



# San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

We owe last year's Board, Committee Chairs and Volunteers recognition for a job well done.

Now that the New Year has arrived, be sure to take advantage of the many club activities available. We are facing a new challenge with declining participation and membership, which with your help we will attempt to address. Participation as a Club in the IBM Centennial Celebration projected for mid 2011 is underway. More to come. I look forward to working with the 2011 Board to make this an outstanding year. Hope all of you have a happy and healthy 2011.

Bill Souza—President

### Do You Volunteer?

Retiree **Ed Wendler** volunteers with Hospice of the Valley. He is part of their Ambassador Program and gives presentations to organizations and clubs. The goal is to make people aware of how hospice works and the support and services it provides. For more information, you can contact Ed at (408) 997-0800 or [edwendler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edwendler@sbcglobal.net)

We would be interested in hearing about the volunteer work of other retirees.

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

### Eyeglasses Report for 2010

Our club continues to send used eyeglasses to a doctor who distributes them to poor people around the world who need them. If you have old eyeglasses you don't need anymore, bring them to a club event or call Ruth Price.

In 2010 club members donated 111 pairs.

Pasta Feed – 26  
Picnic – 48  
Annual Meeting – 16  
Holiday Party – 21

Contact: **Ruth Price, 356-8975,**  
[ruthprice@comcast.net](mailto:ruthprice@comcast.net)

### Wanted - Tennis Players

We have a group of seniors, male and female, that meet twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM to play doubles tennis.

All skill levels are welcome and everyone gets to play.

We play at Doerr Park in Willow Glen. For directions, google "Doerr Park."

**Aaron Rosenberg**

Questions? Call or e-mail:  
**(408) 223-6477 Aaron2317@yahoo.com**

## Adopt-A-Highway

The clean-up planned for December 9 was cancelled due to rain. We will try again in January.

If you would like to assist in this clean up effort, but you are not quite willing or able to pick up litter, consider joining the team as a caller. Each month phone calls are used to query who is available to create a team for the month. Call Evelyn for info.

Schedule: Meet in the VTA Parking Lot at **8:45 AM, Wednesday, January 12; Thursday, February 10.**

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466**

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

## IBM Volunteer Outreach Council

Are you an IBM retiree in the Silicon Valley? Do you volunteer for a local nonprofit organization that is sponsoring an upcoming program or event which serves the local community? The IBM Volunteer Outreach Council supports the local community with grants to qualifying organizations that are being supported by the efforts of IBM volunteers / retirees. The web link below will provide you with access to the online grant application form. If you have questions, contact **Bev Baker ([bjb1950k@gmail.com](mailto:bjb1950k@gmail.com))** or **Reinhard Wolter ([rwolter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwolter@sbcglobal.net))**.

[tinyurl.com/ibm-volunteer/](http://tinyurl.com/ibm-volunteer/)

## San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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

San Jose IBM Retirement Club  
web site:

**ibmsjrc.org**

### Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 10:00 AM  
Meriwest Credit Union  
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

### IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 5:00 PM

### Fix Computer Problems

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

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

## Membership Report

Ed Mueller

December 16, 2010

### History

December, 2000: 1774

December, 2009: 2165

December, 2010: 2157 (0)

Currently reading online: 1371 (+2)

Currently receiving paper copy: 330 (+3)

Currently not doing either: 489 (-2)

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](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)

By U. S. Mail:

Ed Mueller  
1269 Peralta Dr.  
San Jose, CA 95120

## In Memoriam

Ray Bowdle

Don Bussey

Tadashi (Tad) Muraoka

Joyce E Norman

Barbara Russell

Sharon Vernaci

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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## IBM Club Discounts

### Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.25; gold \$7.75\*

Regal/United Artists: \$6.75

Cinelux: \$6.25\*

Century/Cinemark: \$7.50\*

Camera Cinemas \$6.30\*

\* no restrictions

### See's Candy

Regular price: \$16.10 - IBM Club price:  
\$13.25 1 pound gift certificate

### Sea World

Gate price: \$67.00 3-9 years: \$55.00

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

\$45.50 3-9 years

### Ski Lift Tickets

#### Squaw

IBM Club price: \$72 (reg \$86)

#### NorthStar/Sierra

IBM Club price: \$66, adult (reg \$88)

Young adult (13-22) \$56 (reg \$76)

Child (5-12) \$21 (reg \$39)

### California Academy of Sciences, SF

IBM Club price: 15% off

[www.calacademy.org/etickets](http://www.calacademy.org/etickets)

User ID: IBMClub, password: alligator

Discount tickets to other places are available 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.

