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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

I can't believe that 2011 has come and is going already. Must be time passes quickly when you are having fun with old friends. I want to give a big **Thank You** to the 2011 Club Officers who made this past year eventful and entertaining for those who participated. Welcome to the 2012 Officers. We are looking forward to working with you to meet the challenges for the coming year.

Holiday Party: Close to 200 members, spouses, and friends will be greeted by Santa on December 6 to enjoy this year's Holiday Party. If you missed it, plan to make it in 2012.

Reminder: Medicare B premium reimbursements through SHAP. If you retired before December 31, 1996, you are eligible to apply for 80% reimbursements of your Medicare B premium. For more detail and information contact the IBM Employee Services Center at 1-800-796-9876 or Acclaris Reimbursement Center at 1-888-880-2775 or www.acclarisonline.com.

Happy and Healthy Holiday and a Great New Year to you and your families,

Bill Souza—President

Adopt-A-Highway

There was no clean up in November. Clean ups will resume in 2012.

Schedule: Meet in the VTA Parking Lot 8:45 AM, Second Wednesday, January 11, 2011

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

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

Announcement

This December IBM Retirement Club newsletter is only available online. There will be no copies printed and mailed. In 2012, newsletters will only be printed for odd months – January, March, May, July, September and November.

Computer Classes for Seniors

Next Registration: Saturday, January 7, 2012

Most members today view this newsletter online. Only 336 copies are sent via the US Mail. The club would like to have as many members as possible view the newsletter online. You are reading this online (unless a friend printed it for you) so you can help us. If you know members who are computer shy, but perhaps would like to learn how to use one of these frustrating but useful machines, talk to them. Both SeniorNet Learning Centers in San Jose have computer classes that can help.

The courses for beginners assume no computer knowledge or experience and are slow-paced. They are also fun.

The **Willows** Learning Center and the **Almaden** Learning Center both have all their classes described at the following web site: www.sn1csj.org. Classes start every 10 weeks. The next session of classes starts in January, 2012. If you know of IBM Retirement Club members who would benefit and have any interest at all, please let them know about this educational program specially designed for seniors. Or, just give us their names.

Thanks in advance,

Walt Cole (408) 972-1178 and Bill Souza (408) 356-6280

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Membership Report

Ed Mueller

November 18, 2011

Membership Numbers:

November, 2001: 1845
November, 2010: 2157
November, 2011: 2151 (0)
Currently reading online: 1363 (+3)
Currently receiving paper copy: 336 (0)
Currently not doing either: 501 (0)

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.
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New Members

Steven Foss

In Memoriam

Dwayne Coate
Richard Larry Comstock
Thomas Carl Engen
Nora Jue
Rita June Lynott
Richard Hideki Mori
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Cliff Zipp

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

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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

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

Al Corliss underwent complicated shoulder replacement surgery and is doing well, although recovery will take a year. He is looking forward to playing golf again.

On behalf of the board, I wish our retirees and their families happy holidays and good health in the new year.

Terry Milinic'
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San Jose IBM Retirement Club
web site:

ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, December 15, 2011, 10:00 AM
Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, Decmber 13, 2011, 5:00 PM
Photo Sharing Show & Tell

New location, see web site!

www.sjpc.org
Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
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		1	Bill Souza	356-6280
Dec 13, 2011	PC Club – Photo Sharing Show & Tell		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Dec 15, 2011	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Bill Souza	356-6280
Jan 10, 2012	Indian Casino: Cache Creek	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 11, 2012	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up	3	1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Jan 20, 2012	Hike: Coyote Hills Regional Park		8	Jim & Maya D’Anjou	779-1292
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	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
March 17, 2012	A Day at the Track- Horse Racing	2	5	George Nale	779-4275
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
May 22, 2012	Annual Club Picnic		–	Bud Souza	340-0082
June 10-18, 2012	The Wonders of Iceland	3	5	George Walker	268-7623
July 10, 2012	Indian Casino: Black Oak	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 12, 2012	Belvedere & Tiburon Landmarks	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Aug 30, 2012	Coastal Creations	2	5	Bill Souza	356-6280
Sep 7-20, 2012	China, Yangtze River Cruise	3	5	George Walker	268-7623
Sep 9-11, 2012	Indian Casinos:Reno	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 18, 2012	Kendell Jackson, Kozlowski & Alembic	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 24-Nov 5, 2012	Breathtaking South Africa	4	4	Art Dill	(831) 338-3069
Nov 6, 2012	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314

