



# San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

The wonderful spring weather reminds us 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, and a map of the park on page 8. 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 the club is offering you 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 called "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](mailto: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: [jriley@prodigy.net](mailto:jriley@prodigy.net)

## San Jose IBM Retirement Club

IBM Club  
650 Harry Road  
San Jose, CA 95120

### OFFICERS (new for 2009):

#### President:

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[georgewalker@yahoo.com](mailto:georgewalker@yahoo.com)

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[ednbettyb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ednbettyb@sbcglobal.net)

Tom Clarke (831) 761-1513  
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### COMMITTEES:

#### Sunshine:

Terry Milinic' 265-5908  
[theresano1@yahoo.com](mailto:theresano1@yahoo.com)

#### Community Service - Adopt-A-Highway:

Doug & Evelyn Dean 264-9502  
[dougnevie@comcast.net](mailto:dougnevie@comcast.net)

#### Past Presidents/Advisors:

Mel Olsen, Ed Henschel, Bill Souza,  
Glen Furlong, Terry Milinic', Ron Harlan,  
George Nale, Ernie Veal, Ina Havens,  
Art Dill

## Membership Report

Ed Mueller

April 16, 2009

### History

April, 1999: 1665

April, 2008: 2142

April, 2009: 2153

Currently reading online: 1322

Currently receiving paper copy: 323

Currently not doing either: 523

14 Annual Members were dropped for  
not paying dues.

## 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](mailto:membership@ibmsjrc.org)

By U. S. Mail:

San Jose IBM Retirement Club  
Dept DKTA/F005 SVL  
555 Bailey Ave.  
San Jose, CA 95141

## In Memoriam

Dr. Craig Harkins

Robert L. Hansen

Connie Himan

Torben Lindstrom

Thomas G. Leary

Stephen Strawbridge

Vern Watts

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

1-800-796-9876

## New Members

Victor Butera

Ted Walls

### Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 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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Retirement Club or the IBM Corporation.*

## IBM Club Discounts

### Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.25; gold \$7.75

Regal/United Artists: \$6.25

Cinelux: \$6.25 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$7.25 - no restrictions

### See's Candy

Regular price: \$15.60 - IBM Club price:  
\$12.25 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

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](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

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](http://www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmclub)**

After you sign in, click the "CA Bay Area" link.  
The next page has offers for **Great America,**  
**Gilroy Gardens, 6 Flags Discovery King-**  
**dom** and others. I could not get to most of the  
offers due to a technical problem at the web  
site. I believe it is another one of those IBM  
web sites where employees have success  
and retirees do not. Been there, done that.  
Perhaps the problem will be fixed in the  
future. Check here again next month. Or, if  
you are computer person, try it yourself and  
send me an e-mail with your results.

This might be a problem only I have.

Thanks in advance,

**Walt Cole**

**[opawalt@gmail.com](mailto:opawalt@gmail.com)**

## San Jose IBM Retirement Club web site:

**[ibmsjrc.org](http://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/](http://www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/)**

### IBM PC Club

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

Subject: Adobe Photoshop Elements 7

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

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

## 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](mailto:theresano1@yahoo.com)**

**265-5908**

# TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
May 7, 2009	Truckee Big Hike Meeting		1	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
May 7, 2009	A Day in the Gold Country <b>Sold out</b>		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 12, 2009	Monterey Big Hike Meeting		1	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
May 12, 2009	PC Club: Adobe Photoshop Elements 7		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
May 13, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		4	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
May 19, 2009	<b>Annual Club Picnic</b>		1	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 21, 2009	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	268-7623
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 11, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		4	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
June 23, 2009	Angel Island		6	Bud Souza	340-0082
Jun 26, 2009	Hike: Quicksilver, Hacienda entrance		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
July 10, 2009	City Streets, Bay Views and Blue Skies	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
July 11-18, 2009	Calgary Stampede & Canada's Rockies		4	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		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Sep 10-19, 2009	France & Bavaria in the Fall		4	Bob Martinez,RonHarlan	927-1307
Sep 17, 2009	Santa Cruz Follies		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 20-23, 2009	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 4-9, 2009	Monterey Big Hike		1	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 5-6, 2009	Indian Casino: Red Hawk/Jackson Rancheria		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 12, 2009	Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting	2	5	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
Jan 12, 2010	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 7-9, 2010	Silver Legacy, Reno		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 13, 2010	Indian Casino: Black Oak		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 10, 2010	Into the Wild Day Tour in Salinas		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
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

For more information and a brochure, contact your hosts,

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

## Attention! Price Reduction! Salzburg Now Included! Oberammergau

May 20 - 29, 2010

The details of the **Imperial Cities Tour**, which includes the famous **Passion Play of Oberammergau**, have been released. The cost is now \$5159, including air. 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. Salzburg, backdrop for "Sound of Music," is the last stop before the highlight of the trip, the Passion Play, one of the most powerful shows 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? Call George or Carole for a mailed brochure or e-mail them for a soft copy.

