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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Hello Everybody! And a very special hello and welcome to our thirteen 'brand new' members! We hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting in October. As you read the entire newsletter, you will find so many fun things in which you can participate. Some of which include helping with community services, fun trips to take, shows to see, hikes to do and cultural walks to enjoy. You are invited to attend any/all of the Executive Board meetings the third Thursday of each month, 10:00 AM, in the West Room of the B011 cafeteria.

This time of the year we turn our thoughts to the elections, not only for the state, but also for the Club's coming year. At this time, we need people to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2007 Officers. I urge you to volunteer to serve on this committee, and I believe you will find it very interesting and satisfying.

If you wish to help out, either on the Nominating Committee or as a member of the Executive Board, please let me know, as soon as possible. You can call me at (408) 847-4793 or e-mail me, cliffina@verizon.net.

In the coming months, we will be moving the location of our monthly meetings, however, our Annual Meeting this year will remain in the B055 cafeteria. At that time, we hope to bring you up to date on the future of the Cottle Road Hitachi/IBM site.

Happy trails,
Ina Havens

Eyeglasses Report

I received 3 pairs of glasses at the IBM Club bowling tournament on Friday, May 12.

At our annual retirement picnic this year, I collected 40 pairs and 2 pairs of lenses. There was a drop off of 3 pairs of glasses from Sally Large and Cliff Stidger mailed 3 pairs.

I picked up 5 pairs and 2 pairs of lenses from Carol Griffin.

Thank you all so much.

Betty Bottoni
377-8593

New Zealand Trip Report

It was a small but enthusiastic group that left rainy San Jose in April to explore down under on an IBM Retirement Club trip. It was fall in New Zealand and we had lovely weather almost the whole trip.

Our arrival in Auckland brought us to the beautiful Sky City Hotel at the base of the highest structure in the Southern Hemisphere. From the panoramic top of that space needle, the reason this is called the "City of Sails" was clear. This is a cosmopolitan city situated in the midst of beautiful waterways with many sailboats and yachts in the harbors. There is much to see in this, the largest city in New Zealand. We visited the highlights of the city and then went on an unusual tour of the former septic tanks of the city than have been transformed into a wonderful replica of the South Pole as well as an aquarium! We met penguins face to face!

Our group was very lucky to have a bus that seated 48 for our small group thus allowing each of us to have a window seat...on either side! Our next stop was Rotorua, which is the center of the fascinating Maori culture. In addition to learning about the Maori life at their culture center, we attended a "Hangi" (Maori hosted dinner) where George became one of the fierce warriors for a short time! Just ask him about it! We also marveled at the landscape in this area with hot geysers, boiling mud pots and a Redwood forest! This is a really remarkable area. Did I mention the Glow Worm Caves? What a weird but beautiful place that was!

We traveled through areas that were used to film "Lord of the Rings" and the scenery was incredible! The many trout streams called to the men on the bus. The clarity of the water was extreme. Mountain tops were snow covered with many ski fields evident. Still, it was very comfortable with only a sweater. Wellington is the capital of New Zealand and the harbor we sailed from by ferry to the South Island. It was smooth sailing across the Cook Strait and into the Queen Charlotte Sound to Picton. This is a major wine producing area and the wine was of fine quality! *(continued on page 10)*

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Membership Report Ed Mueller

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June 15, 2006

Membership History

Year	May	June
1996	1557	1575
2005	2065	2072
2006	2083	2096

New Members

Harold Bravo
Tiah Foster
James Johnson
Malcolm Jones
Elizabeth Laragione
Hwa Luh
Carol McCarey
William McCarey
David McMurtry
James Ollmann
Charles Townsend
Rachael Wells
and one other

In Memoriam

Irene Acosta
Thomas L. Armstrong
Jeanette D'agostino
Irwin R. Martin
Alice Rook
Guido Zvigzne

Next Club Board Meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2006

10:00 am,
Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd.
Cafeteria, Bldg 011

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Sunshine Report

Wyeth Falkowski had a heart attack. He received five stents. Pat reported he is now home and doing OK.

June Berg had surgery for colon cancer. The doctor reported to Wes the surgery was successful but she will have a long road to recovery.

Mickie Stewart has had 3 back operations and hopes the third is the last one. The first two didn't work the way they were supposed to. She has to take it real easy for awhile. She lives in Kansas.

To everybody on the mend, I hope the best for you, I know in time you will all feel so much better. So until next time, all of you stay well!

