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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Please remember questions regarding your retirement, benefits, and IBM policies should be directed to IBM Benefits at 1-800-796-9876. Several developments have managed to get into the spotlight over the past few weeks. Here is the list:

1. The Cooper Settlement. Those people who have accrued benefits under the IBM Personal Pension Plan between 1/1/1995 and 6/30/1999 may receive additional benefits. You will receive a notice from IBM if it applies to you. You may want to check <http://www.coopersettlement.com/subclass1and2/> for a description of the case.
2. IBM data tapes lost while being transported by a vendor. These tapes contained employment related information including the personnel data of many current and former IBM employees. Concern over identity theft has prompted IBM to offer a paid subscription to a credit monitoring company. Barbara Brickmeier of IBM Human Resources has offered a list of telephone numbers at Kroll Inc. (at least that's the company I was referred to) where any questions relating to this incident will be answered. IBM is convinced the loss of the tapes was not a malicious act and joining a credit monitoring company is strictly optional. The truth is it may not be such a bad idea to have this service available to you.
3. End of mailing a hard copy of this newsletter is within sight. Postal rates have risen and available help is declining. We may chose to postpone the inevitable by sending the newsletter every other month but this does not bring in people to label, fold, pack and mail the newsletter. Presently 1750 newsletters are mailed each month. For a club of over two thousand members, why have only the same few folks shown up each month to do this? Can you help? Please send your name and telephone number to Clara DePaul rj13clar@aol.com or call her at (408) 294-7041 so she can contact you when help is needed. Also, please consider receiving your newsletter via the Internet. Contact Ed Mueller ibmsjrc@hotmail.com and he will notify you by e-mail when the online newsletter is available.

On a more pleasant note our annual picnic was again a roaring success. Old friends renewed acquaintances and good food and fun was had by all. It was great seeing so many of you there.

Summer will be here shortly, let's get out there and enjoy it.
Art Dill

The photo below shows the old IBM plant site with buildings 51, 28, 26, 12, 10 all removed. The pond and green area around it with trees and grass is gone as well. Highway 85 is along the bottom of the photo. Cottle Road is on the left. Building 25 is still in the upper left corner of the property. Lowe's plans to build there as soon as the City Council says OK. Aerial photo by Bill Walters Aircraft piloted by Carmen D'Agostino. For more photos, see: <http://tinyurl.com/2sy9jy>



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Membership Report Ed Mueller

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May 17, 2007

Membership History

Year	April	May
1997	1556	1568
2006	2082	2083
2007	2143	2140

New Members

John Altieri
Margarito De Haro
Leo Groner
Russell Kageura
Stuart Marshall

In Memoriam

Jerry Hicks
Kay Kaneyuki
Lillian Ursing
Mark Medland
Sharon Payne
Lawrence Pereira
Isaac Herman Stetler
Charles Wilson

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, June 21, 2007, 10:00 AM
Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd.
Cafeteria, Bldg 055

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Sunshine Report

Nobody has called me to let me know anything, but you know how I am, I do find out some things. I do know that someone had rotator cup surgery and is coming along OK. I also heard that someone had gall stones removed and they are doing OK. I guess you didn't want me to know you are sick. Or maybe you weren't, I sure hope not. Well folks, I want you all to stay well this summer.

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

Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect or your e-mail address has changed, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform Ed Mueller. He is the Membership Director.

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

Mail: send to:

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555 Bailey Ave.
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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.

When there are pictures in the newsletter, they are black and white in the printed copy. They are in color on 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,

Contact:

