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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

The wonderful spring weather reminds us that it is picnic time and the annual **Club Picnic** will soon be here, so don't forget to sign up. The barbecue from C. B. Hannigans is always delicious and the games are a great time to renew old friendships and start a new one. This event is held at nearby Lake Cunningham Park with the buffet served at noon. You will find a reservation form below. You must sign up in advance.

George Nale and his crew did a splendid job on the **Pasta Fest**. The food, wine and fun were enjoyed by over 150 retirees and friends. Thanks, George!!

Take time to review the great opportunities that are offered to you from the club in this edition. There are so many enjoyable, informative and interesting activities that you will find something just to your liking. If you have a suggestion for a new activity, we welcome it.

George Walker, President

IBM San Jose Retirement Club

PICNIC

Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Cunningham Park, San Jose, \$19.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: May 12, 2009

No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!

10:30 AM: Coffee; 11:00 AM: Walk;

Noon: BBQ Lunch; 1:30 PM: Games

**Menu: C. B. Hannegan's BBQ meats
and all the trimmings**

**Cancellations must be received by
May 12, 2009, if you wish a refund!**

Picnic reservation form

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

Don't forget to bring old eyeglasses to help those who need them.

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____

2nd Guest: _____

Total number of persons who will attend Picnic

_____ X \$19.00 = \$ _____

**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

Big Hike Meetings

Each year the club offers these hike trips that are not local. They have been call "Big Hikes" since each offers multiple days of hiking, with a choice of hikes each day ranging from gentle to strenuous. The price includes a hotel room. In May, a meeting for each Big Hike will be held where everybody planning to go will be given detailed information. The money is due that day as well. Make checks payable to the "IBM Retirement Club."

*Please call the leader of the trip you are interested in,
if you have not yet done so.*

Truckee Big Hike Hike Date: July 26-31, 2009

Our home base during the week will be the Hampton Inn in Truckee. Cost of the trip is \$715 for two persons in a room, or \$669 for one person in a room. Trip cost includes breakfasts at the hotel, a Thursday night banquet and miscellaneous trip-related expenses. We will be hiking at elevations over 5000 feet.

Meeting:
Thursday, May 7, 2009,
1:30 PM
IBM North Facility
4400 North First Street
San Jose
Meeting Room 1066

Contact:
Gil & Julie Feller
563 Bucher Avenue
Santa Clara, CA, 95051
Tel:(408) 247-6769
Email: jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

Monterey Big Hike Hike Date: October 4-9, 2009

We will be staying at the Bay Park Hotel in Monterey. It is 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. Rooms are equipped with refrigerators and coffee makers and there is a dining room in the hotel if you wish to purchase breakfast.

Meeting:
Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 2:00 PM
Almaden Lake Park Pavillion
At corner of Coleman Ave and
Almaden Expressway; use entrance
off Winfield Blvd on east side of park.

Contact:
Jim & Dottie Riley
1160 Calle Ventura
San Jose, CA, 95120-5504
Tel:(408) 268-5482
Email: jrriley@prodigy.net

San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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George Nale, Ernie Veal, Ina Havens,
Art Dill

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

March 19, 2009

History

March, 1999: 1737

March, 2008: 2175

March, 2009: 2165

Currently reading online: 1321

Currently receiving paper copy: 324

Currently not doing either: 530

Change of Address

Send new addresses, phone numbers
and requests for on-line newsletters or
requests for mailed paper newsletters
to Ed Mueller:

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail:

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San Jose, CA 95141

In Memoriam

Gordon Herman Bang

Robert Hinchcliffe

Sam Mintzer

Fullam Rabideau

Henry Renz

James Walsh

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

1-800-796-9876

New Members

R. K. Van Valkenburg
Catherine Warrick

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 16, 2009, 10:00 AM

Meriwest Credit Union

5615 Chesbro Ave.

at Blossom Hill Road

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the Club and their families. Contributions are
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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

See's Candy

Regular price: \$15.00 - IBM Club price:
\$11.50 1 pound gift certificate

Sea World

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00

IBM Club price: \$48.00 2-day ticket!

\$42.50 3-9 years

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$64.00, 3 years & up

IBM Club price: \$54.00, 2-day ticket!

