



San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Thanks to George Nale and his team for the great event at the Guglielmo Winery on August 9. 107 people had fun seeing old friends, visiting and enjoying the winery setting. Looks like we might do this again next year.

Centennial Activity: We received some very positive feedback from those who attended the August 11 event at the Computer History Museum. They toured the museum and visited the 1401 rebuild area. There are still some events left in this year of IBM's Centennial celebration. See the article on page 6 and/or the web site for details.

IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2:00 PM, St. Edwards Church, Hall, 15040 Union Avenue, San Jose. See www.StEdwards.org, click on "maps" just under the address on the upper right. Charlotte Wilhelm (Retirement Club Member) will be our guest speaker. She will discuss her experiences and surprises she found while searching her family genealogy.

Holiday Party: Mariani's will be the place. Tuesday, December 6, is the date. Mark your calendars now and look for the reservation form in the October newsletter.

Come join us, Bill Souza—President

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, August 11, 2011 For a brief moment 85N mile 3 to 4 was litter-less. Nine volunteers made 12 bags of debris disappear, making a total of 2771 bags in 10 years. This is the smallest team of volunteers that we have fielded in ten years.

We group our bags together in designated areas. The Almaden off ramp turnout is one of those. We notify Caltrans of the location, the number of bags and if there's anything too big or needs special handling to be picked up. This month's message to Caltrans: "At the Almaden off ramp turn out: 6 bags and the fiery remains of two shopping carts. No clue as to how they got incinerated." At our club board meeting, Andy La Scola solved this melted cart mystery. He said, "Indigents use carts as barbecues!"

Bob Ramirez found Cinderella's lavender slipper. He also found a man's shirt he thought might have belonged to Prince Charming. He never found the elusive couple.

Josie Supencheck rarely misses a cleanup. We presented blue gloves we bought for her in Eureka at Doug's favorite lumber & hardware store (Pearson's) for her ten years of service.

When gathering before going out to corral trash we have a meeting with announcements and safety guidelines. Doug always admonishes everyone to take plenty of water, and not to forget bags, cable ties, gloves and pickers. Guess What? He forgot all of that plus forgetting his hard hat! Luckily he was the driver for that group and he just returned to the lot and picked up all his gear. Upon returning to clean he found a dollar bill which made him feel better.

Money found: \$1.41 plus a quarter-sized coin with a brass center; cleaning with Brasso revealed a Mexican coin with a 2 on it. Doug consulted the visiting father of our next door neighbor. It was a 2 peso coin worth about 16 cents. He then gave Doug a 5 peso coin (about 40 cents). While researching the 2 Peso coin, Doug made 40 cents and a friend! Money made: \$1.97! After the clean, our group also made \$1.50. We printed a copy of August's newsletter for computer-less DeDe Corral and she insisted on paying us. We told her 50 cents and that we would put it in adopt-a-highway slush fund. She said, "In that case, here is another dollar for the slush fund." Income for this month, \$3.47!

Sally Large spied a feral kitten chasing an unhappy worried bunny. We find radiator clamps. Where do they come from? What happens to the vehicles they came from?

Schedule: Meet in the VTA Parking Lot 8:45 AM, Second Thursday, October 13

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466, kenosha@juno.com**

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

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Veal, Ina Havens, Art Dill, George Walker

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

July 21, 2011

History

July, 2001: 1826

July, 2010: 2154

July, 2011: 2148 (-3)

Currently reading online: 1357 (+1)

Currently receiving paper copy: 340 (0)

Currently not doing either: 503 (-5)

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: Ed Mueller
1269 Peralta Dr.
San Jose, CA 95120

New Members

Leona Baumgart (Aug)

Mary DiCambio (Aug)

Mike Hatch (Aug)

James Nash (Sep)

plus 2 others...