Walt Cole

408 972-1178, opawalt@pacbell.net

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Jun 12, 2007	PC Club - Genealogy		9	Walt Cole	972-1178
Jun 14, 2007	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Jun 21, 2007	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Jun 22, 2007	Hike: Loch Lommand		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Jun 23, 2007	IBM Club Family Day - 6 Flags		5	Ron Harlan	266-7639
Jun 29-July 7, 2007	Coastal Maine Cruise		4	Phyllis Souza	371-2959
July 9, 2007	Indian Casino: River Rock Sold out		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 11 2007	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
July 19, 2007	BBQ at Guglielmo Winery		6	George Nale	779-4275
July 20, 2007	Hike: Portola Redwoods State Park		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
July 24, 2007	T I Culinary Academy& New deYoung Museum, Sold out, Wait List only	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Aug 8-9, 2007	Reno: Hot August Nights		4	Ernie Veal	224-3584
Aug 15, 29, 2007	"Jersey Boys" at Curran Theatre		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Aug 31-Sep 7, 2007	Cruise: Alaska Inside Passage Sold out, Wait List only		--	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 9-11, 2007	Reno: Circus Circus		4	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 18, 2007	San Francisco Tour of the Seagull	2	5	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Sep 24-Oct 5, 2007	Croatia and Slovenia Sold out		--	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Sep 29, 2007	Horse Racing at Bay Meadows		6	George Nale	779-4275
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2007	Monterey Big Hike		--	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 8, 2007	Indian Casino: Gold Country		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 10-16, 2007	New Mexico & Balloon Fiesta		4	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 16, 2007	Central Valley Adventure Sold out, Wait List only	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Dec 8, 2007	Holiday Party		--		
Dec 9, 2007	The Christmas Revels	2	5	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Jan 28, 2008	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314

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

Exploring Coastal Maine

June 29-July 7, 2007

From Maine to Massachusetts nature dazzles your senses with its ever-changing landscape of inlets, bays, and rugged coastlines. Cruise along the picturesque shores and spectacular panoramas of Penobscot Bay. Explore quaint villages and charming coastal hamlets. Revel in the wind-swept landscapes and crystalline glacial lakes that form Acadia National Park - a nature lover's paradise. Cruise aboard Cruise West's *Spirit of Nantucket*. Celebrate July 4th in the "cradle of the American Revolution" and feast on world-famous Maine lobster.

8 Day cruise price includes: Outside Cabins, All meals, daily shore excursions and shipboard gratuities. Airport transfers, airfare into Boston and out of Bangor, Pre-cruise night in Boston also included in tour price starting at \$3190.

Contact:

Phyllis Souza at 371-2959



Hot August Nights, Reno

Wednesday-Thursday, August 8-9, 2007

Sold Out, accepting standbys

Cost: \$63.50 per person,
double occupancy,
\$15.00 single supplement.

Bonuses: \$25 Cash, \$7.00 Food Credit, \$5.00 match play.

Our bus will leave the VTA lot at Capital and Narvaez at 7:00 AM on August 8, and return at approximately 8:30 PM on August 9.

Wednesday stops will include Boomtown, the Sienna and Circus Circus overnight. The next day, we go to Cal Neva, Reno and The Nugget in Sparks.

Everybody always enjoys the custom and restored cars that are on exhibit outside the casinos.

For a brochure: send e-mail to me at ecveal@juno.com. Subject: Hot August Nights.

Contact: **Ernie Veal (408) 224-3584**

Hot-air Balloon Fiesta & Carlsbad Caverns

October 10 - October 16, 2007

New Mexico is truly the 'land of enchantment' and you will feel this yourself if you join us on this outstanding tour. We will see Carlsbad Caverns and the White Sands National Monument, the UFO Museum in Roswell, Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos Bradbury Science Museum, the Dawn Patrol and the mass ascension of the hot air balloons at the Balloon Fiesta, Santa Fe and all the sites!

Included: all transportation, all tips & gratuities, hometown transfers, baggage handling and Tour Director. 6 nights, 7 days, 11 meals; Cost: \$1849 per person.

Contact:

Ina Havens at 847-4793 or cliffina@verizon.net

Circus, Circus, Reno

Sunday-Tuesday, September 9-11, 2007

\$84.00 per person, double occupancy \$27.00 single supplement
Casino Bonus: \$25.00, Food: \$2.00, & Fun Book

Includes: Round trip transportation via luxury motorcoach, Two nights hotel accommodations at Circus Circus, Reno
Luggage handling and Casino Bonuses

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, 408 377-4314, Topray4314@cs.com**