**Topsy Thompson,
the Sunshine Lady!!
(408) 377-4314**

IBM Retirement Club Web Site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc

The current month's newsletter is available at the web site above **before you get it in the mail**. It is there by about the first of the month. Click on **Newsletters** when you get to the web site. The newsletter is in PDF format and can be viewed, saved and/or printed with the free Adobe Reader program. If you have questions about this modern digital way to obtain the newsletter,

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Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform Ed Mueller, the Membership Director.

Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail.

Mail: send to:

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
July 11, 2006	PC Club: Katchall Archive		7	Walt Cole	972-1178
July 12, 2006	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
July 20, 2006	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Ina Havens	847-4793
July 10, 2006	Indian Casino: Blackoak Sold Out		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 18, 2006	Kitchen Kut-Ups in Rohnert Park		6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 23-28, 2006	Mammoth Big Hike		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Aug 2-3, 2006	Hot August Nights		4	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
Aug 23, 2006	Walking/Cultural: NUMMI Auto Plant		7	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Aug 10, 2006	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Aug 25, 2006	Saratoga Gap (Shady) Hike		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Sep 10-12, 2006	Reno Circus Circus		4	Glen & Ruth Furlong	378-8226
Sep 17, 2006	Beach Blanket Babylon		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 21, 2006	Walking/Cultural: SJ State University		7	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Sep 26, 2006	San Francisco Cliff House & City Zoo Sold Out	3	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 1-6, 2006	Monterey Big Hike		--	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 2, 2006	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 3, 2006	TI Culinary & DeYoung Museum Sold Out	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 31 - Nov 8, 2006	Mississippi River Fall Foliage Cruise		4	Ina Havens	847-4793
Nov 6-10, 2006	Baja Mexico Cruise		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Nov 10, 2006	COPIA Canceled		--	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Nov 30, 2006	A Garbeau's Christmas		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Dec 16, 2006	A Festival of Lights		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Jan 8, 2007	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 27 - Apr 5, 2007	Sunny Mediterranean Getaway	4	5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Apr 2, 2007	Indian Casino: Feather Falls		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 16-28, 2007	Egypt & Nile River Cruise		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block to hotels & bus
- 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

Hot August Nights

Wednesday-Thursday, August 2-3, 2006

Come join us for our annual Hot August Nights gambling trip.

The trip will be on August 2nd and 3rd. Reno will be full of custom cars. Last year we enjoyed a custom car parade right outside of Circus Circus on Wednesday night. This year there is a custom car exposition around The Nugget on Thursday.

This year we will be going to Boom Town, The Siena (down town Reno) and Circus Circus the first day. Overnight at Circus Circus is included. The second day we will go to Cal Neva and then The Nugget. We will then return home.

Price for the trip is \$62.50 per person double occupancy. The Bonus is \$25.00 + \$2.00 meal credit. Private room is \$14.00 extra.

If you are interested,
Contact:

**Ernie or Shirley Veal, (408) 224-3584 or
ecveal@juno.com**

American Queen/Fall Foliage Cruise

October 31 - November 8, 2006

"From St. Louis northward," Mark Twain said, "the people don't dream, they work." As hard as the river has been worked, its scenery remains enchanting and largely unspoiled! Experience the captivating views of the upper Mississippi River's Fall Foliage while on the new American Queen, 'steamboatin'. Stops include Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa (Dubuque, Davenport & Burlington), Hannibal, Missouri, Mark Twain Country.

Tour Includes:

- Round-Trip Transfers & Air Fares
- One pre-night in St. Paul, including breakfast and city tour.
- 7 nights aboard the American Queen
All meals on Board
- Baggage Handling (1 bag per person)
- Pre-Trip Orientation (early 2006)

All inclusive Costs begin @ \$2520
(depending on the stateroom.selection)

Contact:

**Ina or Cliff Havens, (408) 847-4793
or cliffina@juno.com**

Circus Circus Under the Big Top Reno Two Nighter

September 10 - 12, 2006

\$99.00 per person,
double occupancy
(Single Supplement \$27.00)
Bonus \$21.00 cash,
\$2.00 Food Credit,
\$11.00 Slot Credit
Casino Stops

Accepting reservations now.
For a flyer and reservation form, Contact:

Glen or Ruth Furlong
1235 Walnut Drive Campbell, CA
(408) 378-8226
Email: GFurlongSR@aol.com

Baja Mexico Cruise

November 6-10, 2006

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Join us aboard the Royal Caribbean's Monarch of the Sea for 5 days and explore the vibrant culture, world class beaches, lush green rain forests and vividly painted architecture. Ports of call are San Diego, Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico.