In Memoriam

Alan G. Carter
Michael Edwards
R. D. "Don" Johnson
Urban Keppers
Max H. Parker
Charles L. Renard
Michael John Cicholas
Dick Currier
Jean Jennings
M. Kenneth Oshman
Donald G. Wyman

The following were listed in the August newsletter

Ed Campbell
Orval "Lee" Cox
Neil Allen Freeman
Gertrude Markey Henningsen
David A. McKay
Milton Meininger, Jr.
Otto Merklingshaus
Larry Ward
Robert F. Winner
Peggy Zipp

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

1-800-796-9876

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

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

Ticket Hours:

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

Discount tickets to many places are online at the IBM Club website:

Great America

Gilroy Gardens

Raging Waters

California Academy of Sciences

6 Flags Discovery Kingdom

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Computer History Museum

Universal Studios

SeaWorld

Knotts Berry Farm

Disneyland

There is a new link on the club web site,

"Bay Area IBM Club Discounts," that will get you more directly to the discounts in the above list.

It is on left side of home page just above the "After IBM" link

Sunshine Report

I have no news to report this month. Please continue to call or e-mail me if you know of a retiree or spouse who is having health issues. Their names will not be published without permission.

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

Terry Milinic'
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**San Jose IBM Retirement Club
web site:**

ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 15, 2011, 10:00 AM
Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 5:00 PM
Ubuntu Linux

New location, see web site!

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Sep 1-3, 2011	Reno, Silver Legacy, Rib Cook-Off	2	–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 13, 2011	PC Club – Ubuntu Linux		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Sep 14, 2011	Adopt-A-Highway <i>Canceled</i>		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Sep 15, 2011	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Bill Souza	356-6280
Sep 30, 2011	Hike: Harvey Bear Ranch, near Gilroy		8	Chuck & Kathy Cruse	(415) 334-2236
Oct 4, 2011	Novato History, Lunch & Show	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 11, 2011	Indian Casino: Cache Creek	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 13, 2011	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Oct 13, 2011	Annual IBM Retirement Club Meeting		1	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 18-30, 2011	Ireland	3	4	George Walker	268-7623
Nov 1, 2011	Indian Casino: Chukchansi	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Nov 6-7, 2011	A Central Coast Getaway	3	4	Bud Souza	340-0082
Dec 4, 2011	Beach Blanket Babylon Holiday Show & Luncheon		–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Dec 4-12, 2011	European Christmas Markets		4	Bob Martinez	778-2978
Dec 6, 2011	Annual Holiday Party	3	1	Bud Souza	340-0082
Jan 10, 2012	Indian Casino: Cache Creek	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 14, 2012	Golden Girls of Pop Luncheon	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
March 4-6, 2012	Reno: Silver Legacy	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
March 16, 2012	A Sea-Glass Adventure	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
March 17-30, 2012	Spain and Portugal	2	4	Art Dill	(831) 338-3069
April 3-13, 2012	Mexican Riviera Cruise	2	5	Bud Souza	340-0082
May 7-19, 2012	Italian Vistas	2	5	Bob Martinez	778-2978
May 8, 2012	Indian Casino: Palace	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
June 10-18, 2012	The Wonders of Iceland	3	5	George Walker	268-7623
July 12, 2012	Belvedere & Tiburon Landmarks	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Sep 7-20, 2012	China, Yangtze River Cruise	3	5	George Walker	268-7623

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**

Spain & Portugal

March 17- 30, 2012

Perhaps the petticoats of Portugal or just throwing the bull in Madrid suits your fancy. Either way you will love this tour. You can stroll along tree-lined boulevards of Spain's capital, Madrid. Explore the Church of Santo Tome in Toledo and view the mighty Rock of Gibraltar, unearth centuries of history in the cathedrals, shrines and architecture of Lisbon, Cordoba and Seville. While in Portugal, visit the quaint fishing villages near Lisbon. You will enjoy fascinating history, culture, cuisine, wines and scenery as you travel through the Iberian peninsula in grand style.

Price includes round trip airfare SFO/Madrid and transfers.
Optional one-day tour to Morocco.

*Information session Friday, September 9, 10:30 AM
Fresh Choice restaurant, 5353 Almaden Expressway. San Jose
Please RSVP if you would like to attend. Refreshments will be served.*

Price **\$3395** dbl. \$600 single supplement.