Legoland

Gate price: \$77.00, 3-9 years: \$54.00

IBM Club price: \$45.00, 2-day ticket

Ski Lift Tickets at **Squaw Valley**

Gate price: \$79

IBM Club Price: \$61

Ski Lift Tickets at **NorthStar/Sierra**

Gate price adult: \$79

young adult: \$69; child 5-12 \$30

IBM Club price, ages 23 up: \$62

ages 13-22: \$54, ages 5-12: \$19

Payment by check or money order only, made
payable to **IBM Club**. No cash. No credit cards.

IBM Club Office Main Contact:

Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106

e-mail: 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

*Ski Lift offers on the web site. Look for:
IBM Club Any Day tickets*

There is an IBM Club web site available for
IBM retirees. You must register to use it by
entering an e-mail address and password.

www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmclub

Once you get there, click the "CA Bay Area"
link. This site has information on many IBM
Clubs.

Sunshine Report

I have not received any calls this month
which hopefully is good news. Please do
call me if you know of a retiree or spouse
who is ill. The names will not be pub-
lished without permission. Until next
time.

Terry Milinic'

theresano1@yahoo.com

265-5908

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
web site:

ibmsjrc.org

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

This web site is one IBM retirees can use to
obtain discounts on a wide variety of prod-
ucts and services from many companies.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

IBM PC Club

April 14, 5:00 PM, SVL, Bailey Road

Subject: MagicJack

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Apr 9, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		4	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Apr 11, 2009	IBM Club Six Flags Discovery Kingdom		6	Frank Vitale	927-2106
Apr 14, 2009	PC Club: MagicJack Phone		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Apr 16, 2009	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	268-7623
Apr 17, 2009	CA Cashmere, Ironstone Vineyards Sold out		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 18, 2009	Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields Sold out		–	George Nale	779-4275
Apr 24, 2009	Hike: Edgewood Preserve		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Apr 25-May 4, 2009	Truly Tulip Time, Europe River Cruise		–	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
May 7, 2009	Truckee Big Hike Meeting		1	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
May 7, 2009	A Day in the Gold Country Sold out		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 12, 2009	Monterey Big Hike Meeting		1	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
May 13, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		4	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
May 19, 2009	Annual Club Picnic		1	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 29, 2009	Hike: Sierra Azul – Mt Umunhum area		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
June 8-9, 2009	Chukchansi, Reedley Opera House		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
June 23, 2009	Angel Island		6	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 10, 2009	City Streets, Bay Views and Blue Skies	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
July 11-18, 2009	Calgary Stampede & Canada's Rockies		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 13, 2009	Indian Casino: Feather Falls		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 26-31, 2009	Truckee Big Hike		1	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Aug 11, 2009	California Magic Theatre & Luncheon	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Aug 5-6, 2009	Hot August Nights - Reno	2	–	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
Aug 22-Sep 1, 2009	Ultimate Alaska Cruise		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Sep 10-19, 2009	France & Bavaria in the Fall		4	Bob Martinez, Ron Harlan	927-1307
Sep 17, 2009	Santa Cruz Follies		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 20-23, 2009	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 4-9, 2009	Monterey Big Hike		1	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 5-6, 2009	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 12, 2009	Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 22-31, 2009	Discover Tuscany		5	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Dec 2-7, 2009	Charleston Savannah Holiday		5	Pat Johns	847-3898
May 20-29, 2010	Oberammergau		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623

*Most sold-out trips have wait lists. Call the trip host to add your name.

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block of the bus or hotel
- 3 Average walking (3 blocks or more) sightseeing in museums and attractions
- 4 Very active walking, may include airport departures, climbing on and off trains and attractions, may involve high altitudes (9000+) and possible weather extremes

Travel Trips

France and Bavaria in the Fall September 10-19, 2009

Enjoy three days with us in Paris with dinner in the Eiffel Tower, a romantic Seine River cruise, the Champs-Elysees and Notre Dame. Take the TGV high speed train to Strasbourg in eastern France. We will tour the charming villages on the Alsace wine route.

We will visit Wurzburg, Germany, and the Franconia wine region with its medieval villages, homes and castles. Then on to the Romantic Road and the charming town of Rothenburg. Travel the winding cobblestone streets of the old town and feel history come alive. Next visit the World Heritage city of Bamberg with waterways reminiscent of Venice.