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

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 the picturesque lakeside resort of Locarno in Switzerland. 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

*Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 10:00 AM,
Fresh Choice, Blossom Hill and Almaden
Refreshments served. Please RSVP.*

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

*Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 10:00 AM,
Fresh Choice, Blossom Hill and Almaden
Refreshments served. Please RSVP.*

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

Travel Trips

Breathtaking South Africa

October 24 – Nov. 5, 2012

a BUCKET LIST must do! Optional 3 night Victoria Falls Extension

Experience breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, abundant wildlife, a country with a world of treasures. You will be staying in the famous Kruger National Park, along the Garden Route & the breathtaking Featherbed Nature Reserve, on to the Stellenbosch Mountains and the beautiful wine lands. Delight at the whales in Walker Bay and then on to the wonders of Cape of Good Hope. Visit Cape Town with gorgeous Table Mountain, Victoria and Albert Harbor. The city shows traditions of French, German and Dutch influences and charming coastal scenery. No Euro exchange. US\$ still strong in South Africa.

Trip Highlights:

- Travel the spectacular Drakensburg Mountain Range and Blyde Canyon.
- Kruger National Park –6 Safari Game Drives. Dazzling herds of African wildlife.
- Lake St. Lucia World Heritage Site & lagoon cruise.
- Fly to the beginning of the famous Garden Route.
- Stellenbosch Mountains and lunch at the winery.
- Captivating Cape Town. We'll take a panoramic tour of this beautiful harbor-side city.
- Cape Point, & penguins at Boulder Beach
- Traditional African dining experience.
- Be a special guest of a prominent Hermanus family for a lobster dinner(if we can catch enough lobster.) These folks know how to party.

Included:

The price of the tour including all airfare is **\$5575** per person double occupancy and includes current taxes and surcharges. Tour limit is 18 persons.

Single Supplement **\$998**. IBM/SFO and all transfers, entrance fees to visits and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, daily breakfast and many other meals. Optional Victoria Falls extension is **\$930**. pp (double).

Contact: **Art and Sharry Dill** for brochure.

(831) 338-3069 www.arthdill@comcast.net

Day Trips

A Day at the Races

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Join us for a day at beautiful Golden Gate Fields. The best jockeys in our part of the USA will be racing

for the big bucks, pushing their thoroughbred mounts as they gallop for the finish line. Lots of color and excitement, either from the very comfortable clubhouse or down by the track. Have an excellent buffet lunch and watch the action on the track as well as at other tracks around the country (via TV feed).

Tour includes round trip transportation via luxury coach, turf club admission, racing program and the buffet.

Total cost to go, excluding betting and drinks, is **\$80** per person. It is usually a grand day, particularly if you pick a couple of winners.

For reservations, contact

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

Coastal Creations

Thursday, August 30, 2012

Visit Magnus Sanbloom, the Firewood Farms woodcarver, and be delighted as you watch a carved bear created. You might even be the lucky person who gets to take it home...free of charge! Time will allow for shopping next door at the Spanish Town featuring unique shops including beautiful art and antiques, Nepalese/Tibetan/Indian imports, and very colorful Mexican jewelry and gifts, and a wonderful statuary shop. Included is a hosted lunch at Half Moon Bay Joe's.

After lunch we're off to the Gamble House & Gardens. We'll visit this beautiful 2.5 acre property touring the home, carriage house and gardens guided by a knowledgeable docent who will share historical and horticultural information.

Deluxe motorcoach; all gratuities included.