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

Shades of Ireland (including Northern Ireland) October 18-30, 2011, TAR=3

We will visit both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. We will tour Dublin, continuing to Kilkenny and then to the crystal center in Waterford. We'll see the Muckross House and kiss the Blarney Stone. We will visit the Lakes of Killarney and Limerick. The Cliffs of Moher trail will end in Galway and the woolen shops of Donegal Town, with its medieval walls and cathedrals.

In Northern Ireland past the Giant's Causeway, we go to Derry. With a guided tour of Belfast our visit will conclude with a stay at the 16th century Cabra Castle.

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

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 **\$2,854** (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. 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

Candidates for Club Officers for 2012

President:	Bill Souza
Vice President:	Bernie Coullahan
Secretary:	Ruth Price
Treasurer:	Jim Riley
Membership Director:	Ed Mueller
Communications Director:	Walt Cole
Directors at Large:	Sally Large Beverly Baker Pat Motta

Proposed Club Bylaw Change for 2012

F. Communications Director

The Communications Director shall be responsible for:

1. Gathering information and articles for the ~~monthly~~ Newsletter.
2. Writing articles for ~~monthly~~ Newsletter.
3. Publishing ~~monthly~~ Newsletter

The word "monthly" will be deleted, so the Club Board is able to better control costs of printing the newsletter by not printing it every month.

Travel Trips

Italian Vistas

May 7 - 19, 2012

Visit the beautiful cities of Rome, Venice, Florence, Vietri-Sul-Mare and Stresa. Ride along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, with views of its spectacular sparkling blue seas. We will visit the ancient Colosseum and Forum in Rome, step back 2000 years in time to the city of Pompeii, see the Bay of Naples and the charming hillside villages. A scenic boat ride takes us to the enchanting Isle of Capri where you can stroll through the town's quaint streets, and past charming cafes. Travel through Tuscany, with its beautiful scenery, colorful countryside and vineyards. Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa, see the amazing marble sculpture of David, and take in the breathtaking Italian Lakes district of Stresa. We visit Switzerland to the picturesque lakeside resort of Locarno. Just a boat ride away, our farewell dinner will be at the scenic Isola dei Pescatori.

This amazing 13-day tour is priced at **\$4,599** (air included) per person, double occupancy and also includes transportation from San Jose to SFO, air taxes and fees, hotel and 25 meals: 18 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners.

Brochure available upon request.

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

Mexican Riviera Princess Cruise

April 3-13, 2012

Ports of Call:

- San Francisco
- Catalina Island
- Puerto Vallarta
- Mazatlan
- Cabo San Lucas
- San Diego

Included Cruise Features:

- 10-night Star Princess Cruise
- Roundtrip transfers to/from San Francisco Pier
- All meals and entertainment aboard ship
- Driver & Stevedor Tips
- Port Taxes (\$250.00) per person & Gov't Fees (\$75.00)
- Travel Insurance is included for pre-existing medical conditions.
- One bottle of wine per cabin
- Luggage handling
- No airplane problems...

Get your reservation in early for the best available cabin.

This will fill fast so don't dilly-dally...

Cabin prices start at **\$1685** while they last!

Contact:

Bud Souza, (408) 340-0082 or email: buds2@mindspring.com

The Wonders Of Iceland

June 10-18, 2012

Join George and Carole Walker and discover the dramatic contrasts of the landscape forged by fire and ice. The fascinating history of Iceland dates back to the Vikings yet this island nation has a proud, progressive society. We will see steaming fumaroles, hot springs, spectacular two-tiered waterfalls, go on a glacier cruise and spend time at a Puffin sanctuary. We will visit an Icelandic horse farm and quaint fishing villages. The cost of this trip will be \$3,649, per person, double occupancy, including air, taxes, hotels, most meals, surcharges and transfers.

Information meeting

Thursday, October 13, at 10:00 AM,

Fresh Choice, Blossom Hill and Almaden

For more information, contact

George Walker (408) 268-7623 or gcwalker95120@yahoo.com.

