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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Don't forget to sign up for the Club Picnic which will be on Tuesday, May 24, at Cunningham Park (See the reservation form on this page.) This year's Picnic is dedicated to the memory of Ron Harlan who will be missed. He was an important part of the annual picnic planning and operation. In addition he was involved in many areas of the club operation over the years and helped make it a success.

Our Club interface to the IBM Centennial plans is Board Member Bev Baker (408) 354-4850 or bjb1950k@gmail.com. IBM's date for sending out postcards to 100,500 retirees inviting you to participate in its Centennial celebrations was delayed to March 28. More information from her report will be posted on our website. We will continue to report details for those who cannot get to the website.

Spread the word.
Bill Souza—President

Adopt-A-Highway

March 9, 2011 - First-time volunteer Rhoda Firth said: "My first experience as a 'clean-up' person was very positive because everyone was so helpful. I was amazed at how small an item you can pick up easily with the handy picker you provide. Thanks for the new experience." 11 volunteers left 19 bags and a roll of insulation for Caltrans to pick up. Chuck Williams was in the Almaden off ramp area when a San Jose cop pulled over to ask if he was all right. Chuck had been tying an empty strong bag to a pole for the panhandlers to use; they had left a full thin black bag of litter for us. Yes, it broke. We found a live 20 gauge shot gun shell. The police weren't interested, so we took it to a camouflage-painted gun shop on Camden. Problem solved. We found a sealed 18 inch by 6 inch cellophane packet containing a giant piece of jerky with red sticker proclaiming "sale \$5.99!" To date we have filled 2680 bags. Money - we only found a badly beaten up quarter. Times are tough.

Schedule: Meet in the VTA Parking Lot at **8:45 AM, Wednesday, April 13**. We will participate in 2011 Great America Cleanup and then report our activity to Keep America Beautiful via Caltrans. We will also clean on **Wednesday, May 11**.

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

Do You Volunteer?

Cathy Butera volunteers for the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary in the gift shop. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment of at least one four-hour shift per week. If you are interested and can help, call Kate McNally at (408) 559-2155 or e-mail Cathy at Cathysj5@aol.com.

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

Contact: **Terry Milinic'**
265-5908 or
theresano1@yahoo.com

Annual IBM San Jose Retirement Club Picnic

Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Cunningham Park, San Jose, \$19.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: May 17, 2011. *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 17, 2011, if you wish a refund!

Picnic reservation form

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 Picnic _____ X \$19.00 = \$ _____

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

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Membership Report

Ed Mueller

March 17, 2011

History

March, 2001: 1815
March, 2010: 2165
March, 2011: 2164 (+1)
Currently reading online: 1373 (-1)
Currently receiving paper copy: 367 (+32)
Currently not doing either: 488 (0)

Numbers in () = changes since
the previous month

Change of Address

Send your new mailing address, your new e-mail address, your new phone number or a request for on-line newsletters or a request for mailed paper newsletters to Ed Mueller.

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail:

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In Memoriam

Maureen Cockerill

Sharon Elerick

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Carmen Kuehler

Leonard Herman Lund

Norman H. Null

Robert A. Vallerga

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

New Members

Eric Aker

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IBM Club Discounts

IBM Club Day at Great America

Sunday, May 15, 2011

\$25 per person, \$6 parking

Includes all-you-can-eat BBQ 1:30-2:30 PM

Open 10 AM to 7 PM

Buy tickets at SVL on Wednesdays
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

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.

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Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106

e-mail: tcsports@us.ibm.com

Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
web site:

ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, April 21, 2011, 10:00 AM
Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 5:00 PM
Build Your Own Website!

New location, see web site!

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

Sunshine Report

Marion Montalto is home from the hospital recuperating with help from her daughter.

Please continue with your calls and e-mails. Names will not be published without permission

As always, on behalf of the board, I wish all retirees good health and an enjoyable retirement.