Features:

- Roundtrip luxury motor-coach transportation San Jose--Los Angeles (no flight).
- 4 night Baja Mexico Cruise aboard Monarch of the Sea.
- Includes all meals onboard ship and shipboard activities.
- Baggage handling for 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes for included features including Port Taxes.
- Driver & Stevedore Gratuities (except shipboard gratuities.)
- Interior stateroom Double \$470 pp
- Ocean view stateroom Double \$498 pp
- Junior Suites Double \$760 pp

This cruise sells out very quickly and cabin availability becomes scarce. If you would like to join us, please contact us as soon as possible and secure your cabin with a \$250 deposit. Deposits must be received by August 15, 2006.

Contact: **Art or Sharry Dill at (831) 338-3069
e-mail us at ArtHDill@comcast.net**

Travel Trips

Egypt and Nile River Cruise

April 16-28, 2007

This is an excellent opportunity to see another wonder of the world in the company of your friends and fellow IBMers. Join us in a step back in time to trace Egyptian history along the shores of the Nile aboard the river cruiser Giselle. All cabins are outside cabins and most have balconies. You will view tombs of the Pharaohs, Pyramids, Memphis, Thebes, Cairo, King Tut exhibit, the Sphinx, The Valley of the Kings, hieroglyphics, museums and Abu Simbel.

Tour Features Include:

- 7-night cruise
- 4-night deluxe hotel in Cairo
- All meals aboard ship
- Guided excursions and evening entertainment, including Egyptian Galabyia Party and Belly dance show.
- Onboard lectures on Egyptian History, Egyptian character, modern Egypt and women of Egypt.
- Baggage handling throughout.
- Transfers hotel/ship with gratuities to driver.

Cruise only price \$2475, double occupancy

Single supplement \$475.00

Air price not available until June 30, 2006 or your own airline mileage can be used.

Contact:

Art or Sharry Dill at (831) 338-3069
or e-mail at ArtHDill@comcast.net

Sunny Mediterranean Getaway

March 27- April 5, 2007

Escape those raw March winds and enjoy mainland Greece, a few Greek Islands, and the remarkable excavations at Ephesus, Turkey. This reasonably priced ten day trip is a short escape to a historic area that combines seeing Athens, some of its famous surroundings, and four days cruising and visiting the Greek Islands. The cruise ship is an older, 1500 plus passenger vessel that was refurbished in 1999 and is reputed to be very comfortable.

In Athens you will see the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Olympic Stadium and tour the Acropolis and the Parthenon, capped by an authentic Greek evening. Shop near the hotel or at the Plaka, or consider an optional visit to the National Archeological Museum. Visit the Corinth Canal and see Mycenae, site of the tomb of Agamemnon, the King of Sparta and the Lion's Gate where the Trojan War took place.

Your cruise will take you to the islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and the Turkish port of Kudadasi. They are wonderful ports of call for sightseeing and relaxing.

Basic price for this adventure is \$ 2199, which includes insurance, round trip transportation, all transfers and luggage handling between airports and hotels, taxes and tips for some services. Superior or Deluxe outside cabins, port taxes, airport departure taxes, current fuel charges, shore excursions and a visa fee for Turkey are extra.

For more information, contact:

George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275,
or e-mail at gr4na@aol.com

Day Trips

Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields

October 9, 2006

It's Columbus Day at the races and it will be a special day at the track, with some added features to celebrate the holiday. On a nice fall day there is nothing prettier than watching beautiful thoroughbred horses galloping around the track with their colorfully clad jockeys urging them on.

Golden Gate Fields ia a very attractive facility in Albany on the edge of SF bay. They have a very nice buffet and a clubhouse where you can watch the races from your table, watch them on a video screen or go down to track level and do your own handicapping.

Gather some friends and relatives and make a day of it. The bus will leave from Cottle Road, at 10:30 AM. Cost is \$46.50 and it is hard to find a more reasonably priced day trip.

Contact: **George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275**
or email us at our new email address, gr4na@aol.com

"A Garbeau's Christmas"

Thursday, November 30, 2006

Folsom, California

A holiday revue that's a celebration of everything we love about the holiday season in music, dance, and comedy.

