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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

In an effort to avoid the recent increase in postal rates and reduce manual intervention we attempted further automation of the Newsletter mailing process. Unfortunately, although the operation was a success, the patient died. Apparently no two answers from the U.S. Postal Service are the same. What was acceptable in May was not acceptable in June. Consequently we were forced to mail June's Newsletter as First Class Mail (approximately double the cost of the previous month.) The Board of Directors unanimously voted NOT to mail July 's Newsletter but have it available online at www.sjpc.org/sjrc. Hopefully by August we will have a procedure acceptable to the U.S. Postal Service. If you know of anyone who does not have a computer at home and might enjoy receiving July's newsletter, please print a copy for him or her. I would like to thank those members who have elected to receive the newsletter online on a permanent basis, they have indeed uncomplicated our news distribution efforts. I would also like thank those folks who have volunteered to assist in mailing the newsletter. Their thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Hope you had a Happy Fourth of July.
Art Dill

Eyeglasses Report

224 clear and 34 sun glasses and 20 pairs of lenses!

Pasta Feed: 53 pair - 5 pair lenses

One More Time Bowling League: 48 - 7 pair lenses

Picnic: 138 - 8 pair lenses

Carol and Bill Griffin donated 6 pairs of glasses.

Retiree Caroline Houston, who belongs to the Sierra Club, collected 13 pairs of glasses from her hiking group. Caroline volunteered her services "Tax Aid Program" AARP for low income families at the Campbell Senior Center - she is also a ball room dancer.

Donated eye glasses and lenses are given to Dr. Arthur Basham, a Los Gatos ophthalmologist. The glasses are graded, then delivered to third world countries for the needy who can't afford to buy eye glasses. This is an on-going project for a worthy cause.

I know that when Dwight Johnson reads this article he will be happy to know the collection of eye glasses is still being continued. Dwight and his wife Vivian were the first people to collect eye glasses for the IBM Retirement Club and continued to do so up until the time they moved to Walnut Creek in 2000. While serving as volunteers overseas, they observed the need for used eye glasses.

Please, everyone, continue to donate used eye glasses. There will be a box for collection at all the IBM Retirement Club functions.

If you go on any of the bus trips, you can always give the glasses to the host or hostess to pass on to Pat Falkowski, 972-2877. Let's all support this needy cause. I will be the first one to donate my pair of used eye glasses to Pat.

Thanks to all for your donations.

Betty Bottoni

July IBM Retirement Club Newsletter

No, your mail carrier did not lose your club newsletter last month. The Post Office didn't forget to deliver it. We simply didn't have it printed last month, so there was nothing to mail. Hopefully, you are now holding this month's issue, (August) in your hand. (Those of you reading online, of course, are not holding it in your hand, unless you have printed it yourself.)

The Club Board voted in July to skip the hard copy for a month, to give time to figure out the new postal regulations and then modify our process. We believe that has been done.

This August newsletter has most of what was in the July newsletter, which was and still is available online. Where I included last month's stuff in this issue, it is marked "July" except for the bowling results which are combined.

The Club Board has made no decisions yet to permanently change the newsletter distribution. All kinds of ideas will be discussed over the coming months and maybe years, but you will continue to get a copy in the US mail unless you have opted for online delivery only. Thanks to everyone who has. The trees appreciate it.

Walt Cole

Letters to the Editor (repeated from July newsletter)

Dear Editor,

Retirees Goddard & Lynott Honored

On May 4, 2007, William A. Goddard and John J. Lynott were inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron Ohio, for their work on the Magnetic disc storage device in the 1950s at 99 Notre Dame, San Jose. This work began the Computer Age that we know today.

Bonnie Goddard Burnham, daughter of W. A. Goddard, accepted the award for her father. Also attending the ceremony were Dr. John J. Burnham, husband, Kevin J. Burnham, son from UC San Diego Medical School and Nancy R. Goddard, widow, from Tempe, Arizona.

Rita Lynott accepted the award for her husband. Also attending were four daughters: Stephanie, Susan, and Kevin Marie Lynott, and Elizabeth Westover of San Francisco.

The ceremonies at the Inventors Hall of Fame were very well done and very interesting.

Nancy Goddard

Dear Editor,

Since leaving the IBM Medical Department I have been involved in bringing much needed art to school children in Santa Clara County, (art in schools was discontinued with Prop.13).

The SJ Museum of Art is currently looking for additional volunteers to join their "Let's Look at Art" program. This free program is offered to the public and private classrooms of Santa Clara County. Docents lead students through a fun and interactive presentation with a broad selection of age appropriate art reproductions.

No art experience is needed. A series of thirteen training sessions will begin in October. The hours are flexible and the time commitment for the presentations could easily fit in with your activities. You decide your own schedule.

Please consider volunteering for this rewarding experience. You will make a significant difference in the children's art appreciation while learning and doing something you enjoy. Last year 40 docents presented art to over 25,000 students in SC County schools.