IBM Club Office Contact:

**Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106**

**e-mail: [tcsports@us.ibm.com](mailto:tcsports@us.ibm.com)**

### Ticket Hours:

**Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

## Sunshine Report

One retiree is recovering nicely from surgery. I have not received any other information, so hopefully that is good news.

Please do call or e-mail me if you know of a retiree or spouse who is having medical issues. Remember, names will not be published without permission.

**Terry Milinic'**

**265-5908 or [theresano1@yahoo.com](mailto:theresano1@yahoo.com)**

# TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Jan 11, 2011	PC Club –Fixing Computer Problems		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Jan 11, 2011	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 12, 2011	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Jan 20, 2011	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Bill Souza	356-6280
Jan 28, 2011	Hike: St. Joseph’s Hill, Los Gatos		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Feb 10, 2011	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Feb 14, 2011	Valentine’s Day Lunch & Show	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Feb 22, 2011	Hike: Los Alamitos Creek Trail		8	Pat Falkowski	972-2877
March 3-17, 2011	Israel, Jordan, and optionally, Istanbul	2	4	George Nale	779-4275
Mar 6-8, 2011	Reno Getaway - Silver Legacy Hotel Casino	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 24, 2011	Intel Museum & NASA Ames/Moffett Field	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Apr 4-18, 2011	Australia and New Zealand	3	4	Bob Martinez	778-2978
Apr 5, 2011	Indian Casino: River Rock	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 29, 2011	Luther Burbank Home/Garden/Canine Companions	2	5	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 2-3, 2011	Gold Country Getaway	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
June 2, 2011	Villa Ca’toga	2	7	Bill Souza	356-6280
June 7, 2011	Indian Casino: Table Mountain	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jun 26-28, 2011	Russian River to Pacific Ocean	2	5	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 30-Aug 12, 2011	Northern European Cruise	2	4	Art Dill	(831) 338-3069
Aug 1, 2011	Luncheon Bay Cruise & Bay Bridge Exploration	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Sep 1-3, 2011	Reno, Silver Legacy, Rib Cook-Off	2	5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 4, 2011	Novato History, Lunch & Show	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 11, 2011	Indian Casino: Cache Creek	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 18-30, 2011	Ireland		5	George Walker	268-7623
Dec 4-12, 2011	European Christmas Markets		5	Bob Martinez	778-2978

## 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

## The Land Down Under – Australia and New Zealand

April 4-18, 2011

Let's take a trip "down-under" to Australia and visit the amazing Great Barrier Reef. A glass bottom boat ride will give you an up-close look at the beautiful marine life, and the many colorful coral reefs. We will take a walk through a rain forest, visit a crocodile farm and see some cuddly koalas. You don't want to miss the traditional Aboriginal dancers, learn about their lifestyle and how to throw a boomerang. A stay in the beautiful city of Sydney will offer a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour with a grand view of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Then we venture to New Zealand and stay in the charming city of Christchurch known as "the most English city outside of England." A New Zealand family will welcome us to dinner in their home and we can learn about their home life. We will cruise the picturesque Milford Sound, see the famous fjords, and visit Mt Cook.

This amazing 15-day tour is priced at **\$4599** per person, double occupancy. Included in the price is the Cancellation Waiver Insurance of \$225.00 per person, air taxes and fee/surcharges of \$230.00, hotel, and roundtrip air from San Jose. Also included are 20 meals: 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 6 dinners. Brochures are available upon request. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Contact: **Bob Martinez, (408) 778-2978 or cell (408) 835-3393 or e-mail: bob.martinez47@yahoo.com**

## Israel and Jordan with Istanbul as a Bonus

**Now March 3-17, 2011, more days,  
less cost**

Our tour company has found a better vendor for the trip and managed to add two more days while lowering the cost. Now it is easier to visit the Holy Land and Jordan, with a wonderful side trip to Istanbul.