Terry Milinic'

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Apr 4-18, 2011	Australia and New Zealand	3	–	Bob Martinez	778-2978
Apr 5, 2011	Indian Casino: River Rock	2	–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 12, 2011	PC Club – Build Your Own Web Site, part 3		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Apr 13, 2011	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Apr 15, 2011	Hike: Four Parks - Wildflowers & Views		8	Henry Bender	225-3039
Apr 21, 2011	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Bill Souza	356-6280
Apr 29, 2011	Luther Burbank Home/Garden/Canine Companions	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 2-3, 2011	Gold Country Getaway	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 11, 2011	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
May 14, 2011	Famous Movie Sites of San Francisco	2	5	George Nale	779-4275
May 24, 2011	Annual IBM San Jose Retirement Club Picnic	2	1	Bud Souza	340-0082
May 25, 2011	Big Hike - Information Meeting	–	7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
May 27, 2011	Hike: San Francisco Land's End & Sutro Baths Ruins		8	Tom & Bev Higa	629-4323
June 2, 2011	Villa Ca'toga	2	5	Bill Souza	356-6280
June 7, 2011	Indian Casino: Table Mountain	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 24-29, 2011	Big Hike - Lakes Basin	–	7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
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
Aug 9, 2011	August in the Vineyard		–	George Nale	779-4275
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	3	4	George Walker	268-7623
Nov 1, 2011	Indian Casino: Chukchansi	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Nov 6-7, 2011	A Central Coast Getaway	3	4	Bud Souza	340-0082
Nov 10-14, 2011	Branson Holiday Extravaganza	2	4	Phyllis Tripp	247-7335
Dec 4, 2011	Beach Blanket Babylon Holiday Show & Luncheon		6	Bill Souza	356-6280
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

Central Coast Getaway

Sunday-Monday, November 6-7, 2011

Visit the village of Cambria. We will enjoy a hosted lunch at Linn's Fruit Bin, famous for homemade pies! Visit 100 head of Clydsdale horses on 200 acres of Covell's Ranch. Then we will check in to the Serena Inn, Morro Bay. In the evening we'll enjoy a hosted Chablis Yacht Dinner Cruise. The next day enjoy Morro Bay and then visit special wineries in Paso Robles.

This wine tour is like no other! All of this for only **\$327**. Singles add **\$70**.

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

Branson Holiday Extravaganza

November 10-14, 2011

Old mixed in with the new. Your favorite old shows with lots of new ones added. This trip includes Shoji Tabuchi, Yakov Smirnoff, the Andy Williams Christmas Show, the Dixie Stampede Show, Presleys Country Jubilee, the Brett Family Singers and the Red Hot and Blue Show.

Entertainment includes the biggest Veteran's Parade in the USA, tours of Branson scenic areas, College of the Ozarks, Ralph Foster Museum, the Truman Library, shopping, and viewing the Christmas lights and animations.

Cost of trip **\$1,698** double occupancy

Contact: **Phyllis Tripp, (408) 247-7335, phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net**

Shades of Ireland (including Northern Ireland)

October 18-30, 2011, TAR=3

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.

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

European Christmas Markets Tour

December 4-12, 2011

Enjoy dazzling Christmas lights and shop for handmade 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 (air included)** per person, double occupancy. Included in the price is the cancellation waiver insurance of \$175, air taxes/fees of \$150, 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

Beach Blanket Babylon Holiday Show & Luncheon Sunday, December 4, 2011

We're headed to San Francisco for a hosted 3-course mid-afternoon luncheon at Pompei's Grotto, followed by a festive holiday performance of *Beach Blanket Babylon*, the longest running musical revue in theatre history. The holiday show features a chorus line of tap dancing Christmas trees, special parodies of traditional Christmas carols, and those GIGANTIC zany hats that have made the show so famous. Great view seats have been secured in the balcony.

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities
All this for **\$122.00** per person

We are limited to 44 seats at the show. 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**

Famous Movie Sites of San Francisco Saturday, May 14, 2011

San Francisco has been the locale for the filming of all or part of many famous movies. Take a bus ride down memory lane by joining Craig Smith, a noted tour conductor, who will take us to the locations where scenes from many great movies were filmed. Most are viewed from the bus, and feature legendary stars from the past such as Buster Keaton, Greta Garbo, Mae West, Valentino, Humphrey Bogart, Fred Astaire, Jimmy Stewart, Kim Novak, Burt Lancaster and many more. Do you remember *The Birds*, *The Maltese Falcon*, *Dirty Harry*, *Vertigo*, *Return of the Thin Man*, *Pal Joey*, *Charlie Chan at Treasure Island*, *Fog over Frisco*, *Sudden Fear*? Over 80 film clips from these movies and others will be shown and commented on during the tour.

