will be April 23 at Santa Teresa County Park..

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Late last year, I got a letter from the UK government retirement services asking if, now that I was 65, I would like to apply for a state pension. I had been on International Assignment to IBM Havant in the UK for almost 2 years (1980-1982) and had paid UK taxes. Anyway, I got the forms (available at the web site below) and filled them out. I had to send my marriage license, birth certificate, my UK tax forms, my work permit and some other information. Several weeks ago, they were returned without any notes. Today, I received a letter stating that I was to start receiving UK pension benefits in the amount of just under \$1000 a year. I don't know if other countries have similar systems, but for any of the people who were on assignment in Havant or Hursley, it is worth looking into.

Gene Martin, Los Gatos, (408) 354-8878

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