Day Trips

The Christmas Revels **Sunday, December 9, 2007** Trip Activity Rating – 2

You will be in for a special treat this Holiday season. Prior to the show, you will enjoy a **Champagne Brunch Buffet** at **Jack's Bistro** in **Jack London's Square**. Entrees will include a **Seafood Bonanza**, **Carving Station** (Beef, ham and roast turkey), **Egg Corner** (Complete breakfast offerings), **Hot Buffet** (poached salmon, eggs benedict, pasta, etc), **Cold Station** (salads) and **Desserts**. After lunch you're off to a **Winter Solstice Celebration** with the **California Revels** for a **Rustic Edwardian Christmas**. This years Christmas Revels explores the songs, dance, stories and traditions of the English countryside at the very beginning of the 20th century. People still gathered around the hearth, broke bread with their neighbors, sang the tunes their parents and grandparents taught them, delighted in country dances and reveled in the company of people in small communities of the English Midlands during Yultide.

Trip Includes:

- Deluxe Motorcoach
- All Gratuities, Lunch, and an Oakland-based music and theater production

All this for \$114.00 per. person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information, Contact:

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

Follow That Seagull **Tuesday, September 18, 2007** Trip Activity rating-2

We will "Follow That Seagull" with tour guide extraordinaire, Craig Smith. You will find out things that you had never known about San Francisco! We will experience an in-depth "Ultimate City Tour." Your city tour includes a Hosted Lunch at the Beach Chalet, which offers a breathtaking ocean view. The ground floor visitor's center features an interpretive exhibit of beautiful murals, mosaics and wood carvings which were completed in 1936 as part of a federal works program. Entree choices are: Pan Roasted Herb Chicken or BBQ Babyback Pork Ribs. All entrées include salad, bread & butter, dessert, and beverage (coffee or tea).

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Motorcoach
- All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch and Tour Guide

All this for \$89.00 per. person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact :

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

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, **Vallejo** **IBM Club Family Fun Day** **Saturday, June 23, 2007**

The Six Flags Family Fun Day is an IBM Club subsidized event which offers an excellent price opportunity including a full BBQ picnic lunch. Join us on a luxury motorcoach and save the fuel, parking fee and traffic hassle.

Park/Coach Package Includes:

- Ticket to the Park and the BBQ picnic lunch
- Private IBM picnic area
- Animal attractions include Ocean Discovery; guests interact with dolphins and other marine animals
- Butterfly Gardens, Lion's Den and African lion habitat.
- Sea life and exotic land animal exhibits and stage shows.
- New killer whale and dolphin shows.
- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation includes tips.

This hybrid zoo/oceanarium/amusement park offers plenty of opportunity to view and interact with marine life and land animal life.

All of the above for **\$45.00** each.

Coach seats are limited. For information and tickets, Contact:

Ron Harlan at 408-266-7639

Indian Casino Trips

River Rock, Monday, July 9, 2007,
Sold Out

Circus, Circus, Reno, Sun-Tues,
September 9-11, 2007
See page 4.

Gold Country, Monday, October 8, 2007,
Price \$20.00, bonus: \$10.00 cash

Cache Creek, Monday, January 28, 2008,
Price \$25.00, bonus \$5.00 cash, \$5.00 match play,
\$2.00 food.

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

Parking: Capital Expressway and Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride, South lot, Section G

Contact:

Topsy Thompson 377-4314
or e-mail topray4314@cs.com

Day Trips

Jersey Boys At The Curran Theatre

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

Join us for a matinee performance of Jersey Boys at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco. Jersey Boys, the 2006 Tony Award winner for Best Musical, is the story of "Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. This group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide—all before they were 30! This mesmerizing musical features such hits as "Sherry", "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Can't Take My Eyes Off You", "Oh, What a Night" and more. Book early as seats are limited. There will be time for a No Host lunch around Union Square before the 2:00 show.

Price per person: \$135, includes driver gratuity.

Contact:

**Ron or Heidi Harlan,
408-266-7639**

BBQ at Guglielmo Winery Thursday, July 19, 2007

Many years ago the Quarter Century club sponsored a BBQ lunch at this winery and it was a big hit. Then it disappeared. We would like to bring it back. The winery has a beautiful venue for such an event, and if you have been to Tuscany, you will see the resemblance when you look out over the vineyards to the distant hills. Couple the view with BBQed sausages, salad, garlic bread and some terrific wine and you have a fine day in the making.

