



# San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Dear Friends,

At the Board Meeting on April 17, we were informed IBM will no longer print this newsletter which will sever our most popular method of conveying information relating to the San Jose IBM Retirement Club. Our last IBM sponsored hard copy will be December, 2008. In anticipation of the possibility of this occurring, a committee headed by Club Vice President George Walker had already been established to study alternative ways of funding and mailing the newsletter. George reported the most inexpensive offer was made by the United States Postal Services (USPS) at a price of about \$1,000 for the sixteen hundred newsletters we mail each month. At the rate of \$1,000 per month our club would be bankrupt in about three years. All this could be avoided if folks were simply to use the Internet to receive their newsletter. If you don't own a computer, most public libraries have computers available for your use at no cost to you. Alternatively, perhaps a friend or neighbor could print a copy of the newsletter for you on their computer. For those who just don't have any possible means of obtaining the newsletter other than the USPS, possibly an additional fee per year per individual could be introduced to cover expenses. These are just ideas. Board approval must be obtained before any resolution can be reached or even offered. Your comments are welcome.

The Annual Picnic is coming up shortly. Many local merchants have donated prizes, the food is outstanding, and there will be lots of activities such as golfing, bingo and horseshoes. Bring your best gal or guy and come enjoy the day. You will either see lots of your old friends or meet some new ones or both. Please try to attend as it is the club's most popular event and there is time left to sign up. See the reservation form on page 15.

Our Annual Meeting to be held at the Almaden Winery Community Center on October 28 might prove to be very entertaining. We have eight volunteers to serve food but we need some help in arranging chairs and setting up equipment such as sound and video apparatus. Please let me know if you can help. We have a very distinguished speaker, Rod Diridon, who is regarded as one of Silicon Valley's most influential people. The center is located at 5730 Chambertin Drive in San Jose. Did I mention this event is free? I hope to see you there.

Art Dill, Club President

## Annual Club Picnic Tuesday, May 20, 2008

***Last chance to join the picnic crowd! (see page 15 for reservation form)***

The picnic will be held at Cunningham Park in San Jose. The Picnic Committee is all ready for the club's major event, where approximately 400 people will attend. Meet new people, renew old friendships, and catch up with what has been happening. C.B. Hannegan's will be catering again and serving their outstanding selection of BBQ meats with all the trimmings. The day will start at 10:30 AM with coffee, lunch at noon and games starting at 1:30 PM.

Map to the park is on page 11.

-- The Picnic Committee

Dear Editor,

I have had so many retirees respond to my recent hospital visit that I would like to thank all of you for your kind prayers, thoughts and good wishes for a speedy recovery. I am pleased to tell you that I am experiencing a speedy recovery, feeling great, have my daily walk up to thirty minutes. My doctor is pleased with my recovery.

Thank y'all again, I do love receiving your cards, letters, e-mails and phone calls. Cliff and I plan to be at the picnic. We hope to see you all there!

Sincerely, Ina Havens

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## Membership Report Ed Mueller

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April 17, 2008

### Membership History

The number in ( ) is how many folks are receiving their newsletters via the Internet instead of the US Mail

Year	March	April
1998	1684(0)	1656(0)
2007	2131(319)	2143(332)
2008	2175(532)	2142(534)

### New Members

Clement Miles

### In Memoriam

Austin Higginson

Thomas Riggins

Sam Baio

Robert Vonasek

Billy Heckman

Beatrice Higgins

James Piccione

Doris Powers - Cherry

Imogene Hart

Paul Tietze

Dwight Huffman, Sr.

William O'Connell, Jr.

For life changing events or other benefit questions, contact the IBM Employee Services Center:  
1-800 796-9876

### Next Club Board Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2008, 10:00 AM

IBM Almaden Research,  
Bernal Road or Harry Road  
Use the lobby entrance.

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## Sunshine Report

**Bob Soper** is recovering at home in Magalia, CA, after suffering a stroke in October.

**Robert Ramirez** had shoulder surgery and has therapy twice a week which is going well. He plans to continue helping with our Adopt-A-Highway effort.

**Charles Dowell** is receiving therapy for recent surgery and will undergo further surgery in three months. His wife, Mary Ann, is hopeful he'll recover completely. They live in Washington.

**Arlene Warwick** is recovering at home after a hospital stay with bronchitis and infection.

**Ralph Butler** is currently in rehab at Vasona Creek but will be moving to assisted living near one of his daughters in Applegate.

**Claus Grell** is in an assisted living facility in Napa, according to his wife, Birdie.

**Pearl Weseman** fell and is recovering at home. Wes said she broke a shoulder bone and chipped a bone in her elbow.

I appreciate the calls and e-mails. Please continue to keep me informed.

**Terry Milinic'**  
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## Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect or your e-mail address has changed, or you have moved or are planning to, please inform Ed Mueller, the Membership Director. Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail. Ed will also set you up for "read on line" to save paper, if you request that. Be sure your request includes your name and address so he corrects the right person.

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## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
May 2, 15, 2008	Safari West	3	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
May 7-15, 2008	Great Lakes Adventure		--	Ina Havens	847-4793
May 13, 2008	PC Club: MS Vista, a User's View		10	Walt Cole	972-1178
May 13, 2008	Monterey Big Hike meeting		9	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
May 14, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		11	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
May 15, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
<b>May 20, 2008</b>	<b>IBM Retirement Club Annual Picnic</b>		1, 11,15	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 22, 2008	PC Recycling Day at IBM		8	Michelle Mesler	927-2190
May 27, 2008	Mammoth Lakes Big Hike meeting		9	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
May 29-Jun 11, 2008	South America	4	--	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
May 30, 2008	Hike: Henry Coe State Park		10	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Jun 9, 2008	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jun 20, 2008	Western Railway Museum	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Jun 27, 2008	Hike: Castle Rock		10	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Jun 29, 2008	Baseball Game—Giants vs A's		12	Frank Vitale	927-2106
July 8, 22, 2008	KQED Behind the Scenes	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Jun 12, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		11	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
July 13-16, 2008	Wild West Casino Trip		4	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 17, 2008	An Italian Wine Affair		8	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
July 20-25, 2008	Mammoth Lakes Big Hike		9	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Aug 6-7, 2008	Reno: Hot August Nights		--	Ernie Veal	224-3584
Aug 12, 2008	California Magic Theatre & Chocolate!	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Sep 25-Oct 5, 2008	Trains through Switzerland & Austria		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 11, 2008	2008 Santa Cruz Follies Show & Lunch		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 14-16, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 28-Oct 3, 2008	Monterey Big Hike		9	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 7, 2008	A Journey Through Time - Steinbeck	2	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 20, 2008	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 22-Nov 4, 2008	Mediterranean Cruise		6	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Oct 28, 2008	<b>IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting</b>		1	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Nov 6-20, 2008	Discover Thailand		5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Dec 2-8, 2008	Branson for the Holidays		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Dec 17, 2008	Holiday Party		1	George Walker	268-7623
Dec 30, 08-Jan 3, 09	New Year's In Nashville		6	Bud Souza	340-0082
Mar 12-24, 2009	Spectacular South Africa	4	5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Apr 7-May 4, 2009	Tulip Time, Europe River Cruise		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
<b>May, 2010</b>	Oberammergau		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623