**Information meeting**  
**Fresh Choice, Almaden and Blossom Hill**  
**Tuesday, August 25, at 10:00 AM. Please join us.**

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:buds2@mindspring.com)**

## Adopt-A-Highway, Wednesday, April 9, 2009

Canceled due to the threat of rain in most places and actual rain in a few places. The actual rain did not help with the drought problem at all. We will try again in May.

**Schedule: Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, June 11.** Meet in the VTA parking lot at 8:45 AM.

Caller: Barbara Pugh 265-2466, **Contact: Doug & Evelyn Dean 264-9502 [dougnevie@comcast.net](mailto: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 will be 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](mailto:patvjohns@verizon.net)  
**Ina Havens, 847-4793** or [cliffina@verizon.net](mailto:cliffina@verizon.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 and/or to learn about the next info meeting. Trip cost is **\$3,289** per person, double occupancy.

Contact: **Phyllis Souza (408) 247-7335**  
**([phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net))**  
or **Aurora Hicks (209) 223-3152**

## 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](mailto:topray4314@att.net)

## Las Vegas - Fun Tour September 20-23, 2009

We will stay in the downtown Golden Nugget hotel for 3 nights. Day 2 is a free day: gamble, shop or take in some live entertainment. Day 3 we will visit the Ethel M. Chocolate factory for a tour with tasting, tour the Botanical Cactus Garden and finally stop at the Cannery Casino.

Cost: \$275 per person, double occupancy, singles add \$80.

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

## 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 MegaJackpot 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](mailto:topray4314@att.net)

## Day Trips

### 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](mailto:bsouza6280@aol.com)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:bsouza6280@aol.com)

## Indian Casino Trips

**Feather Falls Indian Casino**  
July 13, 2009

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

**Cache Creek Indian Casino**  
Tuesday January 12, 2010

Price: \$30.00, Bonus: \$10.00 cash  
\$5.00 food credit

**Black Oak Indian Casino**  
Tuesday April 13, 2010

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](mailto:topray4314@att.net)

# Golf

## 2009 Watson Golf Tournament

Each year the IBM Club sponsors this annual golf tournament. All IBM employees and IBM retirees are invited to play. There are five courses played and there is a Monday tournament and a Saturday tournament. The schedule is below. The rules and sign up forms are available online or from the IBM Club office. If you have any questions, call either Andy La Scola or Frank Vitale.

### Schedule

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	
May 30	June 1	Spring Valley (w/cart)
June 6	June 8	Los Lagos (w/cart)
July 18	July 20	Ridgemark-Gabilan Course (w/cart)
July 25	July 27	Ridgemark-Diablo Course (w/cart)
August 15	August 17	San Jose Municipal (w/cart)

### Cost

Saturday tournament fee: \$220.00

Monday tournament fee: \$170.00

Fees and applications must be received by Friday, May 8, 2009, at the IBM Club office. IBM Club, 650 Harry Road, San Jose, CA 95120

Rules and application forms available online at: [ibmsjrc.org](http://ibmsjrc.org)

### Contacts

Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329  
[alascola@earthlink.net](mailto:alascola@earthlink.net)

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

## 2009 Santa Cruz Follies Show & Lunch

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Don't miss this outstanding day trip. Many who went last year have already signed up.

We will have an ocean front luncheon at the historic Cocoanut Grove and see the 2009 Santa Cruz Follies production, "That's Entertainment."

Price: \$69.00 per person

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!

### Contact:

**Topsy Thompson**  
**(408) 377-4314** or e-mail:  
[topray4314@cs.com](mailto:topray4314@cs.com)

# Bowling

## One More Time League at 300 San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2008-2009 Winter League April 8, 2009

1st Place Team: #3 "Purple Pills": Helen Wehner, Wes Berg, Jane Bode, Ernie Bode

2nd Place Team: #2 "The Long-Bow": Ruth Furlong, Earl Bowers, Glen Furlong, Nancy Bowers

### HIGH SERIES SCRATCH

582-Ann Wilson 767-Ron Bianco  
578-Jan Curry 694-Fred Mitchell

### HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

697-Shirley Beyler 806-Ron Bianco  
695-Laura Woodard 767-Jim O'Neill

### HIGH GAME SCRATCH

234-Shirley Beyler 287-Ron Bianco  
226-Betty Cobarrubias

### HIGH GAME HANDICAP

294-Betty Cobarrubias 300-Ron Bianco  
273-O'Lynda Head 288-Jim O'Neill

### AVERAGE

170-Jan Curry 200-Dennis Pitchford  
164-Ann Wilson 197-George Zagelow

Well, we are coming to the end of our Winter League. Our Summer League will start on May 13, 2009. We have had a good year. I wish the best to all of you and I hope you stay well. We will see you again in the fall. The Winter League will start once again on September 9, 2009. So have a real nice summer.