Cost is \$25 per person. The event will start at 11:30 AM and end at 1:30 PM. Guglielmo winery is on E. Main street in Morgan Hill, east of Highway 101. To sign up and get directions to this event,

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

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

May 3, 2007: Individual Golf was played by 22 players.

It was a perfect day for golf.

Winners were:

Men		Women		
1st	Ray Jelesky	57	1st Marge Condensa	59
2nd	Bill Kurtz	58	2nd Kathy Herrington	60
	Jim Stonehouse	58	3rd Clara De Paul	64
3rd	Jack Buchanan	60	4th Kathy La Scola	67
4th	Lupe Rodriguez	62	DeDe Corral	67

Closest to the Pin #10: nobody

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, June 7 and July 5, **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 \$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.**

Clara, DeDe and Helen

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

Horse Racing At Bay Meadows Saturday, September 29, 2007

Bay Meadows is still providing thrilling thoroughbred horse racing and the price remains the same. It is an easy bus ride to the track, with arrival just in time for a very good buffet lunch, and then time for a little handicapping before the first race.

As usual we will be in the comfort of the clubhouse with great views of the track, but still able to go down to see the saddling up and/or watch the races trackside. Whether you are a bettor or not, you will be caught up in the excitement of the 8 or 9 race schedule and the colorfully attired jockeys and the beautiful horses.

The cost is \$46.50, a bargain for a wonderful day. We leave at 11 AM and arrive home around 6 PM. If you would like to join us for a day of excitement, color and potential profit,

Contact: **Isobel or George Nale at 779-4275 or gr4na@aol.com**

Hikes

Loch Lomond Hike

Friday, June 22, 2007, 10:00 AM

Our June hike will be in an area we haven't hiked before – Loch Lomond Recreation Area in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Loch Lomond is a reservoir supplying water to the City of Santa Cruz. The area provides a unique mountain lake environment. The watershed contains a forest mostly comprised of young redwoods and Douglas fir. The lake is popular for fishing and is stocked regularly with rainbow trout.

This 4.9-mile loop hike is moderately difficult, with about 800 feet in elevation change. Although this hike is short, there are several very steep stretches. We'll take a route that initially sticks to the shores of the reservoir, and then climbs to a ridge with great views before descending back to the trailhead. We will stop for lunch along the trail.

To get to the park, travel south on Highway 17 to Scotts Valley. Take the Mt. Hermon road exit. Follow Mt. Hermon Road into Felton (about 3.5 miles). Turn left onto Graham Hill Road. Go about ½ mile to East Zayante Road. Turn left. Go about 2.5 miles to Lompico Road. Turn left. Go about 1.5 miles to West Drive. Turn left. Go about ¾ mile to Sequoia Drive. Turn right. Follow Sequoia Drive to the park entrance.

There is a \$4 per car entrance fee, which you can pay at the park store, as the kiosk is empty on weekdays. People wanting to car pool, meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden & Hwy 85) at 9:00. Don't forget lunch and water. We also recommend hiking boots and poles, and insect repellent as there may be mosquitoes.

Contacts:

Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769

Portola Redwoods State Park Hike

Friday, July 20, 2007, 10:00 AM

The July hike will feature yet another of the beautiful parks on the peninsula – Portola Redwoods State Park. The park has a rugged, natural basin forested with coast redwoods, Douglas fir, and live oak. The park has one of the tallest redwoods (300 feet high) in the Santa Cruz Mountains. We will be taking a 5 mile loop hike that is described as moderate. The hike begins at about 400 feet, descends to about 350 feet, then gradually climbs to about 500 feet, then back to the trailhead, so the total elevation change is about 500 feet.

To get to the trailhead, take highway 9 into the Santa Cruz mountains going west. Continue on highway 9 until the intersection with Skyline Boulevard (CA 35). Turn right, and drive till you reach the intersection with Alpine Road (around 6 miles). Turn left and drive west about 3 tortuous and winding miles on this narrow road. Turn left onto Portola State Park Road, and drive on the tiny and unpredictable road the remaining 3 miles to the entrance kiosk. Continue another 0.4 mile to the parking area near the ranger station. If possible, park in the Madrone lot (to the left just before the ranger station), or in the spots past the ranger station and across the bridge, on the right side of the road.