In Israel see Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Nazareth, Tiberias, Tabgha, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Beit Shean, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, the Western Wall and many other historical and biblical sites. Optional tours to Masada, Bethlehem and the museum of Yad Vashem are available.

Then on to Jordan for two days to see Petra, one of the 7 wonders of the world, and Amman. This 12 day tour is priced at \$4000. Most extra charges are covered.

A great addition to this trip is 3 1/2 days in the magic city of Istanbul, which is unique in its footprint in both Asia and Europe, its modern approach to being Muslim and its history and its palaces, mosques (we visit several), bazaars and spice markets. Tour the Bosphorous Straits and the Golden Horn, and the entrance to the Black Sea. Nothing Isobel and I have seen in our travels is quite like it. Cost is **\$748** and includes two full day tours.

For a brochure contact **George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275**, or email us at **georgesbest30@live.com**.

## North Sea Adventure Cruise

July 30 – August 12, 2011

Enjoy the windswept landscapes of Scotland and Norway's fjord-scalloped coast. Northern Europe is a midsummer night's dream. This is a 12-day cruise aboard the M/S Eurodam. Oh, the comfort of cruising and unpacking only once!

In Copenhagen, Denmark, the Little Mermaid greets you at the harbor of this lighthearted city. The city center gardens of Tivoli are said to have inspired Walt Disney. Oslo, Norway, is spotless, sophisticated and brims with sights from Thor Heyerdahl's Kon Tiki to the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Our scenic cruising will pass the deep, wide magnificent Sognefjord. Have your cameras ready for wide open landscapes, narrow fjord arms, blue glaciers, small villages and isolated farms, lush valleys and sparkling waterfalls. Kristiansund is a colorful, cosmopolitan fishing town set across three islands connected by bridges.

At our stop in Bergen, stroll Bryggen pier, lined with wooden warehouses dating back to the Middle Ages. Step back and enjoy the ancient architecture of the city of Alesund. It is known for its surrounding fjords, the high peaks of the Sunnmore Alps, and the nearby island of Runde where visitors can take a bird safari. Be thrilled by Geirangerfjord with its gushing waterfalls. Enjoy the scenic cruising of Cromarty Firth, Scotland. Two precipitous rocks known as the "Sutors" guard the entrance to this deep, wide firth on Scotland's east coast. Be ready to photograph the Clyde's scenic islands, dolphins and seals, crystal-clear lochs and rolling hills. At Invergordon, the plaintive skirl of Highland bagpipes calls you ashore. Nearby is the deep Loch Ness, holding secrets that have captured imaginations worldwide. At South Queensferry, view Scottish jewels in Edinburgh Castle. Visit the home of Mary Queen of Scots, now Queen Elizabeth II's official Scottish residence.

Cabins start at **\$2795** per person plus air fare.

Contact: **Art & Sharry Dill (831) 338-3069 or arthdill@comcast.net**

# Travel Trips

## Russian River to Pacific Ocean June 26-28, 2011

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**

## Shades of Ireland (including Northern Ireland) October 18-30, 2011

How many shades of green are there? It's been said there are 40 in the landscape of Ireland! Join us as we tour the beautiful isle learning its history and culture. We will visit the places you hear about in song and story in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. We begin with a tour in Dublin, continuing to Kilkenny and then Waterford where we visit the crystal center. We'll see the Muckross House and kiss the Blarney Stone. Traveling through the Lakes of Killarney brings us to Limerick and a visit with a farm family. The Cliffs of Moher trail will end in Galway and then on to a visit at the famous Belleek pottery center and the woolen shops of Donegal Town, with its medieval walls and cathedrals.

The coach will bring us to Northern Ireland past the Giant's Causeway into Derry, with unforgettable panoramic views. With a guided tour of Belfast and a visit to a culture center our visit will conclude with a stay at the 16th century Cabra Castle where we will have a farewell banquet.

Cost: **\$2449** - land transportation, tips, transfers, insurance, most meals.

Air available at **\$1250**. Arrangements can be made for your air miles to be used.