At 3:00 PM we leave the IBM plantsite and head for Folsom. When we arrive, we have a sit down dinner of your choice on the menu. The show follows dinner.

\$75.00 Per Person, includes: Round trip transportation via luxury motorcoach, dinner and performance. All taxes and gratuities included. We return around midnight.

These trips fill up fast, so don't wait.

For reservation information, Contact:

Topsy Thompson, at (408) 377-4314
or topray4314@cs.com

Day Trips

Kitchen Kut-Ups in Rohnert Park

Tuesday, July 18, 2006

*Looking for more people for the second bus.
Call ASAP as time is running short.*

The day starts with an early lunch at McNear's Saloon & Dining House in Petaluma. Built in 1886, the building had a rather controversial beginning as a pornographic theater. Today, the building provides shelter for 55 thriving small businesses. After a sumptuous lunch, you will be taken to the Spreckels Performing Arts Center in Rohnert Park. Kitchen Kut-Ups is celebrating its 34th Annual Razzle Dazzle Musical Revue. This year the energetic, enthusiastic and entertaining seniors, all over 50 will amuse you with their nostalgic, toe tapping numbers and comedy skits. Often compared to the Palm Springs Follies, Kitchen Kut-Ups started with a fun-after-fifty group for seniors who wanted to sing, dance, and play in a band. You will not want to miss out on this exciting day.

Depart 7:45 AM Return 6:15 PM
IBM Hitachi Plant Bldg. 109 Parking Lot

\$77.00 per person -- Tour price includes:

- Round trip Royal Coach Tours deluxe motor coach transportation with Driver's gratuity
- Early lunch at McNear's Saloon & Dining House in Petaluma with choice of entrée
- Tickets to see Kitchen Kut-Ups performance at Spreckels Theater in Rohnert Park

For reservation information

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

Indian Casino Trips

Blackoak

Monday, July 10, 2006
Sold Out

Chukchansi

Monday, October 2, 2006
Cost: \$21.00, \$10.00 slot play,
and \$5.00 food credit

Jackson Rancheria

Monday January 8, 2007
Price: \$26.00,
Bonus: \$10.00 cash and coupons

Feather Falls

Monday, April 2, 2007
Price \$14.00, Bonus: \$10.00 cash

All Indian casino trips will be
at least a 5 hour stay.

Contact:

Topsy Thompson 377-4314
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A Festival of Lights

Saturday, December 16, 2006

The "Festival of Lights" starts with a delicious early dinner at the Grandview Restaurant on the 36th floor of the Grand Hyatt Hotel on Union Square, San Francisco. This is an excellent rooftop dining venue with views of the city, the bay and the dazzling holiday lights of Union Square. The restaurant, which offers excellent food and service, will serve a complete sit-down dinner with several choices, including roasted chicken or salmon. Our holiday lights tour will spread across San Francisco to capture the special decorations and lights at key hotels, buildings, as well as Treasure Island and a spectacular Grand Finale in South City. We will leave from IBM at 3:30 PM and return to San Jose by 10:30 PM. The price of the complete package, including all gratuities, is \$73.00 per person. If you would like to reserve seats for this traditional holiday favorite, call for details.

Contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639

Beach Blanket Babylon

Sunday, September 17, 2006

Enjoy the zany musical comedy performance of Beach Blanket Babylon. It is the musical spoof of pop culture with extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats.

Now in its 30th year of sold-out performances, the show continually evolves in its hilarious parodies of popular icons, updating its spoofs, adding new characters, songs and humor throughout the year. It keeps you laughing and applauding for more!

Lunch will be hosted at the restaurant, Firenze By Night, located near the theatre. We will depart from the Bld. 109 parking lot at 11:00 AM and return home at about 5:30 PM.

The trip price is \$100 and includes taxes, gratuities, round-trip coach, hosted lunch, and premium center balcony seating. This tour is offered jointly by the IBM Club and our Retirement Club. We have just 14 seats remaining.

Contact:

Ron and Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639

Hikes

Saratoga Gap Shady hike

Friday August 25, 2006 10:00 AM

This month we will go for a shady, 5 to 6 mile loop hike between Castle Rock State park and Long Ridge Preserve.

Most of the time you'll be hiking in a shady area with Douglas fir, coastal redwood, madrone, and California bay trees. At a look-out point, if the weather cooperates and the sun burns off the fog, you'll be able to see the ocean.