Note that there is an entrance fee (self payable if facilities are unstaffed). Due to the mountain road driving we described above, you should probably allow about 1-1/4 hours to get to the park. Drive slowly and enjoy the scenery! Carpoolers should meet at the Camden Park and Ride (Camden & Highway 85) at 8:45 AM. to allow enough time to get to the park by 10 AM. Bring lunch and water, and maybe some insect repellent in case mosquitoes decide to join us.

Contacts:

Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769.

Comments from your Membership Director

We are undergoing some changes in the way we print and mail our newsletter. Notice that instead of using adhesive labels, your address is printed on the cover sheet. This includes a postal bar code which slightly reduces mailing costs.

Every month after the newsletter is printed, we have a work party at the plant to fold the newsletters and apply closure tabs to prevent damage by the automatic sorting machines at the post office. We need more volunteers. It takes about an hour and a half. If you can help, call Clara De Paul at 294-7041 to be put on her list. We need a larger list because not everyone can come each time.

I get a lot of notices from the post office for members who moved but did not notify me in time to update their addresses. Each of these notices costs the IBM Club \$1.50. The notices are slow coming back to me, so there are usually two notices before the corrected address is used on a mailing. Please send me your address change as early as possible. See the address change box which appears on Page 2 of every issue.

Ed Mueller, Membership Director

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.00; gold \$7.50

Regal/United Artists: \$6.00

Cinelux: \$6.00 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$7.00 - no restrictions

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$65.00, ages 3 and up \$55.00

IBM Club price: \$47.00 Three day ticket!

Disneyland single day-one park

Gate price: \$63.00 3-9 years: \$53.00

IBM Club price: \$50.40 3-9 years: \$42.40

Disneyland 1-day park hopper

Gate price: \$83.00 3-9 years: \$73.00

IBM Club price: \$66.40 3-9 years: \$58.40

Disneyland 2-day park hopper

Gate price: \$122.00 3-9 years: \$102.00

IBM Club price: \$97.60 3-9 years: \$81.60

Disneyland 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$159.00 3-9 years: \$129.00

IBM Club price: \$127.20 3-9 years: \$103.20

Disney World single day-one park

Gate price: \$71.36 3-9 years: \$59.64

IBM Club price: \$57.09 3-9 years: \$47.72

Disney World 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$252.41 3-9 years: \$218.33

IBM Club price: \$201.93 3-9 years: \$174.66

Legoland

Gate price: adults \$69.00 3-12 years \$56.00

IBM Club price: \$39.00 all ages, 3 and up

SeaWorld

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00, 2 days
IBM Club price: \$44.50 3-9 years: \$39.00, 2 days

Sees Candy

IBM Club price: \$10.75 1 pound gift certificate

Gilroy Gardens (Bonfante Gardens)

Gate price: \$39.99 3-6 years: 28.99

IBM Club price: \$22

Great America

Gate price: \$46.95 parking pass: \$10

IBM Club price: \$27.95 ages 3 and up

Parking pass: \$5

6 Flags Discovery Kingdom (Marineworld)

Gate price: \$49.99 parking pass: \$15

IBM Club price: \$24.99 ages 3 and up

Parking pass: \$10

Raging Waters

Gate price: \$27.99 Season: \$58.99

IBM Club price: \$19.99 Season: \$38.99

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 - (408) 927-3059

Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106

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.employeeswapnshop.com/ibmer

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.

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

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

We rescheduled to support Caltrans/CHP First annual pickup litter day. The emphasis was to clamp down on unsecured and uncovered pickup trucks that seem to provide an endless supply of interesting finds and litter.

Milestone: we have filled over 2000 bags, 2037 to be precise, since we started in May of 2001. What an appropriate cleanup for us to break 2000.

Welcome Sally Large, our newest recruit! Her initiation was completed by finding an empty DVD porno case with an explicit picture on it. Her newbie quote: "I think this is a great thing to do! (lots of applause) Our area looked so good when we finished! McDonald's is on my hit list...most of my litter was McDonalds".