### *Information meeting:*

**January 25, 2011, 10:00 AM, Refreshments & Door-prizes  
Fresh Choice, 5353 Almaden Ave., San Jose**

Contact: **George Walker (408) 268-7623, gcwalker95120@yahoo.com**

## European Christmas Markets Tour

December 4-12, 2011

Enjoy dazzling Christmas lights and shop for hand made ornaments, Santa wood carvings, Hummels and cuckoo clocks. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to visit Europe's traditional Christmas markets. Treat yourself to delicious German sausage, apple strudel, hot apple cider and the famous spiced wine, called gluhwein. Our tour takes us to Austria, Switzerland, and of course through the amazing Bavarian Alps in Germany. We will stay in the charming mountain-top town of Oberammergau and visit the lovely city of Strasbourg, France. Our journey then goes into the Black Forest region and then on to view the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. The snow-capped Alps give us an amazing backdrop for this wonderful visit to Europe and the Christmas Markets. One of our evenings begins with a private choir concert performed in an 850-year-old church and ends with a traditional Black Forest dinner. One of our stays is in the lovely city of Lucerne, known as the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." We will also visit the Christmas Markets of Innsbruck, Austria and Bern, Switzerland.

This wonderful 9-day holiday tour is priced at **\$2,774** per person, double occupancy. Included in the price is the cancellation waiver insurance of \$175.00, air taxes/fees of \$150.00, hotel, and roundtrip air from San Jose. Also included are 12 meals: 7 breakfasts and 5 dinners. Brochures are available upon request and will be available at most Retiree Club functions. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Contact: **Bob Martinez, (408) 778-2978, cell (408) 835-3393** or e-mail: **bob.martinez47@yahoo.com**

## Best in the West, Nugget Rib Cook-off

September 1-3, 2011

**September 1** Depart: 8:00 AM

Cal Neva, Reno: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM,

Bonus \$8

2-night stay at Silver Legacy Hotel:

5:15 PM

**September 2** Depart Silver Legacy: 9:45 AM

Nugget, Sparks: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM,

Bonus \$10

"Best in the West Rib Cook-Off"

**September 3** Check out: 9:45 AM

Boomtown, Verdi: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM,

Bonuses \$5 cash & \$5 food

Return to San Jose: at about 7:00 PM

All this for only **\$130** per person, double occupancy

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

# Day Trips

## Dynamic Tour, Lunch & Show in Novato

**Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

Enjoy a historic tour of Novato with step-on guide, John Trimble, an honorary member of the Novato Historical Guild.

A 3-course lunch at beautiful Ricky's Restaurant follows. Then on to the charming Pacheco Playhouse for a live cabaret revue, a scintillating "toe tapping" journey through Vaudeville, Broadway and Hollywood.

All this for **\$89** 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**

## Gold Country Getaway

**May 2-3, 2011**

**May 2** Depart 8:00 AM

Feather Falls Casino: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Bonus \$10

Overnight stay: Gold Country Casino: 3:30 PM, Bonus \$10

**May 3** Depart 10:00 AM

Fenton's Ice Creamery: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, Lunch

Budweiser Factory: 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, tour factory, tasting

Return to San Jose, at approximately 5:00 PM

All this for only **\$133** per person, double occupancy

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

# Par Tee Golf

**Los Lagos, December 6, 2010.** The "Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Ken Ferguson. On hole #14, a 148 yard par 3, Ken used a five iron to hit his ball into the cup for his very first "Hole-In-One!" Great shot, Ken! What a positive way to complete my eleventh year as Tournament Director. Note: This is the fourth "Hole-In-One" recorded in those eleven years. I extend my sincerest thanks to all of you who participate in the monthly tournaments. Thanks also to Don Johnson for chairing the membership of the Par Tee Golf Club and to my lovely wife, Kathy, who verifies your scorecards. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." We had a nice turnout of 52 players on a beautiful sunny day! Here are the results:

### Place/Score

		Team	
1 / 108*	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Joe Salamida
2 / 108*	Jerry Condensa	Marge Condensa	Rich Campbell
2 / 108*	Eric Schrader	Milton Loo	Len Procker