Price per person is **\$3899**, double occupancy. Included:

- Round trip airfare from SFO
- Transfers to and from airports and hotels
- Air taxes, fees, surcharges
- All gratuities and free parking at IBM facility
- Travel insurance plan
- Tour Director
- Eight breakfasts and four dinners

Information meeting (coffee & dessert served):

Thursday, April 9, 2009, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

**Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell
Please RSVP to Bob**

For more information and a brochure, contact your hosts,

**Ron Harlan, Bob Martinez, 408-927-1307 or by e-mail:
harry2po@yahoo.com**

Once in a Decade Opportunity May 20 - 29, 2010 Oberammergau

The details of the **Imperial Cities Tour**, which includes the famous **Passion Play of Oberammergau**, have been released. The trip date is listed above. The cost is **\$5329**, including air and insurance. We will tour **Budapest, Hungary**, enjoy a Hungarian horse show, visit a lovely wine town and enjoy a Renaissance-style dinner. Next stop is beautiful **Vienna, Austria**, where we tour the lovely city of Gothic spires, quiet parks and memorable music. The evening will be in Grinzing, enjoying the wine and music. The next day we will board a river boat for a tour of the Danube and return to Vienna through the Vienna Woods immortalized by Strauss. Our next stop is **Prague, Czech Republic**, the "Golden City." We will have a city tour and have free time to shop. Our last stop is the highlight of the trip, the **Passion Play**, one of the most powerful performances on earth.

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"?

Interested? For a brochure, call George or Carole for a mailed brochure or e-mail them for a soft copy.

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

Adopt-A-Highway Wednesday, March 11, 2009

When we were organizing our Adopt-A-Highway volunteer group, our mentor was Los Gatos park ranger, Dave Gray. Wednesday is his day off and he joined us to clean the freeway. He drives our area every day and he says we do such a good job that he wanted to go out with us again.

No big finds this month—just a bunch of sticks, PVC pipe, 6 pennies, and an unopened can of Diet Coke.

9 volunteers filled 11 bags = 2414 total.

Schedule: Thursday, April 9, and Wednesday, May 13

Meet in the VTA parking lot at 8:45 AM.

Caller: Barbara Pugh 265-2466

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

Travel Trips

Charleston Savannah Holiday

December 2-7, 2009

Come take an early Christmas trip to Charleston, a cultured, refined city, and a beautifully preserved treasure. Also visit Savannah, Georgia, America's first planned city. The entire restored center (more than 1000 buildings) is now a National Historic Landmark. All of these beautiful areas decked out in Christmas finery!

Tour highlights are Charleston city tour, Boone Hall Plantation tour, Fort Sumter boat tour, Beaufort, Jekyll Island trolley tour, lunch at Jekyll Island Club, horse drawn carriage and a Savannah city tour.

Tour includes roundtrip airfare, 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, professional tour director, daily sightseeing per itinerary, deluxe motor coach, baggage handling, hotel transfers.

Total cost: **\$1899** (\$600 single supplement)

Contact:

Pat Johns, 847-3898 or patvjohns@verizon.net

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

Ultimate Alaska Cruise

August 22 – September 1, 2009

11-day Round Trip from San Francisco

Thrill to awe-inspiring glaciers and snowcapped mountains along Alaska's Inside Passage aboard the luxurious 5-star Sea Princess. Visit five ports including Icy Strait Point (Alaska), Vancouver Island, and Victoria (British Columbia). All meals, entertainment and activities on the ship are included, as well as gratuities for drivers and stevedores, and round trip transfers from San Jose to San Francisco. Dining hours are traditional, or anytime. You'll be picked up at SVL (old STL) on Bailey Road, and driven to San Francisco harbor. You are allowed one suitcase, which will be placed in your stateroom before your arrival.

Inside stateroom : **\$1699** per person, double occupancy. Upgrades are available.

Contact: **Art or Sharry Dill at**

ArtHDill@comcast.net or (831) 338-3069

Calgary Stampede & Canada's Kootenay Rockies

July 11-18, 2009

This trip features spectacular scenery, friendly Canadian towns, festivals, great food, mountain lakes and hot springs, all at an easy pace for a practical package price: **\$2,550** double and \$3,155 single.

Highlights include Calgary chuck wagon races, Banff and Lake Louise, Kootenay Rockies National Park with a Kootenay Lake ferry ride, Kimberley (the Bavarian City of the Rockies), the Glass House in Boswell, hot springs, Sandon Ghost Town and much more.

Included in the cost are round trip airfare and transfers, deluxe motorcoach, 7 nights accommodations (Calgary 2, Banff 2, Kimberley 1, Nelson 2), 12 meals (7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners), admission to all the included attractions, tips for driver and guide, and baggage handling.