See Trip Activity Rating (TAR) definition on page 9.

# Travel Trips

## **Tulip Time! River Cruise of Europe April 27 – May 4, 2009 Wine! Cheese! Flowers!**

Savor all the delights of spring on this seven-day cruise aboard the Amadeus Princess, from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, The Netherlands. We will travel on a lovely ship (having to unpack only once) along the Rhine River, stopping at some of the most beautiful old cities in Europe. This ship is a small, intimate one allowing us to travel through waterways that are not accessible to larger ships, while still offering the newest technology available. Excellent cuisine is offered each day for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and regional wine is served with every dinner.

Strasbourg, France, home of a magnificent Gothic-style cathedral, the Council of Europe, and the European Parliament, is an important city on our itinerary. We will stroll through the old town of Mainz, Germany, where we will see the Gutenberg Museum. In Ruedesheim we will visit the 13<sup>th</sup> century fortress of Adlerturm, and walk along Drosselgasse, a popular and busy lane filled with shops. The next day we will cruise the most beautiful part of the river along the scenic Rhine River Valley and through the Loreley Passage stopping in Koblenz to admire the churches, fountains and views. In Cologne, a city founded by the Romans in 30 BC, we can visit the Cologne Cathedral and tour the old quarter. We will enjoy the lovely and scenic landscapes slipping by as we cruise to Dordrecht, Holland, with its 17<sup>th</sup> century city gate and the Gothic "Grote Kerk" church. Then we will visit Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here is Holland's largest concentration of working windmills, giving us a glimpse into Holland's age old battle with the sea. **At the seventy-acre Keukenhof Gardens, more than seven million tulips and other flowers will be on exhibit!** This should be the peak of the tulip bloom. The last stop on our adventure will be the little fishing town of Volendam whose small brick homes with traditional Dutch doors give this town a unique flair. Its fishermen still dress in traditional caps and baggy-legged pants. In Edam all of the cheese lovers will be treated to the delicious round cheese that bears its name! We leave our ship in Amsterdam to tour the most important sights and soak up the diverse architecture. By this time our memories, both in our cameras and in our heads, will be filled with wonderful pictures of springtime on the Rhine.

The all inclusive cost is approximately \$3700 per person (depending on fuel costs).

***An informational meeting will be held at  
Baker's Square (Almaden Expressway at Hwy. 85)  
on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 10:00 AM.***

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**George Walker and Carole Walker**  
[gcwalker95120@yahoo.com](mailto:gcwalker95120@yahoo.com), or call (408) 268-7623

## **Once in a Decade Opportunity May, 2010 Oberammergau**

When the Plague threatened the village of Oberammergau, Germany, in 1633, the residents made a vow. If they were spared from the pestilence, they would dedicate themselves to presenting the "Passion Play" every ten years. The play depicts the life and death of Jesus and is portrayed by the people of the village to this day. In the year 2000, the cast included 550 children and 2000 adults. It is one of the most powerful dramatic presentations on earth. We have booked it well in advance of the date because it is always sold out. The itinerary for this trip will also include Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Salzburg and Innsbruck.

An initial deposit is required at the time of the reservation, a second deposit is required one year before departure and the final payment is due six months prior to departure. Insurance is available in case of cancellation. We should have pricing soon.

We know that May, 2010, seems long way off, but as we get older it seems time goes faster and who knows who will be around the next time Oberammergau presents the "Passion Play"?

Contact:  
**George and Carole Walker,**  
408 268 7623 or  
e-mail [gcwalker95120@yahoo.com](mailto:gcwalker95120@yahoo.com)

## **Wild West Casino Trip July 13-16, 2008**

Stay 3 nights at the Riverside Hotel & Casino Resort in Laughlin, Nevada, on the Colorado River. At the resort you'll get a free buffet meal, plus gaming and live entertainment. Visit Oatman, Arizona, for a day. Along the way see fascinating desert vegetation and beautiful rock formations. Oatman is an "authentic" old western town with old saloons, burros in the streets, and plenty of shopping. You may even see a gun fight. On the way home, stop at Harris Ranch for a hosted hearty ranch style meal.

All this for only \$180 per person, double occupancy (single supplement is \$50).

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# Travel Trips

## Discover Thailand November 6 – 20, 2008

It may be winter here in November, but it is the optimum time weather-wise to visit Thailand. The 15 day trip features exotic destinations, beautiful world class hotels, and warm days and nights, and it is an unsurpassed travel bargain. Given the leisurely pace of the trip, it will be an outstanding vacation.

Thailand is known as one of the most fascinating places on earth, with a culture much different from ours. It has very friendly people, and is an outstanding place for shopping for jewelry (rubies and sapphires in particular), for clothing and, in this case, for Christmas gifts.

In Bangkok you will see the Grand Palace, the Emerald Buddha Temple, the Gems Factory and Thai Silk, and the famous Floating Market. Look for some of the 400 Buddhist temples and palaces, and classical dance extravaganzas.

Next stop is Chiang Mai, a historic hill city, noted for its handicraft villages and colorful ethnic hill tribes. There you will see ancient temples and pagodas, Thai handicrafts, and silk and cotton hand weaving factories. You will also visit Borsang, famous for primitive paper making and umbrellas. There is also a night bazaar for shopping.