Three way tie! \* = Tie Breaker Used

### Closest-To-Pin

	#2	#3	#5	#7	#16
<b>Men</b>	Eric Schrader 2' 5"	Marcel Dubois 8' 1"	Pat Boyd 14' 2"	John Akeley 4' 6"	Dennis Niemeyer 4' 4"
	Rich Hislip 8' 8"	Jerry Condensa 14' 7"	Khan Nguyen 19' 10"	Tom Siljander 6' 2"	James Taubodo 5' 9"
	Patrick Arnett 12' 4"	Dave Moulton 19' 3"	Dennis Mitchell 25' 10"	Mike Green 6' 4"	Lynn Watkins 32' 0"
<b>Ladies</b>			Marge Condensa 22' 0"		Chris Oba 25' 0"

There were twenty bogey golfers, gross score of 88 or better, and they are Pat Boyd 73; Terry Gray 74; Dennis Mitchell 75; Glenn Yuki 76; James Taubodo 77; Jerry Condensa & Khanh Nguyen 77; Dennis Niemeyer 78; Eric Schrader & Andy La Scola 79; John Akeley 80; Lou Tolbert & Pat Arnett 81; John Shaver, Ken Ferguson & Tom Siljander 82; Rich Campbell & Joe Salamida 83; Don Johnson 84; and Dave Moulton 86. Congratulations to all the winners!

### Future:

### Cost/Due Date

January 17	San Jose Municipal	\$45.00/December 30	Cart optional @ \$7 ea. -	Format = 2 best ball foursome
February 7	Ridgemark- Diablo	\$45.00/January 16	Includes cart -	Format = 2 best ball foursome
March 14	Ridgemark- Gabilan	\$45.00/February 17	Includes cart -	Format = 2 best ball foursome

### Notes:

- NCGA Renewals (\$52.00) are due for the Par Tee Golf Club. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
- Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf" (not the "IBM Retirement Club").
- 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**
- Include your GHIN number, home phone number, and your e-mail address, if I don't already have them on file. Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (Note: If you do not sign up as a foursome, your group may be split up).

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

# Day Trips

## Luther Burbank Home/Garden Tour & Canine Companions

Friday, April 29, 2011

Start with a guided tour of the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens. Tour the home and furnishings, the green house, the carriage house, and a portion of the gardens all while learning about Burbank's life and achievements. Next to a hosted Italian lunch at the historic Union Hotel Restaurant. Then you're off to a guided tour of Canine Companions for Independence. (This is not the Guide Dogs for the Blind.) Learn how they select, breed, and train dogs to be of service to people with disabilities.

All this for **\$83** 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**

## Villa Ca'toga

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Villa Ca'toga has enough beauty and splendor to take your breath away. Artist Carlo Marchiori will enchant you with a guided tour of the villa, gardens and grounds of Villa Ca'toga. Offering magnificent murals, classic Roman architecture, and whimsy...you never know where the next turn will take you. You'll enjoy a hosted 3-course lunch at Brannan's Grill, Calistoga. After lunch there will be free time to visit the quaint downtown Calistoga.

All this for **\$85** 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**

## Indian Casino Trips

*Thunder Valley Casino*  
Tuesday, January 11, 2011, \$31

*Reno Getaway*

*Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino*  
March 6-8, 2011

\$130 per person, double occupancy

*River Rock Casino*

Tuesday, April 5, 2011, \$31

*Table Mountain Casino*

Tuesday, June 7, 2011, \$31

*Cache Creek Casino*

Tuesday, October 11, 2011, \$31

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**

## Short 18-Hole Golf

### Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

**December 2, 2010:** The format for the day was low putts. Twenty players showed up and some of them had really low scores. A good day was had by all. Winners were:

Men		Women	
1st	Don Johnson 27	1st	Marge Condensa 30
2nd	Les Harlow 31	2nd	Chris Oba 34
3rd	Armin Kluth 33	3rd	Kathy Herrington 35
4th	Neil Rowland 35	4th	DeDe Corral 36
	Ray Jelesky 35		

### Closest to Pin #16

1st	Earl Bowers	12' 2"	1st	Chris Oba	20'
2nd	Darrel Jensen	21' 8"			
3rd	Neil Rowland	27' 5"			

The next golf dates are Thursdays, January 6, and February 3, 2011. 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.