The hike route will cross Highway 9 four times as you travel from Long Ridge Preserve to Castle Rock State Park and back again. This hike will have an elevation gain of about 200 to 600 feet. This hike will begin at 10:30 AM at the Saratoga Gap Park and Ride at the intersection of Highway 9 and Skyline Blvd. See you there - be sure to bring your lunch and water

Carpoolers can meet at 9:00 at the Camden Park and Ride.

Contacts: **Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769**
Bill Desler 268-3025

RV Camping Club

The IBM Camping Club (Krazy Kampers) is open to all IBM retirees. For a review of the camping schedule go to the website: www.sjpc.org/camping/

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PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2006, 5:00 PM, SVL

Larry Dick, InventThings representative, will give a presentation on Katchall Archive which is a set of programs and utilities to create and manage the files that you work with. Every time a change is made to any file on your computer the differences between the new and old versions of the file are saved and compressed. The entire history of a file's changes is available through a very simple user interface. With this package, Enterprise type archival technology is scaled to the small business network and standalone computer. Katchall Archive uses some of your disk storage along with sophisticated techniques to capture and compress in real time the changes required to recover each version of a file.

See PC Club web site for directions to the meeting:

www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions:

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Walking/Cultural Tours

NUMMI Automobile Plant

Fremont, California

Wednesday, August 23, 2006, 10:30 AM

Our tour in June was so popular that we've scheduled another one for Wednesday, August 23. You'll be sure to want to go on this tour...the one in June was fascinating. It is an interesting example of modern American manufacturing...a teamwork-based working environment set up by GM and Toyota. Almost 6 million vehicles have been built there.

Our tour will begin at 10:30 AM, so don't be late and miss the train. Let's gather at the Curtner Park and Ride at Highway 87 (not the usual Camden and Highway 85) for car-pooling at 9:15 AM. Riders pay \$3 for gasoline. Because the tour ends at mid-day, but there are no plans for lunch; their cafeteria is not available.

To get there, go north on Highway 17 (I-880) about 21 miles, turning right at Fremont Boulevard South. Go about 0.3 miles and turn right at Industrial Road/Street. At the Main Gate #5 (0.4 miles), tell the guard about your tour. He will give you a permit to park in the visitor lot. NUMMI is fussy--no cameras or food or kids under 12. Even though there is plenty of room, please call Fred for reservations so that we don't over-book. Thanks.

Contact: **Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157**

San Jose State University Campus Tour

San Jose, California

Thursday, September 21, 2006, 10:00 AM

You paid for it...and you sent your kids there. Might as well see what it's all about. We'll be taking a one-hour tour of the campus of San Jose State University, right here in downtown San Jose. Funny how things so close never get visited--leave that for the tourists. Now is your chance.

We have our own ivy-covered walls on the Tower Hall, oldest building on campus--1910--and a California State Landmark. Other buildings of interest include the Morris Dailey Auditorium, Washington Square Hall, etc. The campus is beautiful, especially in the autumn. We'll end our one-mile tour at the Food Court in the Student Union. You may wish to buy lunch there as we end the tour.

Because it is so close to home, we will not ride-pool. Instead, meet at the SJSU Welcome Center in the lobby of the new Martin Luther King Library (Fourth Street and San Fernando) at 10:00 AM. By the way, this library is a part of the SJSU campus as well as being a part of the City of San Jose. After the tour, you may wish to make an extended tour of the library itself. Free parking is available at school garages (7th and San Salvador St. or 10th & San Fernando St). If you choose to drive, you may get a parking permit from Fred. Call him. You may also wish to take the Light Rail.

Please call Fred for reservations.

Contact: **Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157**

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

Cinelux: \$5.00 - no restrictions
Regal/United Artists: \$6.00
AMC: silver \$5.50; gold \$7.00
IMAX: \$7.00

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$55.00, ages 3 and up
IBM Club price: \$40.00 Three day ticket!