China – Cruising the Yangtze River

September 7-20, 2012

(optional Hong Kong post tour)

Our tour starts in cultural and old traditional Shanghai and includes an amazing acrobatic show. We will savor a Peking Duck dinner, a dumpling meal and see the fascinating process of noodle throwing! We will board a river cruiser to experience four days of cruising the Yangtze River. We will marvel at the natural beauty of the Three Gorges and progress by the Dam and through the five-step ship locks. In Chongqing we will see the pandas and have free time to shop in Guilin. Next stop is Xian, the home of the famous Terra Cotta soldiers. In Beijing we tour the famous sights you have only read about. Our last days will include the Great Wall, the valley of the Ming Dynasty and we will even see the Olympic venues. This trip is \$5,054 per person, double occupancy, and includes air, taxes, surcharges, cancellation insurance, all meals, hotels and transfers.

An optional 3 day guided tour to Hong Kong is available following this. A great way to get your holiday shopping completed!

Information meeting Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 10:45 AM

Fresh Choice, on Blossom Hill at Almaden

For more information contact

George Walker (408) 268-7623 or gcwalker95120@yahoo.com.

IBM Centennial Celebration

Site Centennial Celebration Event

Date

Time

Location

There is one Centennial Celebration event left. IBM Retirees are invited to attend "ONE" of these events. If you have not been to one yet, and wish to go, send your request to Bev Baker (bevbaker@us.ibm.com). You will get a reply e-mail confirming your reservation with more details about the event.

IBM Silicon Valley Centennial Celebration

Sep 28

2:00-5:00 PM

Silicon Valley Lab 555 Bailey Ave SJ

Centennial Speaker Events

Date

Time

Location

Several more speaker series presentations in planning mode

Day Trips

Golden Girls Of Pop Lunchtime Cabaret

Valentine's Day February 14, 2012

Long-time favorite Marianne Kent sings songs of famous female pop vocal stars at a lunchtime cabaret show at Castagnola's in San Francisco. From Peggy Lee to Judy Garland, Rosemary Clooney to Doris Day, this is a live cabaret revue with musical nostalgia, remembering some of our favorite female entertainers. There will be free time to browse waterfront shops prior to the performance.

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities -- All this for **\$95** 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

Cache Creek Casino
Tuesday, October 11, 2011, \$31

Chukchansi Casino
Tuesday, November 1, 2011, \$33

Cache Creek Casino
Tuesday, January 10, 2012, \$33

Reno, Silver Legacy
March 4-6, 2012
\$136 per person, single add \$48

Palace Casino
Tuesday, May 8, 2012, \$37

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**

Belvedere & Tiburon Landmarks Day Tour Thursday, July 12, 2012

Spend the day touring the picturesque waterfront towns of Belvedere and Tiburon with noted historian Gary Holloway as your guide. See the iconic Old St. Hilary's Landmark Carpenter Gothic Church and Wildflower Preserve, China Cabin, the restored Victorian Social Saloon of the SS China (1856) now a fixture on the waterfront and the Railroad and Ferry Depot Museum. We'll take a midday break in Tiburon for lunch at Sam's Anchor Cafe. Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities -- All this for **\$95** 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

A Sea-Glass Adventure

Friday, March 16, 2012

We're headed to Watsonville to visit ANNIEGLASS, which has been recognized by the most prestigious names in the artistic, entertainment and hospitality industries. ANNIEGLASS is sold at luxury retailers such as Neiman Marcus, Bergdorf Goodman and Bloomingdale. We'll see artists at work and have the opportunity to shop for beautiful glassware pieces as well. Midday we'll visit the Davenport Roadhouse Restaurant for a 3-course hosted luncheon. In the afternoon we'll enjoy a guided tour of a working marine laboratory, Seymour Marine Discovery Center, featuring exhibit halls, aquarium, touch tanks, Ocean Discovery Shop, and unsurpassed vistas of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities -- all this for **\$86** 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

Reminders

IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting Thursday, October 13, 2:00 PM

St. Edwards Church, Hall, 15040 Union Avenue, San Jose. See www.StEdwards.org, click on "maps" under the address on the upper right.

Charlotte Wilhelm (Retirement Club Member) will be the guest speaker. She will discuss her experiences and surprises she found while searching her family genealogy.