For brochure & detailed info, contact

Bud Souza (408) 340-0082

e-mail: buds2@mindspring.com

Chukchansi, Reedley Opera House Underground Gardens

June 8-9, 2009, a 2-day trip!

- Reedley Opera House, tour, show, luncheon
- Chukchansi, overnight hotel room plus bonuses
- Underground Gardens tour and admission
- Price: **\$158**; Bonus: \$10, EZ Play, \$10 Food Credit

Contact: **Topsy Thompson (408) 377-4314**

or e-mail: topray4314@att.net

Discover Tuscany

October 22–31, 2009

Our vision of Tuscany -- rows of cypress trees on rolling hilltops against the blue sky; olive groves and vineyards marching tidily down a slope; hill towns overlooking land that has been carefully cultivated since Roman times. This is a place rich in culture, art, architecture, history, food and wine.

We begin with a tour of glorious, historic Rome. Then Assisi-Montecatini Terme becomes our home for the next six nights. Next comes Florence, cradle of the Italian Renaissance, and picturesque San Gimignano with its 14 towers, followed by Siena, a wonderful medieval city.

Call for a brochure to read about it all.

Trip cost is **\$3,319** per person, double occupancy.

Contact: **Phyllis Souza (408) 247-7335**

phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net

or **Aurora Hicks (209) 223-3152**

Red Hawk & Jackson Rancheria

October 5-6, 2009

The brand new Red Hawk Indian Casino is in the beautiful hills of El Dorado County. After four hours there, we'll move on to Jackson Rancheria, the casino that has more Mega-Jackpot winners than any other Northern California casino, where we will stay overnight. Price for both casinos and the hotel is only **\$88.00** per person, double occupancy; \$108.00 per person, single occupancy.

Bonuses from both casinos: \$25.00, plus coupons. We leave the next day for home, with a stop in Clements at the Chocoholics Store.

Contact: **Topsy Thompson (408) 377-4314**

or e-mail: topray4314@att.net

Day Trips



Angel Island

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

For the most spectacular views of San Francisco and the Bay, nothing beats a ride around Angel Island. Tour includes round trip transportation from San Jose to Tiburon, Tiburon ferry to Angel Island, cove lunch and the delightful tram tour. Then we take the return ferry to Tiburon and coach to San Jose. Bring your camera.

A memorable experience for only **\$75.00** per person

Contact
Bud Souza
408-340-0082
e-mail:
buds2@mindspring.com

California Magic Theatre & Luncheon

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Trip Activity rating-2

The day will start with a guided history tour of Martinez, one of California's first towns, and a visit to the local museum. The renowned naturalist John Muir made Martinez his home and the legendary Joe DiMaggio was born there. Following the tour the group will be thrilled by a magic show and luncheon at California Magic Dinner Theatre. For those who went last year, please join us again as we experience the talents of a new and very entertaining magician. Luncheon menu: marinated boneless breast of chicken served on a bed of herb rice, baby greens salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing, and a decadent dessert of freshly hand-dipped chocolate-covered fruit. (*Vegetarian meal option available.*) A return-trip, no-host stop will be made at Bittersweet Café, Danville, where you'll find chocolate goodies, ice cream, pastries and confections. Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities, hosted lunch and docent tour. All this for **\$79.00** per person.

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

Indian Casino Trips

River Rock Casino

Monday, April 6, 2009

Price: **\$29.00**, Bonus \$20.00 Cash

Feather Falls Indian Casino

July 13, 2009

Price: \$20.00, Bonus: \$10.00 cash

All single-day 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

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

Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting

Monday, October 12, 2009

Trip Activity Rating - 2

Now taking reservations for a second bus.

Travel to **Marshall's Honey Bee Farm**, American Canyon, for a guided tour and honey tasting. The beekeeper, Spencer Marshall, will be your guide. You'll learn about his hand-crafted approach to traditional honey production, and you'll visit the charming country store on the site. Then you'll be treated to a private gourmet picnic in the beautiful tree-covered picnic area on the estate grounds of the **V. Sattui** winery. A winery tour and tasting are included. The marketplace at V. Sattui is not to be missed with a gourmet cheese shop offering over 200 types of cheeses, and wine/cooking gift items. The day will continue with the breathtaking drive to the **Petrified Forest** in Calistoga. Upon arrival enjoy a docent-led meadow walk which will include the history of the Petrified Forest.