Are we famous yet? Our team is in a 6 minute video that was filmed eons ago. Its main message encourages people to adopt-a-highway. It will be shown at the picnic. The next showing will be at our Club's annual meeting. There are about six of us (and our sign) in the video...I don't think we will need theatrical agents.

Sick leave: Barbara Warner was back from sick bay after carpal tunnel surgery on both hands. She found a Mercedes emblem and asked "where's the rest of the car?"

Thank you Caltrans highway maintenance! In the gore (a little triangle park) between the 87 and Santa Teresa off ramps, we found a new drainage ditch filled with rocks with landscape cloth around it, replacing a bunch of little gullies that were hard to walk and clean.

Failed dream: our experiment failed with broadcasting flower seeds all last year. Alas, nary a flower or sprout!

People worry about us! A lady at the Santa Teresa off ramp was worried about the volunteers and inquired "Isn't it awfully hot for you?" They replied "today we only work until 11 am." She was visibly relieved and chirped "O good! I won't worry about you then."

Bad news for baseball league near freeway, they have no heavy hitters. Howard Hansen didn't find any baseballs...only a whiffle ball

Chilling find: a heavy cast iron "49ers" trailer hitch decorative cover, one of those accessories killed a motorist recently when it flew off and went through a windshield! Glad this one just killed some weeds.

Big Money: \$21.51 plus a half of a twenty dollar bill! We are planning to find the other half next month.

Bert Fry was the big money man finding a 20 dollar bill, dime, penny, 2 washers, and a marble.

Also recovered were two credit cards, and a Lowes' gift card (with zero balance). Phyliss Chai found and returned an Olive Garden pager and was rewarded with a ten dollar gift certificate.

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

Thursday, June 14, 2007 second Thursday

Wednesday, July 11, 2007, second Wednesday

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

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, June 12 2007, 5:00 PM, SVL

Marcia Holstrom, a Genealogy Instructor for MetroED's Older Adult program, will present: "Family History Research on the Internet: Skepticism is a Good Thing!" We are seeing more and more publicity about cousins finding each other on the Internet, and then with a couple of clicks on key URLs they have their genealogy back to William the Conqueror. This presentation will include a healthy dose of filtering advice, but will also demonstrate the use of some key URLs that may lead you down the appropriate information highway to reliable sources that can actually help you to prove you are related to W the C or even John Wayne. Marcia will discuss briefly the movement toward the use of DNA in family history research and also include some advice for beginning research and for keeping results in a usable, transferable and inheritable format. For directions to the meeting see: www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions: **Walt Cole 972-1178** or opawalt@pacbell.net

Bowling

One More Time League at AMF Oakridge Lanes 2006/2007 Winter League, May, 2007

Winter League Final Results!

The Winter League is over. The League Champions are:

1st Place: Team #14: "1B3H's", Paul Houghton, Tom Higa, Keith Balch, Beverly Higa
2nd Place: Team #10: "MAFF", Ann Wilson, Fred Mitchell, Mae Nakamura, Lanh Hoyle

Individual Achievements	
Ladies	Men
High Scratch Game	
223-Lisa Johannes 220-Jan Curry	289-Tim Murray Sr. 270-Bill Hooper
High Scratch Series	
590-Chila Miller 573-Ann Wilson	755-George Zagelow 682-Dennis Pitchford
High Handicap Game	
279-Mae Nakamura 275-O'Lynda Head	300-Dan Thery 287-Nick Clason
High Handicap Series	
720-Iris Pruett 719-Kris Denholm	790-Ted Head 761-Fred Mitchell

Well, now that our Winter League is over, It is time for our Summer League to start. So if you want to bowl, come on down to the lanes, and join us. We bowl every Wednesday morning, starting at 9:30 AM at Oakridge Lanes, they call it "CLUB 300."