Disneyland single day-one park

Gate price: \$59.00 3-9 years: \$49.00
IBM Club price: \$47.20 3-9 years: \$39.20

Disneyland 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$149. 3-9 years: 119.
IBM Club price: \$119.20 3-9 years: \$95.20

Disney World single day-one park

Gate price: \$67.10 3-9 years: \$55.38
IBM Club price: \$53.68 3-9 years: \$44.31

Disney World 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$235.37 3-9 years: \$201.29
IBM Club price: \$188.30 3-9 years: \$161.03

Legoland

Gate price: \$49.95 3-9 years \$41.95, two days
IBM Club price: \$32.95, two days

SeaWorld

Gate price: \$53.00 3-9 years: \$43.00
IBM Club price: \$40.75 3-9 years: \$35.50

Bonfante Gardens

Gate price: \$38.99
IBM Club price: \$22.00

Six Flags Marine World

Gate price: \$49.99
IBM Club price: \$24.00

Raging Waters

Gate price: \$25.99 Season: \$56.99
IBM Club price: \$18.00 Season: \$37.00

Payment by check or money order only, no cash,
no credit cards. Checks or money orders should be
made payable to IBM Club

Ticket Hours:

Wednesday & Friday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

San Jose Site: Bldg. 50, room 195,
*Go into the building 50 lobby
and ask security there to buzz you
into the IBM Club office.*

IBM Club Office Contacts:

Valerie Cowing - 463-2462
Frank Vitale - 463-2455

IBM Club Web Site for Retirees

In the past, in order to access the IBM Club web site, you had to be an IBM employee. Retirees could not access the site. Recently, IBM has made an IBM Club web site available for IBM retirees. It is a global web site containing information about IBM Clubs all over the world.

In order to access this web site, you must first register. Then you can subscribe to whatever IBM Club is closest to where you live or to multiple IBM Clubs. Our local club is the Silicon Valley IBM Club.

The address of the web site: **www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmclub**

Once you get there you will need to provide an e-mail address and provide a password in order to register. You must also specify which IBM Club you are interested in.

Contact: **Walt Cole, 972-1178, opawalt@pacbell.net**

Swap'N'Shop

Do you remember the old Swap 'N' Shop board in the cafeteria? You could submit a 3x5 card and it would be posted describing the things you wanted to sell or buy. Well, it is now online. IBM employees and retirees can participate. On the first day, more than 100 items were posted and 10 times that number of employees browsed through the site. **www.employeeswapshop.com/ibmer**

On Demand Community

Register and learn about volunteer opportunities and track volunteer hours. By logging in and tracking your volunteer hours, you have the opportunity to get a Community Grant which may help support the program you are working with -- \$1000 cash or up to \$2500 in equipment.

To register or sign in to the On Demand Community web site, just google "**ondemandcommunity**," and click on the first result.

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

There is a new web site that IBM retirees can use to obtain discounts on a wide variety of products and services from many companies. Included are discounts on a wide variety of IBM PCs. But everything from home electronics to auto insurance is offered. If you are interested, go to the following URL.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

IBM Retiree ID Card

IBM retirees that have lost, or never had, or just cannot find their IBM Retiree ID card can call and get one.

Call the IBM Employee Service Center:
1-800-796-9876.

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, June 8, 2006

Litter to the right of them, litter to the left of them, litter in front of them, into the valley of litter strode the 18 litter brigadiers (thank you Tennyson). **Stats:** 27 bags - totaling **1764** bags

Right place – wrong time : Lady drove up to Pat Motta and asked if she had found a gas cap. True to Murphy's law, Pat found it 10 minutes later and placed it in plain sight hoping the driver will come back for it.

Experiment: Andy LaScola, of ParTee Golf fame, (love his shot of the month in his newsletter column) obtained some promotional flower seed packets and gave them to our crew. We broadcast California poppies and wild flowers in the gores (off ramp parks) and around our sign. We spread some California poppy seeds last winter but nothing happened. Hope springs eternal and so maybe our seeds.

Twice lost and then found again: Lize Johannes found a handicap parking placard, put it in her belt, lost it and Howard Hansen found it. The handicap parking tag (expires in 2007) and four CA License plates that were also found were returned to the DMV. (DMV notifies the owner of the handicap parking tag and mails them a new one).

Money: Walt Cole found 26 cents, Phyliss Chai a nickel, and Pat Falkowski put in her two cents worth bringing the total found to 33 cents. Ruth Price found a black velvet wallet and 3 socks. She was sure the fourth sock was lost in a dryer but Bernie Coullahan found it. Walt also found a \$25.00 Bed, Bath, & Beyond gift card that we convinced Walt to take. Walt's follow up: "There was an 800 number on the back of the gift card to call to find out the balance on the card. I called and entered the card number and the automated system told me the card was invalid. I then talked to a real person and spoke the number to her and she told me the same thing. I asked what invalid means and she gave me another phone number to call and I didn't write that number down. I cut the card up and threw it away. The 26 cents I found was much more valuable. On my way back from the light rail this evening, I found a shiny dime. So I feel like I'm doing OK."