Tour includes all gratuities, hosted lunch, & docent tour.

All this for **\$80.00** per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information, contact:

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

The IBM Club presents:

Spring Break Party

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo

Saturday, April 11, 10:30 AM - 7:00 PM

only \$17 per person

All you can eat picnic includes chicken, pasta, salads, soda and ice cream

Deadline for buying tickets is
Wednesday, April 8.

Contact:

IBM Club (see page 2)

Bowling

One More Time League at 300 San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2008-2009 Winter League March 11, 2009

1st Place Team: "3 Queens and a Joker," team 23: Don Johnson, DeDe Corral, Pat Falkowski, Clara DePaul

2nd Place Team: "Alley Sharks," team 15: Paul Houghton, Beverly Higa, Rick Taormina

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES

582-Ann Wilson 767-Ron Bianco

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

697-Shirley Beyler 806-Ron Bianco

HIGH GAME SCRATCH

234-Shirley Beyler 287-Ron Bianco

HIGH GAME HANDICAP

294-Betty Cobarrubias 300-Ron Bianco

AVERAGE

171-Jan Curry 199-Dennis Pitchford

163-Ann Wilson 196-Ron Bianco

163-Shirley Beyler 196-George Zagelow

The IBM Watson Bowling Tournament takes place on Friday, May 1. Check in at 9:15 AM; bowling starts at 9:30 AM. A BBQ lunch follows. You must sign up and pay for this event in advance – \$15 for lunch AND bowling. You can sign up at the bowling alley. On Wednesday mornings find the lane with the flag.

Or you can call any of the following folks:

Topsy Thompson: 377-4314

Frank Vitale: 927-2106

Sue Ehrlich: 578-8500 (at the bowling center)

The deadline for signup and payment is Wednesday, April 22.

This is a fun tournament and the food is good. Come on down and have a great time with us. You must be an IBMer, retired or working, and 50 or older.

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

March 5, 2009: Individual Golf was the format for the day for the 19 golfers who played. The course was muddy after the rains but we got through it OK. Winners were:

Men		Women		
1st	LeRoy Wallace	55	1st DeDe Corral	63
2nd	Don Johnson	56	2nd Marge Condensa	70
3rd	Bill Bartz	62	3rd Clara DePaul	75
	Jerry Condensa	62	4th Chris Oba	79
4th	Ray Jelesky	63		
			Bill Kurtz	63

Closest to Pin #10: Nobody

The next golf dates are Thursdays, April 2 and May 7. Play starts **at 10:00 AM, sharp. Please be there by 9:30 AM to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$25 **15 days in advance** of our golf date (or sooner) to:

Helen Wehner

**1561 Park Crest Ct.
San Jose, CA 95118**

Or call Helen to let her know you'd like to play that day. Sign ups will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Make your check to the "IBM Retirement Club" and on the memo line write Short 18 Hole Golf. If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have canceled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5.

Happy golfing,

Clara DePaul (294-7041)

DeDe Corral (378-6470) & Helen Wehner (264-6296)

Par Tee Golf

- To see full report, go online and look for "Par Tee Golf"

San Jose Municipal, March 23, 2009. The "Shots-Of-The-Day" go to Mike Kuhn and Bob Graves. On Hole # 4, a par three, Mike chipped in his second shot from 20 yards out for birdie. On Hole #2, a par 4, Bob chipped in his third shot from 20 yards out, also for birdie. On Hole #6, a 362 yard dogleg right, par 4, Bob had a "frustrating" experience! His third shot landed on the green. He putted about 20 feet uphill. His ball broke to the left, just missing the hole, and stopped five feet past the hole. His second putt broke to the right, again just missing the hole, and stopped where his original putt began. He did this three times! He finally made his 7th putt for a whopping ten! (Note: The pin placement made it extremely difficult because when he just tapped the ball, it rolled downhill a long distance before it came to a stop. Surprisingly, he remained calm and exclaimed, "I surely got some putting practice on that hole!" But then I heard him giving his ball a well deserved "tongue lashing!" We had a nice turnout of 55 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." Here are the results:

Place/Score

Team

1 / 118	Jerry Condensa	Marge Condensa	Al Carlson	Lynn Watkins
2 / 119	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Rich Hislip	Bob Graves
3 / 121	Milton Loo	Len Procker	Ray Jelesky	Chris Oba