The price of **\$71** includes bus fare, tour, lunch at the Fog Harbor Fish House, and a shake or sundae at Mel's Drive-In.

Contact:
George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275 or **georgesbest30@live.com**

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

Ridgemark (Gabilan) March 14, 2011. The "Trick-Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Rich Hislip. On hole #11, dogleg right par 4 and the toughest hole on this golf course, Rich hit his ball into a water hazard, where it skipped twice, hit a rock, and bounced up onto the fairway! He said, "Well, didn't you skip rocks as a kid? This is the same thing!" Interesting shot, Rich! We had a nice turnout of 54 golfers. The format of play was "Two-Best-Ball-Foursome". Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 120 Jerry Condensa	Marge Condensa	Leroy Wallace	Chris Oba	
2 / 123 Terry Gray	Pat Arnett	Fred Mitchell	Dennis Mitchell	
3 / 125 Dan Jackson	Dave Moulton	Ray Schmitt	Lou Tolbert	
Closest-To-Pin	#4	#9	#12	#15
Men	Grannie Barefoot 10' 1"	Jim McGuire 4' 0"	Dennis Mitchell 13' 2"	Eric Schrader 11' 2"
	Dan Jackson 24' 8"	Patrick Arnett 14' 11"	Bob Graves 33' 11"	Rich Saito 49' 7"
	Lou Tolbert 28' 1"	Rich Campbell 34' 11"	James Taubodo 34' 0"	
Ladies				Mary Ann Jones 40' 7"

There were nine bogey golfers, gross score of 90 or better, and they are John Grewohl & Terry Gray 80; Lou Tolbert 82; Pat Arnett 86; Dennis Mitchell & Dan Jackson 87; Sid Wong & Eric Schrader 89; and Jerry Condensa 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future	Course	Cost/Due Date		
April 11	Laguna Seca	\$40/March 23	Cart optional -	Format = 2 best ball foursome
May 2	Spring Valley	\$52/April 20	Cart included -	Format = 2 best ball foursome
June 6	Rancho Canada-West	\$40/May 18	Cart optional -	Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- NCGA Renewals (\$52.00) are due for the Par Tee Golf Club, if you haven't already paid yours. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
- Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means that "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
- The complete 2011 Par Tee Golf schedule and rules are almost complete.
- 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

Big Hike

2011 Big Hike

July 24 - July 29, 2011

The 2011 Big Hike will be held this year in the Lakes Basin, a beautiful unspoiled area about 60 miles north of Truckee. The trip consists of four days of hiking with several options for hikes of varying length each day. We have reserved rooms at the Chalet View Lodge in Portola and still have a few rooms available at this time. The dates of the trip are Sunday, July 24 through Friday, July 29. The cost of the trip is \$650 per couple. This includes 5 nights lodging with breakfast and a banquet on Thursday, July 28.

If you are interested in joining the trip, call
Gil Feller at (408) 247-6769
or giljulief@gmail.com
for more information.

2011 Big Hike Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 2:00 PM

There will be an informational meeting for those who have signed up for the Lakes Basin hiking trip. The meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on May 25 at the Almaden Lake Park covered Group Picnic area. The park is at the corner of Almaden Expressway and Coleman Road. The picnic area is located on the southeast corner of the park off Winfield Road. There is a parking lot next to the picnic area. Bring your check for \$650 per couple to the meeting. We will pass out brochures with detailed information to all participants.

Indian Casino Trips

Table Mountain Casino

Tuesday, June 7, 2011, \$31

Cache Creek Casino

Tuesday, October 11, 2011, \$31

Chukchansi Casino

Tuesday, November 1, 2011, \$33

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

March 3, 2011: On March 2 it rained so everybody canceled. March 3 turned out to be a nice day but nobody in the group played golf. So there are no results to report. This group needs to be more optimistic.

The next golf dates are Thursdays, April 7 and May 5, 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.

Happy Golfing!