Taxpayer's money: Found a large "vote here", sandwich style sign, pointing to the almost empty VTA lot. Called registrar of Voters from the field and when they failed to respond, took the sign home and tried again. Whoopee! Second time was a charm and they picked up the sturdy expensive sign from our house the next day.

Adoptions: Lize Johannes found an end wrench, still useable ballpoint pen, and a little orange ball and adopted them all. Tom Clarke found a stubby nose screwdriver, Doug Dean found a 7/16 box end wrench and Tom adopted them both.

Other finds: Howard Hansen is ready for Halloween as he found a Jason mask complete with red blood (paint) stains. A United Airlines Mileage Plus Premier Executive card valid through 2007 (United said cut it up and they will mail a new one to the holder). Can you believe it? We found dirty diapers in two locations in parking lot. Is this "airing dirty linen in public"?

Update: notary stamp: The grateful owner of the notary seal called Lee Westfall to thank him for finding and returning it. She was having some work done at her home and the contractor was leaving doors open and unlocked. She decided to put the seal and other important items in her briefcase. She locked the briefcase in her car covering it with a blanket. The next morning she found her car window smashed and the briefcase gone.

Happy Ending: Tail gate: Oatmeal cookies baked by Lee & Linda Westfall washed down with homemade lemonade.

Schedule: meet in VTA Parking lot **8:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, July 12, 2006, (second Wednesday)

Thursday, August 10, 2006, (second Thursday)

Callers: **Alice Czerniec 224-6230, Barbara Pugh 265-2466**

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

Bowling

One More Time League at AMF Oakridge Lanes

2006 Summer League, June 14, 2006

1st Place: Team #7-"3 Bucks and a Doe": Ann Wilson,
Hank Guardias, Bob Mathiesen and Frank Wilson
2nd Place: Team: #3- "Three Plus One": Carol Hughes,
Nick Clason, Dave Fitting and Ike Andes

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Averages

168-Faye Fritz
162-Ann Wilson

209-George Zagelow
199-Bill Jeung

High Scratch Game

201-Ann Wilson
189-Chila Miller

246-Bill Jeung
246- Eddie Fahrner

High Scratch Series

553-Faye Fritz
497-Ruth Furlong

646-George Zagelow
580-Sal Garcia

High Handicap Game

234-Bev Turner
231-Edie McDowell

271-Bill Furnal
249-Cliff Grimes

High Handicap Series

680-Olga Walters
662-Mary Brown

727-Paul Houghton
672-Doug Turner

Toot, Toot, Tootsie, Hello! We're off to a rousing start for our summer league and we'd sure like to add a few more teams!

So spread the word and call Ann Wilson at 408-269-1894 or Sue Herlich at Oakridge Lanes at 578-8500.

See you next week!

Aug 30, 2006: Summer league ends.

Sep 6, 2006: Winter league starts with meeting and no-tap

Sep 13, 2006: Winter league bowling starts

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

June 1, 2006 - On a bright sunny day, 27 players came out to play a round of golf. Format for the day was four clubs and a putter. A few complaints were made because of the format, but most of players had a good round of golf. Winners were:

Men

1st Sam Walters 55
2nd Gino Bottoni 57
3rd Dick Gehrer 58
Dave Fitting 58
4th Jack Buchanan 60
Neil Keever 60
Jim Stonehouse 60

Women

1st DeDe Corral 64
2nd Kathy La Scola 65
3rd Helen Brock 67
Kathy Herrington 67
4th Hughie Cabri 70

Closest to the Pin #10

Men

1st Dick Gehrer 21' 9"
2nd Gino Bottoni 25' 1"
3rd Dave Fitting 28' 0"

Women

The next golf dates are Thursdays, July 6 and August 3, 2006 **at 10:30 am, sharp. Please be there by 10:00 am to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 **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, since there is a limited number of players allowed. Make your check out to the "IBM Retirement Club" and on the memo line write "Short 18 Hole Golf". Handicaps will be figured out after you have golfed at Deep Cliff. If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have canceled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5. Also, remember golf at Deep Cliff is on a first-come-first-serve basis so get your checks in to Helen **right away.**