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

Day Trips

Golden Girls Of Pop Lunchtime Cabaret

Currently working on a second bus
Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012

Long-time favorite Marianne Kent sings songs made famous by 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**

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**

Kendall Jackson Wine Center, Kozlowski Farms & Alembic Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Visit Kendall Jackson Wine Center for a guided tour of the extensive gardens, including the wine sensory, culinary herbs & edible flowers, international cuisine and stunning flower gardens. Wine tasting is included. Then visit Kozlowski Farms for shopping, tasting, and picnic lunch at this fantastic family farm, apple orchard, and retail shop. Next enjoy a guided tour to see Master craftsmen at work at Alembic whose goal is to create the finest quality American made instruments ever known. While they are best known for basses, they also make outstanding guitars, preamps, and accessories.

Deluxe motorcoach; all gratuities -- all this for **\$72** 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, January 10, 2012, \$33

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

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

Black Oak Casino
Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Reno Casinos
September 9-11, 2012

Thunder Valley
Tuesday, November 6, 2012

All these trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

Parking:

Capitol Expressway and Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride,
South Lot, Section G. Depart: 8:00 AM

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

Bowling

One More Time 2011/2012 Winter League at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge)

Results as of November 9, 2011

1st Place:

Team #20, "Almost"

O'Lynda Head, Enzo Buscema,
Ted Head, Bill Bartz

2nd Place: 2 teams are tied:

Team #8, "Shame on You"

Nancy Barone, Betty Cobarrubias,
Fred Mitchell, Dan Thery

Team #21, "Get Together"

Shirley Beyler, Diane Mayeda,
Aloma Lazeter

Individual Achievements

Women

SCRATCH SERIES

578-Jan Curry
548-Marilyn Bianco
542-Sandy Suekawa

SCRATCH GAME

235-Maria Stout
210-Shirley Beyler

HANDICAP SERIES

723-Andi Jackson
665-Carol Hughes
665-O'Lynda Head

HANDICAP GAME

258-Diane Mayeda
253- Shirley Veal

Men

719- Mario Deharo
608-Jim Balistreri

258-Bernie Coullahan
235-George Zagelow
235-Bill Jeung

720-Fred Mitchell
653-Ernie Bode

269-Sal Garcia
265-Ted Head
249-Diego Nicholls

It seems like every week we have new winners. Isn't that wonderful? Wish you were here to bowl with us on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM.

Don't forget: We will not bowl December 21 and 28, 2011. We will come back to bowling on January 4, 2012.

We hope you all have a very happy and safe holiday. See you next year.

Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 377-4314

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.

January 19-21, 2011	Sacramento Cal Expo	Bruce Jones	(707) 673-7100
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

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

November 3, 2011: Due to traffic problems, only 17 players showed up to play golf. The format for the day was Individual Golf. Winners were:

MEN WOMEN

1st Darrel Jensen	53	1st Helen Brock	59
2nd Les Harlow	61	2nd Marge Condensa	63
3rd Sam Walters	64	3rd DeDe Corral	65
4th Neil Keever	65	4th Chria Oba	66
Bill Kurtz	65		
Dave Fitting	65		

No one got closest to the hole on #16.

Jerry Condensa got a hole-in-one on hole #8, a par 3, using a pitching wedge. It was his first hole in one. What a thrill.

Now we have had 4 holes-in-one, all on hole #8.

The next golf dates are Thursdays, December 1, 2011 and January 5, 2012. 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

Spring Valley, November 7, 2011. This was our 1st Annual "Don Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament." It was the largest turnout of golfers that we have had in the 12 years that I have been the Retiree Golf Chairman. We had a huge turnout of 81 players, plus 7 of Don's family who roamed the course taking photos of all the participants. What a fantastic tribute to Don! The "Shot(s)-Of-The-Day" go to Bill Highlander and Chris Groh. On hole #17, a 488-yard par five, Bill chipped his fifth shot from 125 yards for par and Chris putted in his 3rd shot for an "Eagle!" Fantastic shots, Bill and Chris! The format of play was an individual play, "Sandwich Shoot." Each foursome competed for a steak sandwich. The others in the foursome received their choice of Cheeseburger, Chicken Sandwich, Italian Sausage, Bacon Turkey Clubhouse, Hot Dog or Fish Sandwich. Sandwiches came with a choice of French fries or chips and a drink. Here are the results:

Closest-To-Pin	#2	#4	#7	#11	#16
Men	Neal Mahoney 22' 5"	Dave Moulton 7' 3"	Tom Siljander 6' 7"	Andy La Scola 23' 3"	Greg Seaton 3' 11"
	Rich George 23' 4"	Chris Groh 16' 0"	Jim Viallet 7' 4"	Carl Mendel 36' 5"	Jerry Condensa 5' 3"
	Eddie Grace 24' 6"	Kevin Fagalde 16' 6"	Glenn Yuki 9' 9"	Tim Connolly 37' 0"	Bob Goetze 17' 6"
Ladies		Marge Condensa 25' 1"			

There were sixteen bogey golfers, gross score of 88 or better. They are Fleming Mathis 75; Khanh Nguyen 76; John Grewohl 80; Terry Gray & James Taubodo 81; Tony Lupina 82; Graham Kelly & Tony Scalora 83; Lou Tolbert 84; Johnnie Smoot, Lew Johnson & Dennis Mitchell 85; Eddie Grace, Eric Schrader & Jerry Condensa 86; and Glenn Yuki 88. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future	Course	Cost/Due Date	
December 5	Los Lagos	\$48.00/November 16	Includes cart - Format=2 best ball foursome
January 16	Ridgemark-Gabilan	\$45.00/December 28	Includes cart - Format=2 best ball foursome
February 6	Ridgemark-Diablo	\$45.00/January 18	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.
- Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means that "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
- Renewals for your 2012 NCGA dues are now being accepted. The cost for reinstatement or renewals is \$42.00 from October 1st to December 25th. After that, the cost is \$52.00.
- If you have NEVER had an NCGA Card, you may get one by joining the IBM Retiree Par Tee Golf Club. The cost is \$42.00 from October 1st to December 25th. After that, the cost is \$52.00. Contact **Terry Gray (408) 629-8893** or **tgolf18@aol.com**
- IBM Retirees and friends are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club Tournaments.
- 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: Coyote Hills Regional Park

Friday, January 20, 2012, 10:00 AM

Coyote Hills Regional Park, overlooking San Francisco Bay, is a gem of the East Bay regional park system. There are sweeping views of the bay, the Santa Cruz mountains, San Francisco, and Oakland, as well as beautiful marshes and abundant bird life. Bring your binoculars! The hike will consist of two adjacent loop trails for a distance of about 5 miles with elevation changes of not more than a few hundred feet. The trails are mostly paved or gravel, so mud should not be an issue. The park can be reached from the west bay by crossing the Dumbarton Bridge (Highway 84 east) or from I-880 and take the Highway 84 west exit. From either direction on Highway 84, take the Paseo Padre Parkway exit and head north about 1 mile. Turn left at Patterson Ranch Road and proceed to the park entrance. There is a \$5 parking fee. We will meet in the parking lot in front of the park visitor center. Serious rain cancels. Those wishing to carpool can meet at the highways 85/87 Park and Ride at 9:15 AM. From there it takes about 30 minutes to Coyote Hills. The Park and Ride is under Highway 85 where Santa Teresa enters highways 87 or 85. Your hike leaders will not be stopping there.

Contact: **Jim or Maya D'Anjou at (408) 779-1292 or jim.hapapapa@gmail.com**

Letter to the Editor

Volunteer Opportunity

Let's Look at Art, a volunteer outreach program of the San Jose Museum of Art, is currently inviting people who enjoy working with children to join their group. The goal of Let's Look at Art is to introduce children to an appreciation of art and to provide visual arts programs in the schools, many of which have been drastically reduced.

Docents visit classrooms throughout Santa Clara Valley to present an enjoyable interactive art lesson designed to develop students' observation, interpretation and communication skills. Presentation times are flexible and can be arranged to fit the docent's schedule within school hours.

Docent training at the museum consists of two mornings per week, Monday and Wednesday from 9 am to noon, beginning January 9th for six weeks. The concentrated training sessions introduce the basics of art appreciation and instruction techniques. Docents also complete ongoing education, such as visiting museum collections and listening to guest speakers.

Be a part of this fun and important work! No art experience is required, and docents enjoy opportunities for personal enrichment through informative lectures and day trips to other museums.

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