IBM Retirement Club Annual Holiday Party Tuesday, December 6, 5:00 PM

Mariani's, 2500 El Camino Real,
Santa Clara, CA 95051

This annual dinner is the most formal event the club puts on. How formal? Well, as much or as little as you like. There is music and dancing after a nice dinner. The full details will be in the October newsletter together with a reservation form for you to fill out and send in with your check. So save the date!

Bowling

One More Time 2011 Summer League at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge)

Scores as of August 17, 2011

1st Place: Team #3, "Spare Counts"
Bill Jeung, Bill Hooper
Shirley Veal, Joanne White
2nd Place: Team #11, "Dan's Dollies,"
Mitzi Stewart, Dan Thery,
Maria Stout, Topsy Thompson

Individual Achievements

	Women
HIGH SERIES	569-Shirley Beyler
SCRATCH	559-Maria Stout
HIGH GAME	227-Shirley Beyler
SCRATCH	221-Sally Nicholls 221-Mitzi Stewart
HIGH SERIES	733-Maria Stout
HANDICAP	683-Shirley Beyler 668-Mitzi Stewart
HIGH GAME	281-Mitzi Stewart
HANDICAP	280-Sally Nicholls 265-Shirley Beyler
AVERAGE	156-Shirley Beyler
	Men
HIGH SERIES	649-Bill Jeung
SCRATCH	641-Mario DeHaro
HIGH GAME	266-Mario DeHaro
SCRATCH	258-Bill Jeung
HIGH SERIES	700-Bill Jeung
HANDICAP	677-Bill Bartz 672-Dave Fitting
HIGH GAME	267-Mario DeHaro
HANDICAP	267-Bill Jeung
AVERAGE	192-Mario DeHaro 190-Bill Jeung

Summer League is over. (Final results will be in the October newsletter.) Winter League starts in September. Why don't you get off the couch and come down and bowl with us? On September 7, we have our winter meeting and bowl "No Tap," which means the scores don't count and if you leave one pin after the first ball, it is a strike. In other words, it is fun and great practice. We sure could use some more bowlers. You don't have to be a good bowler, but a good sense of humor is helpful. Be there at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge Mall) and join us! We bowl on Wednesdays, starting at 9:30 AM. Be there by 9:15. September is a great month to start this fun. Call Topsy if you have questions.

Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 377-4314

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

August 4, 2011: Seems like 20 is the magic number for our club since that's how many players showed up once again. Winners were:

Women		Men	
1st	DeDe Corral 55	1st	Jim Viallet 52
2nd	Helen Brock 56	2nd	Jerry Condensa 53
3rd	Marge Condensa 57	3rd	Dick Lake 57
4th	Gwen Kaefer 66	4th	Bill Bartz 61

Closest to Pin #16

1st Gwen Kaefer 14'

I don't know what happened to the men! Our seniors are really getting some low scores. Keep it up.

The next golf dates are Thursdays, September 1 and October 6, 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

Par Tee Golf

Santa Teresa, August 15, 2011. This was our annual "Bob Slater Memorial Golf Tournament." Bob Slater was the person responsible for starting the Retirement Club golf tournaments. The Shot-Of-The-Day goes to Mel Rodinsky. On hole #6, a 324 yard par four, Mel chipped in his 3rd shot from 40 yards for "Birdie". Great shot, Mel! And, the Wacky-Shots-Of-The-Day goes to Jim Sitter. On hole #9, a 420 yard par four, there is a high voltage steel tower on the right side of the fairway. Jim's tee shot hit the tower, and bounced back towards him. Jim's second shot struck the tower again. And, his third shot hit the tower once more! (Rule: Balls striking the towers must be played from where they land---and, balls striking the overhead wires must be replayed from the original position---no penalty.) Jim scored an eight on that hole. Incidentally, balls striking the towers make a very loud "Boing" sound, so Jim has a new nickname---"Jimmy McBoing-Boing!" We had a large turnout of 55 players. Here are the results:

Place/Score

	Team			
1 / 118	Mel Rodinsky	Dan Jackson	Pat Boyd	Dave Moulton
2 / 119	Rich Saito	Khanh Nguyen	Tom Siljander	Granny Barefoot
3 / 121	Terry Gray	Dennis Niemeyer	Fred Mitchell	Greg Seaton