**Wishing you all a Happy New Year!**

**Clara DePaul (294-7041)**

**DeDe Corral (378-6470) & Helen Wehner (264-6296)**

## Bowling

### One More Time 2010 Winter League at Club 300, San Jose (behind Oakridge)

#### Winter League Scores, December 8, 2010

1st Place: Team #11, "Eleve N a Row,"	Jim O'Neill, Joanie Francis, Eddie Fahrner, Barbara Pugh
2nd Place: Team #22, "VLWH Jung,"	Bill Jeung, Tom White, Joann White, Shirley Veal

#### Individual Achievements

	Women	Men
HIGH SERIES	599-Marilyn Bianco	709-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	582-Jan Curry	684-Tom Higa
		682-Fred Mitchell
HIGH SERIES	728-Marilyn Bianco	757-Fred Mitchell
HANDICAP	695-Lisa Johannes	726-Bill Souza
	685-Lanh Hoyle	723-Tom Higa
HIGH GAME	229-Marilyn Bianco	289-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	215-Jan Curry	256-Mario DeHaro
HIGH GAME	272-Marilyn Bianco	289-George Zagelow
HANDICAP	258-MJ Canavan	275-Dave Curry
	258-Lisa Johannes	
	257-Hugheen Cabri	
AVERAGE	167-Jan Curry	206-George Zagelow
	157-Marilyn Bianco	201-Mario DeHaro

In December, 2010, we only bowled twice. The Club 300 had so many parties that they took over the all the lanes. We will be back bowling January 5, 2011. Can you believe it is a new year, already? Where did 2010 go? I guess when you are having fun with a fun group, you forget where the time goes. Won't you join us? We still can use you.

**Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 377-4314**

# Hikes

## St. Joseph's Hill Hike

Friday, January 28, 2011

This month we will explore the St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve. Beginning in downtown Los Gatos, we'll hike on the Los Gatos Creek Trail all the way up to the top of Lexington Dam. We will continue from there up to St. Joseph's Hill – a 1,250 foot pinnacle. If we're lucky, we will be treated to panoramic views of the Santa Clara Valley, Lexington Reservoir, and the impressive Sierra Azul mountain range. This hike will total around 5 miles, with plenty of fun uphill to work your cardiovascular system.

We'll meet at 10:00 AM in the Old Town parking lot on University Avenue in Los Gatos. You may want to park across the street in the underground lot, as there is a time limit in the University Avenue lot. To get there, take Highway 17 toward Santa Cruz. Exit at Highway 9, bearing right. When you get to University Avenue, turn left. Continue down University till you see Old Town on your left. Bring lunch and water.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller, (408) 247-6769**

## Los Alamitos Creek Trail Hike

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

This month's hike is an easy, flat hike on a paved trail. The distance is between 5 and 8 miles, depending on how energetic and ambitious you feel. We will meet at 9:30 AM in the picnic area of Almaden Lake Park. This large covered picnic area is located off Winfield Blvd., south of Coleman. There is a charge for parking in the lot. However, there is plenty of free parking on Winfield Blvd. just outside the park. There are also restrooms next to the Bocce Ball court. We would like to start the hike at 10:00 AM. We will follow the trail to Camden Avenue for a 5-mile loop. Those who wish to do a longer walk (approximately 8 miles roundtrip) can continue on to Harry Road and then return. Bring lunch and water.

Contact: **Pat Falkowski (408) 972-2877 or Lize Johannes (408) 332-2327**

## Krazy Kampers

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club (club name is Krazy Kampers). The club has been around for over 20 years and we would like to invite other IBM retirees who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area. Here are some of the upcoming events with contact people listed.

February 10-13, 2011	Pismo Beach	Mel Rinehart	(408) 225-1677
March 17-20, 2011	Marina Dunes	Rich Haggerty	(408) 227-4087
April 14-17, 2011	Wine Country RV Resort	Enzo Buscema	(408) 225-2318
May 12-15, 2011	Coloma Resort	Ted Head	(408) 440-7137
June 23-25, 2011	Bodega Bay	Bill Bartz	(408) 971-8928
September 14-18, 2011	Tahoe Valley Campground	Bob Rootsart	(408) 559-3318
October 20-22, 2011	Marble Quarry, Columbia	Jim Dack	(408) 266-6951
November 17-20, 2011	Casa de Fruta	Larry Turley	(408) 629-5371