Chiang Mai is famous for its natural habitat elephant shows. It also features a Temple Tour, including the 700 year old Wat Chiang Mun and two other ancient wats.

We'll visit Ching Rai, known for its scenic views, and the Golden Triangle where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar (Burma) meet the Maikhong River. We'll visit villages where the long-necked and big-earring people live, and see other hill tribe villages as well. There will also be some spare time to explore.

This season has the best weather. At a price of \$2399, plus airport tax and fuel charges, it is a bargain in today's travel. Insurance is included in the base price.

For further information, contact:

**George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275,**  
or e-mail us at [gr4na@aol.com](mailto:gr4na@aol.com)

## Spectacular South Africa

March 12- 24, 2009

Optional 3 night Victoria Falls Extension

Experience breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, and abundant wildlife in a country that contains a world of treasures. Stays include the famous Kruger National Park, Johannesburg (a city built on gold and diamonds), Knysna and the breathtaking Featherbed Nature Reserve. Then on to Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of South Africa, and finally the amazing city of Cape Town with its charming coastal scenery, celebrated architecture, and traditions of French, German and Dutch influences. No Euro exchange. The US dollar is strong in South Africa.

### Trip Highlights:

- Welcome dinner in Sandton.
- Language Discovery and guided tour of Soweto
- Travel the spectacular Drakensberg mountain range and Blyde River Canyon.
- Kruger National Park – Safari Game Drive. Dazzling herds of African wildlife.
- Port Elizabeth, coastal gateway to the famous Garden Route.
- Featherbed Nature Reserve and lagoon cruise and 4x4 drive into the forest.
- Visit a local township and school.
- Oudtshoorn visit and tour to oldest ostrich farm.
- Captivating Cape Town and panoramic tour of this beautiful harbor-side city.
- Cable car ride to famous Table Mountain.
- Cape Point, penguins at Boulder Beach and tour of Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.
- Tour of Cape vineyards.
- After-hours tour of Gold Museum.
- Traditional African dining experience.

The price of the tour including airfare: \$3999, pp double. Single Supplement \$900.

Main tour includes all air flights, transfers, entrance to shows and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 10 breakfasts, 2 main meal lunches, 5 dinners.

An optional 4 day, 3 nights Victoria Falls extension is available. Call for details.

Victoria Falls extension is \$1559 pp double.

### *Trip Presentation*

***Monday, June 30, 2008, 10:30 AM  
Bakers Square, 5055 Almaden Expressway  
Coffee/tea/pie to be served***

Contact: **Art and Sharry Dill, (831) 338-3069** TAR 4

# Travel Trips

## New Year's In Nashville

December 30, 2008 - January 3, 2009

4 Nights in the Opryland Hotel,  
one of the most fanciful and unforgettable  
man-made  
wonders of the world  
You owe it to yourself  
to be there once in your life.

### Featuring:

New Year's Eve Masquerade Gala  
Dinner/Dance  
New Year's Day Brunch  
General Jackson Dinner Cruise  
Grand Ole Opry Performance

### Included:

Roundtrip Airport Transfers  
Roundtrip Air to Nashville  
6 meals  
Baggage handling/1 suitcase per person  
All Taxes, Resort Fees & Gratuities

### Price Per Person:

\$1440 Double Occupancy  
\$1720 Single Occupancy

For reservations & complete brochure,  
contact: **Bud Souza, (408) 340-0082**  
e-mail: [buds2@mindspring.com](mailto:buds2@mindspring.com)

**Presentation at Mama Mia's**  
**200 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell**  
**July 17, 3:00 PM**

## Branson for the Holidays

December 2-8, 2008

Back by popular demand:

### ***Holiday Music and Fun in Branson, Missouri***

Included:

- Air and motor coach transportation
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Tips, taxes, baggage handling
- Harry Truman Library
- Brunch at Big Cedar Lodge
- Silver Dollar City
- Eleven (11) music shows in the entertainment capital of the world, including Shoji Tabuchi, Yakov Smirnoff, and Acrobats of China

Price is \$1995, deposit \$250.

Seats are limited and can only be held with a deposit.

Contact:

**Ron or Heidi Harlan for a brochure and application at (408)266-7639.**

## Mediterranean Cruise, Athens to Rome

### ***Stopping in the Holy Lands***

**October 22 - November 4, 2008, Sold Out**

The cruise is sold out but we are taking names for a wait list if any spaces open up. If you want more information on this exciting cruise, please contact:

**George Walker at (408) 268-7623 or by email at [gcwalker9120@yahoo.com](mailto:gcwalker9120@yahoo.com)**

## Switzerland and Austria - Trains of the Alps

September 25 - October 5, 2008

Discover breathtaking Alpine vistas as we journey on some of the most dramatic railway lines and roads that pass through Switzerland, Italy and Austria. Experience Swiss train travel in all its glory, renowned for its special engineering and impeccable service, as we travel on four great Alpine trains. Enjoy the stunning beauty of the magnificent Alps, charming traditional villages, and grand castles, and the distinctive cultural treasures found in this pristine corner of Europe.

Trip Highlights Include:

- Glacier Express
- Golden Pass Panoramic Train
- Gornergrat Cogwheel Railroad
- Bernina Express Train
- Geneva, Montreux, Lausanne, Gstaad
- Zermatt, St Moritz, Innsbruck, Salzburg
- 16 meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 dinners

Price of the tour including airfare is \$3799.  
Land only price is \$2299.

Contact:

**Ron or Heidi Harlan at (408) 266-7639 or Bob Martinez at (408) 927-1307** for brochures and arrangements. Seats are limited.

# Day Trips

## Western Railway Museum

Friday, June 20, 2008

*The buses are full and we are accepting wait list requests.*

Start your day in Suisun City at the Western Railway Museum to experience California as it was 100 years ago. You will take an electric train trip through the peaceful, picturesque Montezuma Hills over the original historic main line of the Sacramento Northern Railway. You will have time to take a tour of the living history museum where we will find over 100 pieces of preserved railroad equipment. The collection of historic electric railway artifacts is one of the most complete and diverse in the world. You will stop off at The Point Waterfront Restaurant for a hosted lunch. The Point, known for superb food and friendly and efficient service, is set overlooking the beautiful Sacramento River. Your entrée selections are BBQ Tri Tip with Roasted Potatoes, Chicken Marsala with Seasoned Rice, or Calamari Steak with Seasoned Rice. All meals include fresh vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea and ice cream for dessert. Your final stop is a visit to the ever-famous Jelly Belly Factory where you will have a guided tour and time to shop for those flavorful candies. There's a bird's eye view of their production floor where thousands of pounds of candy are made.

Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and a hosted lunch. **All this for \$64.00 per person.**

Contact: Madeline or Bill Souza at (408) 356-6280 or [bsouza6280@aol.com](mailto:bsouza6280@aol.com) Trip Activity Rating-2

## California Magic Theatre and Chocolate

Tuesday, August 12, 2008, Trip Activity Rating-2

You are off to "the best place to eat, relax, and be amazed" -- the **California Magic Dinner Theatre**, which brings to the present the rich history of magic, one of the oldest of the performing arts. Patrons are met at the doorstep of this fine establishment with music from bygone days. Stepping across the threshold is like passing through a veil into another time. Members of the California Magic family dressed in gowns and tuxedos greet the visitors, and lead them to comfortable seats facing the parlor stage. We will enjoy a hosted lunch and an amazing magic show!

After the show we will visit the **Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory** in Berkeley, known as "America's Finest Dark Chocolate Maker...From Bean to Bar." While there you will enjoy a private, docent-led tour of their factory, get to sample their chocolates and learn how chocolate is made. At the end of the tour you will receive a certificate to use in their gift shop.

Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and a hosted lunch and docent tour. **All this for \$76.00 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](mailto:bsouza6280@aol.com)

## Indian Casino Trips

**Chukchansi , Monday, June 9, 2008**

Price: \$20, \$10.00 EZ play & \$5.00 food credit

**Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday, September 14-16, 2008**

Price: \$99.00 per person, double occupancy & \$38.00 single supplement.

Casino bonus: \$30.00 cash & \$7.00 food credit

**Jackson Rancheria,**

**Monday, October 20, 2008**

Price: \$25.00, \$10.00 cash & coupons

All Indian casino 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

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or e-mail: [topray4314@cs.com](mailto:topray4314@cs.com)

## 2008 Santa Cruz Follies Show & Lunch

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Don't miss this outstanding day trip. We will have an ocean front luncheon at the historic Cocoanut Grove and see the 2008 Santa Cruz Follies production, "Lullaby of Broadway."

Price: \$67.00 per person

**9:00 AM** pick-up: St. Martin of Tours parking lot, 200 O'Connor Dr. (near #880 & Stevens Creek)

**9:30 AM** pick-up: #87 & Capitol Expressway Park-N-Ride Sec. G

Arrive at the historic Cocoanut Grove for an 11:00 AM luncheon. Then on to the show!

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**SJ IBM Retirement Club Web Site:**

**[www.sjpc.org/sjrc/](http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc/)**

Each newsletter is posted on the web site by the first of the month, before it's mailed!

**Thanks to everyone who has chosen to view and/or print their newsletter online!**

# Day Trips

## A Journey through Time

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Trip Activity Rating-2

Visit the National Steinbeck Center with a docent-led tour and experience the world of John Steinbeck, where literature jumps off the printed page and into your imagination. Discover Steinbeck's works and philosophy through interactive, multisensory exhibits, priceless artifacts, entertaining displays, educational programs and research archives.

Lunch is at Phil's Fish Market at Moss Landing, which has been in business since 1982. Then you will visit the museum at the Watsonville Agriculture History Project. Enjoy a docent-led tour and discover the history of agriculture in this area, including the crops, people, artifacts and farming practices that have made the Pajaro Valley what it is today. Last on the itinerary is Gizdich Ranch for a no-host sweet stop. Tour this family ranch and breathe in the country atmosphere. Purchase a jar or two of fresh homemade berry jam and enjoy a slice of the best pie this side of the Rockies. Visit the antique shop next to the barn.

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch, and Docent Tours. All this for \$71.00 per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

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

## An Italian Affair

July 17, 2008

If you fancy good Italian food and wine in a Tuscan setting, join us from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Guglielmo Winery in Morgan Hill. Their patio is a perfect place from which to gaze out over the vineyards at the foothills and imagine you are in Italy. More than 60 of us were there last year and it was a great day.

The menu is Italian sausage, pasta, salad, bread and dessert, with many of Guglielmo's better wines being served. Cost is \$25 per person and reservations can be made by calling:

**George or Isobel Nale** at (408) **779-4275**  
or e-mail us at [gr4na@aol.com](mailto:gr4na@aol.com)

## PC Recycling Day at IBM

Thursday, May 22, 2008, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

IBM Silicon Valley Lab, 555 Bailey Road, San Jose 95141  
**SVL Dock Parking Lot (follow the signs)**

In recognition of Earth Day, IBM is offering to take back and recycle retirees' unwanted personal computer products free of charge.

### Terms & Conditions

- Personal computer products are limited to monitors, terminals, processing units, keyboards, cables, mouse, modems, disk drives, and desktop printers. Products you own from any manufacturer are included.  
NO TVs, please.
- IBM reserves the right to reject any item.
- You must ensure that the items DO NOT contain any personal or confidential information.
- Data should be deleted from all storage devices prior to drop off.
- After products are dropped off, they will NOT be returned to you for any reason.
- A drop-off form needs to be completed for the items you drop off.

**Please bring a completed drop-off form along with the equipment. To obtain a drop-off form, contact:**

Michelle Mesler (ARC) 927-2190 or [mmesler@us.ibm.com](mailto:mmesler@us.ibm.com), or visit the [IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc](http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc)

## Exclusive IBM Club Showing

**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**

Saturday, May 24, 2008

**AMC Saratoga 14**  
**700 El Paseo de Saratoga, San Jose**

Tickets are just \$3 with a limit of 6 (additional tickets, \$6 each). Everyone's favorite archaeologist adventurer returns for another globe trotting trek as George Lucas teams with screenwriter David Koepp to bring Indiana Jones back to the big screen nearly 20 years after Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade.

Harrison Ford reprises the role that launched the series, while Steven Spielberg returns to the director's chair. **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** is an adventure film set in 1957. This fourth film in the Indiana Jones film series pits an older and wiser Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) against agents of the Soviet Union -- led by Spalko -- for the crystal skull.