Happy Golfing from **Clara, Helen and DeDe**

**Contacts: Helen Wehner 264-6296
DeDe Corral 378-6470
Clara De Paul 294-7041**

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Christchurch is a lively town and a little bit of England in the Southern Hemisphere! It reminded us of Avon, England. Everyone wanted to stay a lot longer here! Our next adventure was a Trans Alpine Train across the Southern Alps on a narrow gage steam train! So beautiful and pristine! Glaciers and snow and then forests and sheep farms. Did you know the population of New Zealand is 4,000,000 and they have 40,000,000 sheep? Queenstown is one of the prettiest towns we visited--mountains in full fall colors and a deep blue lake surround it! There is no doubt that this area is heaven to adrenalin junkies! The opportunities abound in bungee jumping, paragliding, zorbing, rafting, lugeing and on and on. A highlight of this area was the steamboat trip down the lake to a "sheep station" for a wonderful dinner and farm show. It was from beautiful Queenstown that we bussed to Milford Sound to experience the fiords and the magnificent waterfalls and clear water of the Tasman Sea. The weather could not have been better for us to see the crowning glory of Mt. Cook! Even the locals were in awe of the 10,000-foot snow capped peak in all its glory. With the warm autumn sun on the colored trees, it was a magical time. This was a wonderful trip and being in an English speaking, safe and friendly country was a bonus. We could even drink the water!

All of the group took the trip extension to experience the wonderful warm waters of the Great Barrier Reef with one couple extending on to Tazmania and another visiting other areas of Australia.

Carole & George Walker

Par Tee Golf

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

Rancho Canada-West June 12, 2006: The "Shots of the Day" go to Larry Rosseland and Carl Mendel. On hole #4, a 326 yard par four, Larry chipped his ball into the cup from off the green. On hole #18, a 347 yard uphill dogleg left par 4, Carl hit a lousy tee shot, flew his second shot 20 yards past the green, then chipped in his 3rd shot for "birdie"! Great shots, Larry & Carl! We had a nice turnout of 45 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome". Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>	<u>Team</u>			
1 / 117	Bill Kurtz	Wally Gibson	Deen Hamid	Craig Heacock
2 / 119	Don Johnston	Otto Hampel	Carl Mendel	Tom Siljander
3 / 121*	Jim Balistreri	Ed Citti	Dan Thery	Chuck Loney

* Tie Breaker Used

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<u>#3</u>	<u>#7</u>	<u>#11</u>	<u>#16</u>
<u>Men</u>	Carl Mendel 11' 0"	Greg Johnston 21' 0"	Wally Gibson 5' 3"	Tom Siljander 5' 2"
	Deen Hamid 11' 9"	Otto Hampel 41' 6"	Frank Caruso 14' 8"	Ed Citti 12' 2"
	Lou Tolbert 30' 0"	Nick Nomm 41' 10"	Gino Bottoni 33' 6"	Chuck Loney 13' 2"
<u>Ladies</u>	Marge Condensa 15' 1"	Cathy Priest 34' 3"		

There were eleven bogey golfers, (gross score of 89 or better), and they are: Frank Caruso 77; Nick Nomm 78; Andy La Scola & Lou Tolbert 84; Dave Falcone & Deen Hamid 85; Eric Schrader 86; Pat Arnett & Jim Balistreri 87; Wally Gibson 88; and Frank Wilson 89. Congratulations to all the winners.

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Jul. 17	Boulder Creek	\$40.00/Jun. 28	Includes box lunch; Soft spikes required. Format = 2 best ball foursome
Aug. 14	Poppy Hills	\$75.00/ Jun. 28	Includes cart-soft spikes req'd-Bob Slater Memorial-individual play

Note---I must send in payment by July 5---Get your payment in early!!! 60 players MAX! No Cancellations!!!

Sep. 11	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$55.00/Aug. 23	Includes cart-soft spikes required. Format = 2 best ball foursome
Oct. 9	Pajaro Valley	\$35.00/Sep.20	Soft spikes required Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

1. The monthly golf schedule for the entire year can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
2. To join the "Par Tee Golf Club," (membership cost is \$45) contact Don Johnson at (408) 997-9452 or maxdonmar@comcast.net
3. Prices are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site, for latest information.
4. 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 signups is:

**Par Tee Golf
P. O. Box 53535
San Jose, CA 95153-0535**

5. Include you GHIN number, and your e-mail address, (If I don't have 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).

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