I will see you all next fall.
Have a real nice summer and stay well.
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Here are the Summer League Officers	
President Vice-President Secretary Sgt. at Arms	Earnie Veal Beverly Higa Barbara Pugh Ted Head

Sweeper's Winners:	
Winners	
Ladies	Men
High Scratch Game	
205-Ruth Furlong 190-Faye Fritz	246-Bill Souza 236-George Zagelow
High Scratch Series	
554-Kris Denholm 529-Jan Curry	611-Tim Murray Sr 595-Keith Balch
High Handicap Game	
253-Shirley Snyder 234-Carol Hughes	256-Gene Laseter 253-Bob Mathiesen
High Handicap Series	
658-Shirley Veal 642-Mitzi Stewart	700-Hank Guardias 697-Jim Viallet

Senior Watson Bowling Tournament Results - May 4, 2007	
Winners	
Ladies	Men
High Scratch Game	
209-Mitzi Stewart	226-Sal Garcia
High Scratch Series	
553-Jan Curry	667-George Zagelow
High Handicap Game	
226-Jane Bode	243-Ernie Bode
High Handicap Series	
640-June Berg	662-Bill Bartz

Par Tee Golf

Sunnyvale Municipal - May 21, 2007. The "Shot(s)-of-the-Day" go to Nick Nomm and Tom Siljander. On Hole #4, a par 3, Nick putted from 12' 11." His ball came to rest at the edge of the hole. He could not believe that his ball could stop while "overhanging the hole," without dropping in! Then, as "good luck" would have it, his ball decided to end the suspense, and dropped in for "Birdie." (His teammates swear that an "ant" pushed the ball into the hole!) Then, on Hole #10, a par 5, Tom chipped in his shot from 30 yards out for par! Notes: Nick came in 1st on Hole #4, and Tom's team came in 1st! Great shots Nick & Tom! There were 37 golfers enjoying a beautiful day at Sunnyvale Muni. The format was "Two-Best-Ball-Foursome". Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>	<u>Team</u>			
1 / 110	Don Johnson	Otto Hampel	Tom Siljander	Earl Schmieding*
2 / 115**	Leroy Wallace	Greg Johnston	Rich Campbell	Gwen Kaefer
3 / 115**	Bill Avery	Earl Schmieding	Gene Levitre	Gil Feller
* Blind Draw	** Tie Breaker Used			
Closest-To-Pin	#4	#7	#13	#15
<u>Men</u>	Nick Nomm 12' 11"	Joe Guerra 8' 3"	Jerry Dimpel 14' 11"	Earl Schmieding 1' 4"
	Johnnie Smoot 13' 1"	Eric Schrader 9' 0"	Len Procker 18' 3"	Steve Lewis 13' 2"
	Mike Nunziata 17' 8"	Willie Abraham 13' 8"	Andy La Scola 35' 2"	Lou Tolbert 33' 1"
<u>Ladies</u>	Gwen Kaefer 26' 7"	Mary Castillo 24' 0"		

There were fourteen bogey golfers, (gross score of 88 or better), and they are: Steve Lewis 74; Nick Nomm & John Carriere 79; Eric Schrader 80; Pat Arnett & Willie Abraham 81; Tom Siljander & Lou Tolbert 83; Jerry Dimpel 84; Gil Feller & Johnnie Smoot 87; and Earl Schmieding, Don Johnson & Andy La Scola 88. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Jun. 11	Rancho Canada-West	\$35.00/May 23	Cart optional Soft spikes required. Format=2 best ball foursome
Jul. 16	Boulder Creek	\$40.00/Jun. 27	Soft spikes required. Cart optional. Includes box lunch. Format= Scramble
Aug. 27	Poppy Hills	\$75.00/ Jul. 11	Includes cart-soft spikes req'd-Bob Slater Memorial-individual play
<u>Payment must be received at Poppy Hills by July 18---Get your payment in early!!! 60 players MAX! No Cancellations!</u>			
Sep. 10	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$60.00/Aug. 22	Includes cart-soft spikes required-2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- 1 The "Par Tee Golf Schedule" and "Golf Rules" for 2007 can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
- 2 Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means that "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed. Thank you!
- 3 The membership fee for joining Par Tee Golf is \$45.00. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
- 4 Prices are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site for latest information.
- 5 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 is:

Par Tee Golf
P.O. Box 53535
San Jose, CA 95123-0535

Include your GHIN number, & your e-mail address, (If I don't already have them on file). Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (Note: If you do not sign up as a foursome, your group may be split up).

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