**Doors open: 9:00 AM**  
**Show time: 10:00 AM**

**see page 12 for buying tickets**

# Big Hikes

## Monterey Big Hike Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 2:00-3:00 PM

This group meeting will be held at the Pavilion on the east side of Almaden Lake Park off Winfield Boulevard for all those who have signed up for the Monterey Big Hike scheduled for the week of September 28 to October 3, 2008. Almaden Lake Park is located at the intersection of Almaden Expressway and Coleman Road. If there is a parking lot fee that day, park on the street and walk in. Trip details and information packets will be distributed at this meeting. If you have not participated in prior Big Hikes and would like more information, give Jim or Dottie a call at the number listed below. Although our trip is titled Big Hike, we actually provide a choice of 2-3 short to intermediate hikes each day.

We will be staying at the Bay Park Hotel in Monterey, adjacent to the Del Monte Shopping Center. The cost of the trip is \$620 for two people to a room, or \$580 for one person to a room. This includes a Thursday evening banquet and miscellaneous trip-related expenses. Breakfast will be on your own. The rooms are equipped with refrigerators and coffee makers, or you may purchase breakfast in the hotel dining room. Payment is due by the May 13 meeting. Checks are to be made out to the "IBM Retirement Club." Please contact Jim or Dottie to confirm your reservation or to sign up for this trip prior to the May 13th meeting.

Contact:

**Jim & Dottie Riley, (408) 268-5482**

**e-mail: [jrriley@prodigy.net](mailto:jrriley@prodigy.net)**

1160 Calle Ventura  
San Jose, CA, 95120-5504

## Monterey Big Hike

September 28-October 3, 2008

### 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

## Howard Lewis Memorial Mammoth Big Hike Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 1:00 PM

For those who have already signed up for the trip, there will be a group meeting at the Almaden Research Center, conference room H214, on May 27 at 1:00 PM. If you haven't already done so, please contact us to confirm your attendance at the meeting so that you will be allowed through the security gate.

The trip consists of four days of day hikes at high altitude (8500 feet +) with accommodations at the Holiday Inn. The price for five nights' lodging with breakfast and group dinner is \$745 per couple. There is a local RV park if you want to camp out. For the campers, the price is \$72 per couple, which includes trip materials and a group dinner. If you want to know more about this hiking trip, contact Gil or Julie Feller prior to May 27.

Contact:

**Gil or Julie Feller at (408) 247-6769**  
**[jfeller1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfeller1@ix.netcom.com)**

## Howard Lewis Memorial Mammoth Lakes Big Hike

July 20-25, 2008

Dear Editor,

Some years back I submitted a letter about Andrew Proctor, my grandson. At that time he was about to attend a world championship golf competition and had not yet started kindergarten. He is 9 now and has competed in many championships, been Arizona State Champion twice, caddied and putted for Phil Mickelson (another lefty) during a practice game at the Phoenix Open. Last year, the Golf Channel flew him to Florida to compete in the national Drive, Chip, and Putt competition. The competition was televised and shown several times on the Golf Channel over the Thanksgiving holiday. Last year he was accepted into the exclusive Tiger Woods Foundation. He has just been invited to be one of six kids in his age group to represent the US Kids in the inaugural competition between the US Kids and European Kids at Gullane, Scotland, in May. His 3 1/2 year-old brother, Bryson, took first place already in Itty Bitty golf in Chandler, AZ, where they live. You might say "They are into golf."

Guy Bennett

# Hikes

## Henry Coe State Park Hike

Friday, May 30, 2008, 10:00 AM

It's time for our group to return to Henry Coe Park. Coe is one of the state parks targeted with closure due to budget constraints. This is most unfortunate, as the park is one of the largest and most beautiful in the state park system. Coe Park is the largest state park in northern California, with over 87,000 acres of wild open spaces. The terrain is rugged, varied, and beautiful, with lofty ridges and steep canyons. Once the home of Ohlone Indians, the park is now home to a fascinating variety of plants and animals, including the elusive mountain lion.

When we scouted the hike early in March, the hills were emerald green and early spring wildflowers were everywhere. For our hike, we have chosen a moderately strenuous 5 mile loop. We'll be heading out on the Corral Trail, then branching out on Spring Trail with an extension to Manzanita Point, which has picnic tables for our lunch stop. We will return via Forest Trail, which is a bit uphill but shady in most places. If we are lucky there will still be some wildflowers. In the more wooded areas we noted abundant poison oak, so you might want to wear long pants.

We will begin the hike at Park Headquarters. To get to the park, go south on Highway 101 to Morgan Hill, exiting at East Dunne Avenue. Travel east on East Dunne for 13 twisting miles to the park. We are suggesting that you allow at least an hour from South San Jose to get to the park. Carpoolers, meet at 8:45 AM at the Cottle Park & Ride (Cottle @ Hwy 85). Bring lunch and plenty of water.

**Contact:**

**Gil or Julie Feller (408) 247-6769**  
[jfeller1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfeller1@ix.netcom.com)

## Castle Rock State Park

Friday, June 27, 2008 10:00 AM

Forest, rocks, views....this hike has it all. Explore Castle Rock State Park, located just off Skyline Boulevard in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Long a favorite with rock climbers, the park is known for the sculpted rock outcroppings which are found throughout the area.

We will be hiking a loop of 5.6 miles, following a route high in the western slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The first half of the hike is a downhill route through forest and across a sunny ridge with many of the park's trademark rock formations. We will lunch in a campground area halfway through the hike. The route back is mainly uphill and shaded, again with some interesting rocks to climb across. On the way we will stop at Goat Rock, where we may see climbers practicing their skills. Back at the parking lot, there is an additional .3 mile optional walk to see the park's namesake, Castle Rock.

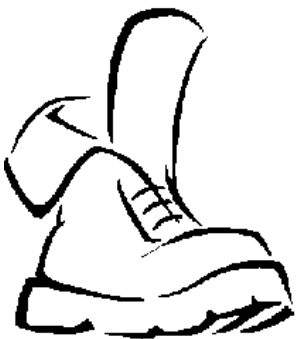
This is a fairly strenuous hike, with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. Although the trails are well maintained, there is abundant poison oak alongside.