Closest-To-Pin

	#4	#7	#12	#17
Men:	Bill Avery, 2' 1"	Johnnie Smoot, 7' 3"	Lynn Watkins, 25' 7"	Deen Hamid 23' 5"
	Nick Nomm, 5' 3"	Dan Thery, 22' 10"	Larry Wilkins, 25' 7"	Rich Hislip, 37' 7"
	Joe Salamida, 11' 0"	Fred Mitchell, 25' 11"	Andy La Scola 31' 1"	Milton Loo 72' 11"
Ladies:		Marge Condensa, 58' 5"		

There were thirteen bogey golfers (gross score of 90 or better) and they are Nick Nomm, Fleming Mathis & Rich Hiser 77; Johnnie Smoot & Willie Abraham 84; Lou Tolbert 85; Eric Schrader & Rich Hislip 86; Granny Barefoot 87; Andy La Scola & Joe Salamida 88; and Bill Niffenegger & Tom Siljander 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future:

April 6	Laguna Seca	\$40.00/March 18	Cart optional	- Format = 2 best ball foursome
May 11	Summitpointe	\$52.00/April 22	Includes cart	- Format = 2 best ball foursome
June 15	Sunnyvale	\$45.00/May 27	Cart optional	- Format = 2 best ball foursome
July 13	Boulder Creek	\$40.00/June 24	Cart optional - Includes lunch	- Format = Scramble-(Wilson Handicap)

Notes: If you have not renewed your Par Tee membership for 2009, it is now due: \$50.00. Joining new costs the same. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net, for renewing or joining.

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

Mail checks to: Par Tee Golf, P.O. Box 53535, San Jose, CA 95153-0535

Hikes

Edgewood Preserve Hike

Friday, April 24, 2009, 9:30 AM

We will visit Edgewood Preserve, where we hope to see a display of beautiful spring wildflowers. For this hike, we will be escorted by an Edgewood docent, Jan Simpson. Jan has led hikes at the park for a long time, and is quite knowledgeable about the variety of wildflowers there. The hike will cover anywhere from 5 to 6 miles depending on the route Jan chooses for us. The terrain will be rolling, with some climbing involved, so we rate the hike as moderately challenging. We will be enjoying our lunch after the hike in the park picnic area, so you may want to bring a snack to energize you while we walk.

When coming to Edgewood from the south (San Jose), use Highway 280. Turn off at the Edgewood Road exit. Turn eastbound on Edgewood Road (toward San Carlos and Redwood City). Proceed approximately 1.5 miles. The main park entrance will be on the south (right) side of the road. Parking at the preserve is limited; you may have to park on the roadside. Thus we encourage carpooling. Note that we are starting the hike ½ hour earlier in order to finish around lunchtime.

Carpoolers, meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden @ Hwy 85) at 8:15AM. Bring lunch, snack and water.

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Sierra Azul – Mt. Umunhum Area Hike

Friday, May 29, 2009, 9:00 AM (note earlier start time)

On this hike, we will be exploring the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve, close to Mt. Umunhum - once the site of Almaden Air Force Base. 3,486-foot Mt. Umunhum was named for the Ohlone word for "resting place of the hummingbird". There is no physical access to the top of the mountain, but we'll be in the general area and there will be plenty to see. The hike will be about 6 miles and will require a car bridge. After parking at a lot on Mt. Umunhum road, we'll ferry some of our cars to the start of the hike at the Bald Mountain trailhead and trek the 0.7 mile to the top. Then we'll turn around and come back down taking the Barlow and Woods trails. There is one steep hill but the hike is mostly downhill. We'll end up at the original parking lot. Since there is no appropriate place for lunch along the way, we'll eat back at the parking lot at the finish. So if you want to have a tailgate party after the hike, bring your lunch!

To get to our meeting place, take Almaden Expressway south and turn right at Old Almaden Road. Take Old Almaden Road for 4.5 miles (it is named Alamitos Road after 2.5 miles) and turn right on Hicks Road. Go 1.6 miles and turn left on Mt. Umunhum Rd. The parking lot is immediately on the right. If you want to take a shorter but curvier route, get on Hicks Road off Camden Avenue. Go about 6 miles and turn right on Mt. Umunhum Road. We will meet at the parking lot at 9 AM. Wear hiking boots as part of the trail is quite gravelly. Bring plenty of water – none available on the trail.

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