Clara DePaul (408) 294-7041

DeDe Corral (408) 378-6470 & Helen Wehner (408) 264-6296

Bowling

One More Time 2010 Winter League at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge)

Winter League Scores, February 9, 2011

1st Place: Team #6, "Where's Lunch?," Bill Souza, Sam Walters,
Oga Walters, Vicky Flake
2nd Place: Team #20, "Almost," Enzo Buscema, O'Lynda Head,
Ted Head, Bill Bartz

Individual Achievements

	Women	Men
HIGH SERIES	599-Marilyn Bianco	709-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	582-Jan Curry	684-Tom Higa
	576-Shirley Beyler	682-Fred Mitchell
HIGH SERIES	728-Marilyn Bianco	757-Fred Mitchell
HANDICAP	699-Shirley Beyler	726-Bill Souza
	695-Lisa Johannes	723-Tom Higa
HIGH GAME	229-Marilyn Bianco	289-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	215-Jan Curry	256-Mario DeHaro
	213-Ruth Furlong	
HIGH GAME	272-Marilyn Bianco	289-George Zagelow
HANDICAP	268-Carol Hughes	275-Dave Curry
	258-MJ Canavan	
	258-Lisa Johannes	
AVERAGE	164-Jan Curry	199-Mario DeHaro
	157-Marilyn Bianco	198-George Zagelow

IBM Senior Watson Bowling Tournament

Friday, May 6, 2011, 9:30 AM, for those 55+, \$15 per person

You get 3 games and lunch. You must sign up and pay by April 29, 2011. Make checks out to "AMF" and write "Watson Tournament" in the memo field. Sign up with Topsy on Wednesdays, with Sue at the bowling alley or Frank at IBM ARC. All the fun is at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge Mall).

Winter League ends May 4. Summer League follows, a great time to get involved. Details next month.

Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 377-4314

Hikes and Camping

Four Parks Hike -- Wildflowers and Views

Friday, April 15, 2011, 10:00 AM

You will enjoy fields of wildflowers, green hills, and views of the ocean, the bay, San Francisco, and Mount Diablo. We will stroll the "Four Parks Loop" through Russian Ridge, Coal Creek, Monte Bello and Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserves. It's about 7 miles with some ups and downs. Those who like a shorter stroll can hike to Borel Hill (the highest point in San Mateo County) and back -- about a mile and a half total with less than 400 feet elevation gain. We suggest returning via the Ancient Oaks Trail, which adds 0.6 mile.

We will meet April 15 at 10:00 AM at the Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve parking lot at the northwest corner of Skyline Blvd. and Page Mill Road (which becomes Alpine Road here). From the south, exit 280 onto El Monte to Moody Road to Page Mill. From the north, exit 280 onto Page Mill Road. Allow about half an hour to drive the twisty uphill road. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen and your sun hat.

Contact: Henry or Barbara Bender at (408) 225-3039

San Francisco Land's End and Sutro Baths Ruins Hike

Friday, May 27, 2011, 10:00 AM

We will be walking the San Francisco Land's End Trail to China Beach. The walk is 4.5 miles round trip. We'll start at the Sutro Baths Ruins. From there we will be walking along the Coastal Trail to Eagle Point. We'll take city streets to reach China Beach. Weather permitting, we should have great views of Marin Headlands and Golden Gate Bridge. The walk is easy except for stairs to and from 2 beaches we'll be visiting.

We will meet in the large parking lot at Merrie Way at 10:00 AM. Parking is free. To get there using Route 280, drive north into San Francisco and continue onto CA-1 N/Junipero Serra Blvd. Turn left on Sloat Blvd. Turn right when you reach Great Hwy and continue into Point Lobos Ave. Turn left at Merrie Way. Bring lunch and water, and remember to dress in layers as the weather can be cold and windy.

Please send e_mail to Tom & Bev Higa at tom_s_higa@sbcglobal.net if you plan to join us and be sure to give us your cell phone number.

Contact: Tom & Bev Higa, 408-629-4323

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.

April 14 - 16	Paso Robles Wine Country RV Resort	Enzo Buscema	(408) 225-2318
May 12 -14	Coloma Resort	Ted Head	(408) 440-7137
June 23 - 25	Bodega Bay	Bill Bartz	(408) 971-8928
September 14 - 17	Tahoe Valley Campground	Bob Rootsart	(408) 559-3318
October 20 - 22	Marble Quarry, Columbia	Jim Dack	(408) 266-6951
November 17 - 19	Casa de Fruta	Larry Turley	(408) 629-5371
December 4	Harry's Hofbrau	Bob Courtney	(408) 281-3703
March 15-17, 2012	Marina Dunes	Don Walker	(408) 779-5961