We will meet at the Castle Rock State Park parking lot at 10:00 AM. Note that there is a \$2 per car charge for parking inside the lot. To get to the park, take Highway 85 north to the Saratoga Avenue exit. Turn left at the exit, and continue on Saratoga Avenue through the village of Saratoga. Saratoga Avenue becomes Highway 9, and you will continue on Highway 9 about 7 miles after the village until you come to Skyline Boulevard. Turn left on Skyline, and continue about 2.2 miles where you will see the Castle Rock parking lot on the right.

People wanting to car pool should meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden & Hwy 85) at 9:00 AM. Don't forget lunch and water.

**Contact:**

**Gil or Julie Feller (408) 247-6769**  
[jfeller1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfeller1@ix.netcom.com)



## PC Club Meeting

**Tuesday, May 13, 5:00 PM, SVL, Room K222 (rear of cafeteria)**

Mark Hames, SeniorNet instructor, will give a presentation on Windows Vista, covering what he likes about it and what is new and different. Some of the features that may be covered include the new desktop appearance, improved security, new controls such as the Instant Search box, Speech Recognition to interact using your voice, improved help, and improved updating. For more information, go to <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/features/default.mspx>.

For directions to the meeting see: [www.sjpc.org](http://www.sjpc.org)

Contact for questions: **Walt Cole (408) 972-1178** or [opawalt@gmail.com](mailto:opawalt@gmail.com)

# Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, April 10, 2008

We welcomed a new volunteer, seasoned veteran Bob Courtney. Bob also cleans with the Corvette Club and was recruited by his wife Donna, and by Barbara and John Warner. His quote after we were finished: "It was easy! It is always easy when someone else has cleaned before you!"

The explanation for Bob's observation: A week before we were to go out, some lime green bags appeared in our area. Rick Blacksten of Caltrans explained, "We have a litter contractor whom we landscape supervisors share throughout the Santa Clara County area. Normally, I get that team for two weeks at a time. I have them work Hwy 101 for one week and then Hwy 85 for one week. They go from one end to the other and then back again in a week. (My area stops at Bascom.) The eight guys and their driver cover about 20 miles of freeway a week."

Caltrans surprised us with some piles of trees and shrubs that were cut down by the conservation corps. Rick explained that the corps volunteers are of a different type. They made our work so much easier. Shrubs and weeds are effective litter magnets plus they "collect" litter warriors' gear and clothing.

Caltrans gave us a newly designed bag to try out for our April clean. It has ears to tie it closed, eliminating the need for cable ties, a promising improvement. There were mixed reactions, no objections, and one suggestion--Barbara Warner would prefer the bags to be **pink!**

Phyllis Chai found the remnants of an accident in the vicinity of the Santa Teresa off ramp. There were pieces of tire, pieces of car, shattered glass, and a bolt. In the midst of all the debris was a beer bottle. Was beer involved? Does the beer need to get a lawyer? Can an empty beer bottle be sued?

**Money:** 4 nickels, 3 pennies, 1 shiny new quarter, 4 car wash tokens and 1 Twin Peaks Sports Complex token. Come and see us at the **Picnic on May 20** and we will give away the tokens and other things we have found. We're keeping the money for tail gate treats.

Statistics for Thursday April 10, 2008: **12** volunteers, **19** bags – totaling **2292** bags

## Schedule:

Second Wednesday, May 14, 2008  
Second Thursday, June 12, 2008

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

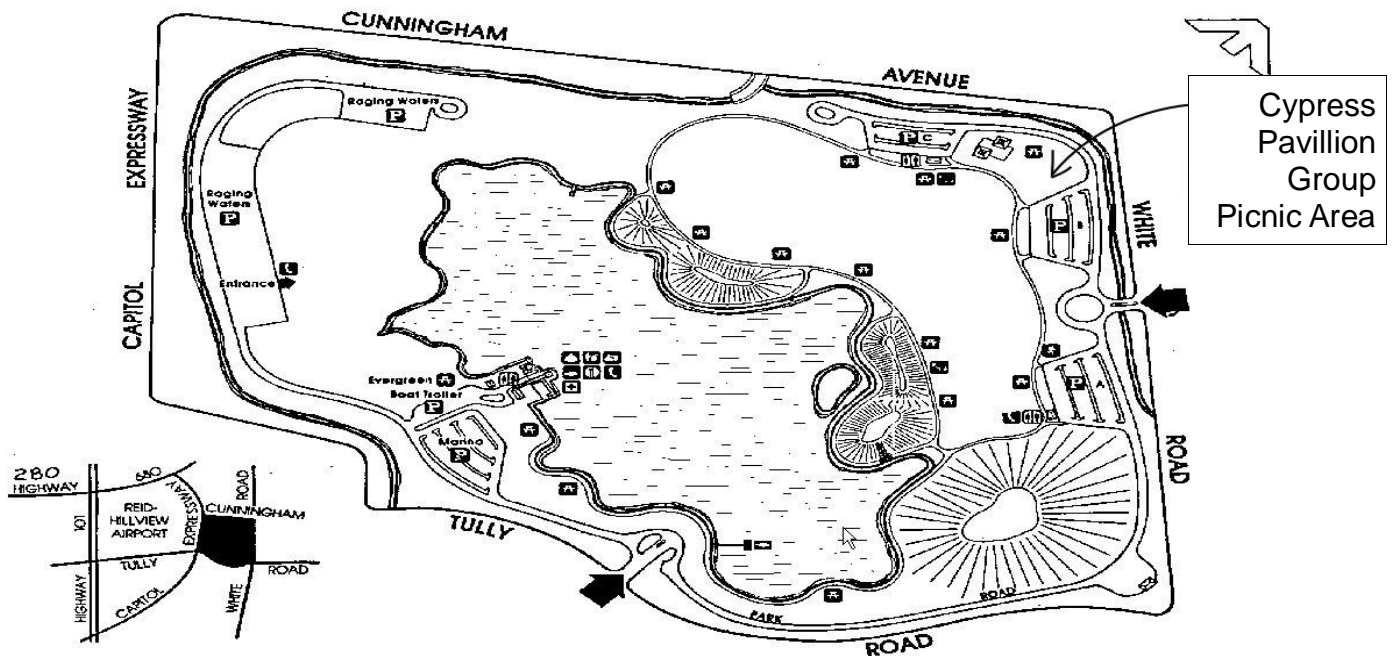
**Meet in the VTA Parking Lot at 8:45 AM**

Contact: **Doug & Evelyn Dean 264-9502**, e-mail: [dougnevie@comcast.net](mailto:dougnevie@comcast.net)

## Lake Cunningham Regional Park

IBM Retirement Club Picnic Site, Tuesday, May 20, 2008

San Jose, California



# 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: \$61.00, ages 3 and up  
IBM Club price: \$49.00 two day ticket!