Closest-To-Pin

	#3	#8	#14	#16
Men	Fred Mitchell 18' 4"	Greg Seaton 7' 9"	Ray Jelesky 25' 10"	John Grewohl 11' 4"
	Darell Bellah 20' 6"	Granny Barefoot 17' 10"	Dennis Niemeyer 30' 5"	Terry Gray 28' 5"
	Dave Moulton 30' 0"	Lou Tolbert 34' 5"	Jim Viallet 41' 10"	Ernie Bonelli 30' 1"
Ladies	M. A. Jones 55' 0"			

There were fifteen bogey golfers, gross score of 89 or better. They are John Grewohl 74; Khanh Nguyen, Terry Gray, & Eric Schrader 80; Dennis Niemeyer, Tom Siljander & Lou Tolbert 82; Dan Jackson 84; James Taubodo & Lew Johnson 86; Rich Saito & Pat Boyd 87; Darell Bellah & Dick Liu 88; and Andy La Scola 89. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future	Course	Cost/Due Date	
September 19	Aptos Seascape	\$50.00/August 25	Includes Cart - Format=2 best ball foursome
October 10	Pajaro Valley	\$40.00/September 25	Cart Optional - Format=2 best ball foursome
November 7	Spring Valley	\$63.00/October 19	Includes cart - Don Johnson Memorial "Sandwich Shoot" Everybody wins!
December 5	Los Lagos	\$48.00/November 16	Includes cart - Format=2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- Check the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org for "Par Tee Golf" information, rules and results.
- IBM Retirees and friends are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club Tournaments.
- If you do not have an NCGA Card, you may get one by joining the IBM Retiree Par Tee Golf Club. The cost is \$52.00. Contact **Terry Gray (408) 629-8893 or tgolf18@aol.com**
- Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means that "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
- Early signups are very much appreciated. Please do not wait to the last minute so sign up. You might not get in!
- 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. 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**

Hikes and Camping

Hike: Harvey Bear Ranch, near Gilroy

Friday, September 30, 2011

Come and enjoy the heat! Explore part of this large area. The landscape consists of rolling hills, with oak and chestnut trees - somewhat sparse, so bring sunscreen, a hat and plenty of water. We will be on the Ridge Trail where we should have some spectacular views of southern Santa Clara County.

Our hike will take a fairly strenuous loop route of about 6 miles. The hike will take us from the parking lot (about 500' elevation) along the Harvey Bear and Willow Springs Trail, then on the Coyote Ridge Trail where we will top out at about 1200'. This climb is a good cardio workout! The trails aren't rocky, but turn to mud with rain (see below) - but this shouldn't be a problem in September.

To get there, take Hwy 101 south toward Gilroy. Take the San Martin Ave. exit. Proceed east on San Martin Ave. for about 2 miles. The Park entrance is on the left, 1/4 mile east of Foothill Ave. We will meet in the parking lot at 10 AM. Lunch will be on the trail. No facilities are available, so we will spread out on the surrounding ground. Carpoolers, meet at the Cottle Park & Ride (Hwy 85 and Cottle) at 9 AM. See you there.

Rain CANCELS!

Also - if the TEMPERATURE FORECAST is 90 degrees or higher for the 30th - This CANCELS, too!

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Krazy Kampers

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club, the 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.

September 14 - 17, 2011	Tahoe Valley Campground	Bob Rootsaert	(408) 559-3318
October 20 - 22, 2011	Marble Quarry, Columbia	Jim Dack	(408) 266-6951
November 17 - 19, 2011	Casa de Fruta	Larry Turley	(408) 629-5371
February 23 - 25, 2012	Pismo Beach	Mel Rinehart	(408) 225-1677
March 15-17, 2012	Marina Dunes	Don Walker	(408) 779-5961
April 19 - 21, 2012	Paso Robles	Dale Jelsema	(408) 842-1310
August 9 - 11, 2012	Bodega Bay	Bill Bartz	(408) 971-8928