**Topsy Thompson: 377-4314**

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

# Short 18-Hole Golf

## Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

**April 2, 2009:** Individual Golf was the format for the day for the 26 golfers who played. The group is growing. Everybody had fun. Winners were:

Men		Women	
1st	Bill Bartz 54	1st	Helen Brock 55
2nd	Armin Kluth 55	2nd	DeDe Corral 58
3rd	Don Johnson 57	3rd	Marge Condensa 63
4th	Jerry Condensa 60		Jean Williams 63
		4th	Clara DePaul 68

### Closest to Pin #10:

1st Leroy Wallace 14' 2" 1st DeDe Corral 44' 7"  
2nd Jerry Condensa 27' 10"

The next golf dates are Thursdays, May 7 and June 4. 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 the full report, go online and look for "Par Tee Golf"

**Laguna Seca – April 6, 2009:** The "Shot(s)-Of-The-Day" go to Johnnie Smoot and Rich Hislip. On hole #17, a par three, Johnnie chipped his ball out of a greenside bunker and into the cup for "Birdie." On hole #18, a par four, Rich hit his tee shot very low, which struck a curb about forty yards in front of him. His ball bounced back about twenty yards to his left. So he hit his ball again, only this time he hit the curb with such velocity that it came right back at him, and luckily he jumped out of the way just in time! I asked him why he didn't yell "FORE" (what you're supposed to do when your ball is heading for someone else), and he said he was too busy trying to get out of his own way. Incidentally, his ball landed about forty yards "behind" him. So, he hit his "Blankety-Blank" ball again, only this time, it hit the cart path first, and just barely bounced over that same curb! Isn't playing golf "fun"? We had a nice turnout of 53 golfers. The format of play was "2 Best Ball Foursome." Here are the results:

### Place/Score

### Team

<b>1 / 117</b>	Mike Higginbotham	Mickey Higginbotham	Jay Myers	Mike Maniglia
<b>2 / 118</b>	Ralph Lyle	Bob Lyle	Chuck Bonner	Bill Bireley
<b>3 / 123</b>	Tom Baker	Darrell Bellah	Mike Nunziata	Marge Condensa*

\*Blind Draw

### Closest-To-Pin

	#2	#8	#12	#14	#17
<b>Men:</b>	Bob Lyle 8' 3"	Willie Abraham 10' 9"	Johnnie Smoot 11' 6"	Carl Brizzi 15' 0"	Jerry Condensa 8' 5"
	Jay Meyers 12' 0"	Greg Johnston 11' 4"	Graham Kelly 11' 7"	Len Procker 17' 3"	Eric Schrader 9' 4"
	Jim McGuire 17' 0"	John Grewohl 11' 9"	Darrell Bellah 18' 0"	Don Johnson 20' 8"	Rich Hislip 9' 6"
<b>Ladies:</b>	Marge Condensa 33' 11"				

There were fourteen bogey golfers (gross score of 89 or better) and they are Jay Myers 75; John Grewohl 76; Graham Kelly 77; Mike Higginbotham & Johnnie Smoot 82; Darrell Bellah 83; Mike Maniglia 84; Jim McGuire, Tony Scalora & Eric Schrader 85; Mickey Higginbotham & Deen Hamid 86; Ralph Lyle 87; and Carl Brizzi 89. Congratulations to all the winners!

### Future:

May 4	Summitpointe	\$54.00/April 15	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 = <b>Scramble-(Wilson Handicap)</b>
Aug 24	Poppy Hills	\$85.00/July 1	Includes cart-Bob Slater Memorial	- Format = individual play

**Payment must be received at Poppy Hills by July 1---Get your payment in early!!! 68 players MAX! No Cancellations!**

**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](mailto:maxdonmar@comcast.net), for renewing or joining.

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

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

# Hikes

## 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. The 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 Alamos Road after 2.5 miles) and turn right on Hicks Road. Go 1.6 miles and turn left on Mt. Umunhum Road. 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 is available on the trail.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller 247-6769, [jfeller1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfeller1@ix.netcom.com)**

June's hike in Almaden Quicksilver Park on Friday, June 26, will be a moderately challenging 6 miler with a 700-foot elevation change. We'll meet at the Hacienda entry. More details in the June newsletter.

## IBM Retirement Club Picnic Site: Lake Cunningham Regional Park

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