### Disneyland single day-one park

Gate price: \$66.00 3-9 years: \$56.00  
IBM Club price: \$52.80 3-9 years: \$44.80

### Disneyland 1-day park hopper

Gate price: \$91.00 3-9 years: \$81.00  
IBM Club price: \$72.80 3-9 years: \$64.80

### Disneyland 2-day park hopper

Gate price: \$132.00 3-9 years: \$112.00  
IBM Club price: \$105.60 3-9 years: \$89.60

### Disneyland 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$189.00 3-9 years: \$159.00  
IBM Club price: \$151.20 3-9 years: \$127.20

### Disney World single day-one park

Gate price: \$75.62 3-9 years: \$63.90  
IBM Club price: \$60.50 3-9 years: \$51.12

### Disney World 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$264.12 3-9 years: \$230.04  
IBM Club price: \$211.30 3-9 years: \$184.04

## Ski Lift Tickets

### Squaw

IBM Club Price: \$57.00 1-day general admission

### North Star/Sierra

IBM Club price: 23+ years: \$58.00  
13-22 years: \$48.00  
5-12 years: \$17.00

### Gilroy Gardens

Gate price: \$41.99  
IBM Club price: \$23.00

### 6 Flags Discovery Kingdom

Gate price: \$51.24, parking: \$15.00  
IBM Club price: \$25.61, parking \$10.00

## Baseball Game

**San Francisco Giants vs Oakland A's**  
**Sunday, June 29, 1:00 PM**  
**Oakland Coliseum**

**\$35 ticket includes**  
**lower level seating,**  
**all you can eat BBQ lunch before the game**  
**(tri-tip, chicken, 3 sides, drinks, dessert)**

Reserve your tickets (6 max)  
by e-mail to Frank Vitale.  
Call him if you have questions.

### Great America

Gate price: \$51.99; season pass: \$69.99  
season pass w/ GG: \$84.99  
IBM Club price: any day \$29.99; season: \$59.99  
season pass w/ GG: 74.99

### Legoland

Gate price: adults \$59.00 3-12 years \$47.00  
IBM Club price: \$40.00 all ages, 3 and up

### SeaWorld

Gate price: \$59.00 3-9 years: \$49.00, 2 days  
IBM Club price: \$46.50 3-9 years: \$41.00, 2 days

### See's Candy

IBM Club price: \$10.75 1 pound gift certificate

Payment by check or money order only,  
no cash, no credit cards.

Checks or money orders should be  
made payable to IBM Club

IBM Club Office Main Contact:

**Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106**  
**e-mail: [tcsports@us.ibm.com](mailto:tcsports@us.ibm.com)**

IBM Club Office Alternate Contact:

**Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059**

**Ticket Hours: Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

## IBM Employee Service Center:

For any IBM benefit question, this is the number to try first: **(800) 796-9876**

## 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/](http://www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/)**

## 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.

**[www.employeeswapnshop.com/ibmer](http://www.employeeswapnshop.com/ibmer)**

## Bowling

### One More Time League at 300 San Jose (formerly Oakridge Lanes) 2007/2008 Winter League as of April 16, 2008

1st place: Team #10, **"Ten in the Pit"** Chila Miller,  
Dennis Pitchford, Barbara Pugh, Eddie Fahrner  
2nd place: Team #22, **"Ernie's Girls"** Marian Wisbar,  
Maria Stout, Ernie Veal, Mitzi Stewart

#### Individual Achievements

##### Ladies

##### Men

#### High Scratch Game

230-Jan Curry	298-Bill Jeung
225-Shirley Beyler	289-George Zagelow
221-Mitzi Stewart	278-Jim Balistreri

#### High Scratch Series

583-Faye Fritz	706-Bill Jeung
556-Marilyn Bianco	705-Keith Balch
552-Jan Curry	703-Dennis Pitchford

#### High Handicap Game

280-Mitzi Stewart	309-Bill Jeung
277-Beverly Higa	290-George Zagelow
267-Phyllis House	287-Jim Balistreri
267-Pat Falkowski	
267-Carol Hughes	

#### High Handicap Series

716-Mitzi Stewart	739-Bill Jeung
705-Betty Cobarrubias	733-Dick Nakamoto
705-MJ Canavan	733-Paul Fellow
698-Sheila DeSorbo	730-Keith Balch

#### Average

170-Faye Fritz	206-Keith Balch
164-Ann Wilson	199-George Zagelow
164-Jan Curry	194-Dan Thery

Well by the time you get this report, we will have had our roll off and then you will know who the grand winners are. Summer League will start May 14, 2008, with a meeting and "no tap" following. Regular league play starts May 21. You still have time to bowl during the summer with us--just get off the couch and come on down. We can use you. There's lots of room.

The 2008-2009 Winter League will start September 3, with a meeting and a "no tap" following. Regular bowling starts September 10. If you want to bowl with us, come on down to "300 San Jose" (the former "Oakridge Bowling Lanes"). I know a lot of you folks will be on the road going somewhere. I will miss you all. Take care, and I will see you soon.

Topsy Thompson, Winter league secretary

## Short 18-Hole Golf

### Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

April 3, 2008 – Twenty players played golf on a beautiful sunny day. Winners were:

#### MEN

1st Don Johnson  
2nd Jerry Condensa  
3rd Neal Keever  
4th Darrel Jensen

#### WOMEN

1st Marge Condensa 53  
2nd DeDe Corral 56  
3rd Kathy Harrington 69  
4th Clara DePaul 70

Congratulations to all the winners.

#### Closest to Pin #10

#### MEN

1st Dick Gehrer 14' 4"

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, May 1 and June 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."**

If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have canceled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5.

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

<b>Contacts: Helen Wehner</b>	<b>264-6296</b>
<b>DeDe Corral</b>	<b>378-6470</b>
<b>Clara De Paul</b>	<b>294-7041</b>

### Senior Watson Bowling Tournament Results

Friday, April 11, 2008

#### High Scratch game

183-Sandy Suekawa  
267-Jim Balistreri

#### High Scratch series

519-Jane Bode  
681-Bill Jeung

#### High Handicap game

237-Maria Stout  
282-Ed Henschel

#### High Handicap series

696-Helen Gendler  
712-Dennis Pitchford

# Par Tee Golf

**Laguna Seca – April 7, 2008.** We have a “Good News-Bad News” story. First, the “Good News”! Bill Kurtz “blasted” his ball out of a greenside bunker into the hole! Now, the “Bad News”! It took him six shots to get out of that sand! Next, an interesting story! Bill Avery, Mike Kuhn, Gil Feller and Gene Levitre decided to play “Apprentice Golf!” One simple rule--If you lost your golf ball, you were “Fired!” All went well until Hole #15, a par five, and the toughest hole on this course. (You have to go over a water hazard---twice!) Bill, Mike, and Gil went safely over the first water hazard. Gene hit his ball, which skipped three times on the water, hit a rock, bounced up, hit a red hazard marker, bounced up again, and landed safely in the fairway. Then, Gene hit his ball again, which struck the 150 yard marker (a huge boulder), bounced up, hit a tree, and again landed in the fairway. Mike, Bill, and Gil then hit all of their next shots into the water, and were “Fired!” So, Gene and his “trick shots” became the “Apprentice!” He is calling Donald Trump for a job!

We had a nice turnout of 50 golfers. The format of play was "2 best ball foursome." Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>	<u>Team</u>			
<b>1 / 127</b>	John Grewohl	Tony Scalora	Al Carlson	Lynn Watkins
<b>2 / 128**</b>	Deen Hamid	Wally Gibson	Craig Heacock	Bill Kurtz
<b>3 / 128**</b>	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Don Johnson	Greg Johnston*

\* = “Blind Draw”                      \*\* = “Tie Breaker Used”

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<u>#2</u>	<u>#8</u>	<u>#12</u>	<u>#14</u>	<u>#17</u>
<u>Men</u>	Lou Tolbert 14’ 3”	Rich Hiser 8’ 10”	A. La Scola/C. Bonner 8’ 8”	Mike Nunziata 9’ 3”	Craig Heacock 9’ 11”
	Gil Feller 17’ 10”	Tom Baker 14’ 1”	Pete Gunderson 15’ 10”	Jim Miller 13’ 0”	Bob Lyle 10’ 2”
	Len Procker 18’ 0”	Graham Kelly 23’ 1”	Jim McGuire 19’ 2”	Wally Gibson 18’ 4”	Jim Stonehouse 15’ 11”

There were nine bogey golfers (gross score of 89 or better) and they are: Graham Kelly 76; John Grewohl 79; Peter Gunderson 83; Nick Nomm 84; Lou Tolbert 85; Wally Gibson 86; Eric Schrader 87; and Rich Hiser & Mike Higginbotham 89. Congratulations to all the winners!

**Looking ahead at our schedule:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
May 12	Summitpointe	\$52.00/Apr 23	Includes cart. Format = 2 best ball foursome
Jun 16	Santa Clara G & TC	\$48.00/May 28	Cart optional. Format = 2 best ball foursome
Jul 14	Boulder Creek	\$40.00/Jun 25	Cart optional. Format = Scramble-(Wilson Handicap) Includes lunch
Aug 25	Poppy Hills	\$80.00/ <b>Jul. 14</b>	Includes cart. Format = individual play-Bob Slater Memorial

**(Note--Due date change)**

**Payment must be received at Poppy Hills by July 18--Get your payment in early!! 68 players MAX! No Cancellations!**

Sep 22	Sunnyvale Municipal	\$55.00/Sep 3	Includes cart. Format = 2 best ball foursome
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**Notes:**

- Proper golf attire is required at ALL the courses we play. That means “Jeans” or “Levi’s” are NOT allowed.
- The “Par Tee Golf Schedule” and “Golf Rules” for 2008 can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: [www.sjpc.org/sjrc](http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc)
- The membership fee to join Par Tee Golf is \$50.00.  
Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an e-mail to: [maxdonmar@comcast.net](mailto:maxdonmar@comcast.net)
- Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter or club web site or call Andy La Scola for latest information.
- 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.) Send to:  
Par Tee Golf  
P.O. Box 53535  
San Jose, CA 95123-0535

Include your GHIN number, and your e-mail address (if I don't already have them on file). Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. 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](mailto:alascola@earthlink.net)**

# San Jose IBM Retirement Club 23rd Annual Picnic

## Reservation Form — Fill out and mail now!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Please Reserve: # of persons: \_\_\_\_\_ Buffet at \$19.00 each (total number of persons who will attend)

Please make checks payable to IBM Retirement Club, and mark them 'PICNIC' in the memo field.

**MAIL TO: Terry Milinic'**  
1480 Bryan Ave  
San Jose, CA 95118-1705

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## San Jose IBM Retirement Club 23rd Annual Picnic

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Cypress Pavilion Group Picnic Area

Cunningham Park, 2305 South White Road, San Jose

Reservation Deadline: May 15, 2008

No tickets will be sold at the park!

No tickets will be mailed. You pick them up at the registration table the day of the picnic.

10:30 AM	Arrival, coffee
11:00 AM	Walking Group will lead a walk through the park. Bring your walking shoes.
12:00 Noon	Lunch to be served promptly
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Activities: Door prizes, games, golf, horseshoes, bingo and more.

### All You Can Eat BBQ Buffet Lunch by C. B. Hannegan's of Los Gatos

#### MENU

BBQ Tri-Tip Steak	Fresh Fruit Salad Bowl
BBQ Finger-Licking Chicken	Vintage Potato Salad
Italian Chicken Sausage	Breathless Garlic Bread
Hannegan's BBQ Beans	Vegetarian Lasagne
Salinas Green Salad with honey mustard dressing	
Ice Cream Sundaes	
Soft Drinks & Water	
Coffee	

Your checks will be held until the reservation deadline before they are deposited.

Cancellations must be received by May 15, 2008, if you wish a refund!

***Don't forget to bring your old glasses for the doctors who distribute them to those who need them around the world.***