For more information, phone 408 291-5393 or send e-mail to vol4llaa@sjmusart.org.
Linda Hignite

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Charlotte Chastain, wife of an IBM retiree, is the lady we wrote about earlier this year who volunteered over 10,000 hours at the Veterans Hospital.

Now she is doing something else. She has a group of five women who meet in her home monthly and sew for charity.

They knit and crochet hats for preemie babies at local hospitals. They sew wheel chair and walker bags for the Veterans Hospital.

Not only that, they make turtle pillows for the Paul Newman's Painted Turtle Camp at Lake Elizabeth in Southern California. They sew lap robes that the kids use as blankets to take a nap as well as the turtle pillows.

You ladies are to be congratulated for all you do for charity.

Betty Bottoni

Dear Editor,

The San Jose **Tech Museum of Innovation**, one of the nation's premier science and technology museums, is proud to host the first Northern California showing of Gunther von Hagens' **BODY WORLDS 2 & The Three Pound Gem**, presented by The Health Trust. This unique and educational exhibit about human anatomy, physiology and health gives guests an unprecedented view inside the human body, and has been enjoyed worldwide by more than 22 million people. The **Three Pound Gem** is a special debut feature on the brain inspired by the latest findings in neuroscience and the brain.

BODY WORLDS is the only anatomical exhibition featuring specimens that were generously willed by body donors during their lifetime for the express purpose of Plastination.

BODY WORLDS opens at The Tech in downtown San Jose on September 27, 2007, and will run through January 26, 2008. Exhibit hours will be from 9:00 AM to 9:00 p.m. every day except Christmas Day, with last entry at 7:30 PM; tickets are timed at 15-minute intervals. Purchase tickets online by visiting www.thetech.org, or by calling (408) 294-TECH (8324).

Additional volunteers are needed at The Tech during BODY WORLDS. Contact The Tech's Volunteer Recruitment Team at (408) 795-6204, or send e-mail to volunteering@thetech.org, and look forward to a fascinating and wonderful volunteer experience.

Jeff Ferrier

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July 19, 2007

Membership History

| Year | June | July |
|------|------|------|
| 1997 | 1596 | 1612 |
| 2006 | 2094 | 2105 |
| 2007 | 2152 | 2154 |

New Members

Nola Emery
Victor Hughes
Charles Renard

From July newsletter:

Doyle Brown
Dale Chapman
Alan Fischbach
Roy Flowers
Gerald Hermes
Vaughn Hysinger
Arthur Johnson
Jean Johnson
Alice Kinberg
Mike Lindsay
Dave Montgomery
Bonnie Paul
Michael Ross

In Memoriam

Inder Batra
Uma Batra
Marvin Doescher
Mary Harper
Frank Komars
Ronald Legue
Beverly Timmer

From July newsletter:

Art Bates
John Nolan
Horst Remus
Richard Wainright
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Sunshine Report

Well the sun is shining bright and it is warm out, and it is supposed to be a good time, but not so for some folks.

Vincenzana (Vinni) Bartasi had to have knee surgery. Her husband, George, said she was doing well.

Don Rose is in hospital with pneumonia. Don, come on now, get out of there, we have places to go again.

Betty Bottoni is home from rehab. She has to have someone there with her 24 hours a day, but she is doing well.

Gino Bottoni is back in Good Sam Hospital. Gino, we miss your smiles, your hugs, soooooo please get well.

Ron Harlan had his spleen removed and is recovering nicely.

Please all of you, even the ones I don't know about, get well, and stay that way. We need you, and your family does too. I did hear that some of you are going to have cataract surgery; some are going in for tests; some are just tired. Well being tired...we are all that way, just look at our ages!

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

To see the Sunshine column that was in the July newsletter, turn to page 7.

Change of Address

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

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

Mail: send to:

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555 Bailey Ave.
San Jose, CA 95141

Ed Mueller,

e-mail: ibmsjrc@hotmail.com

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

| Date | Event | TAR | Page | Contact | Phone |
|---------------------|---|-----|------|------------------------|--------------|
| Aug 8-9, 2007 | Reno: Hot August Nights Sold out, accepting stand-bys | | 4 | Ernie Veal | 224-3584 |
| Aug 9, 2007 | Adopt-a-Highway | | 9,10 | Doug & Evelyn Dean | 264-9502 |
| Aug 12, 2007 | IBM Club: Raging Waters Day & BBQ | | 7 | Frank Vitale | 927-2106 |
| Aug 14, 2007 | PC Club - Fiber Channel Storage Arrays and Skype Telephone via Your PC | | 10 | Walt Cole | 972-1178 |
| Aug 15, 29, 2007 | "Jersey Boys" at Curran Theatre Sold out | | -- | Ron & Heidi Harlan | 266-7639 |
| Aug 16, 2007 | IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting | | 6 | Art Dill | 831 338-3069 |
| Aug 31-Sep 7, 2007 | Cruise: Alaska Inside Passage Sold out, Wait List only | | -- | Ron & Heidi Harlan | 266-7639 |
| Sep 9-11, 2007 | Reno: Circus Circus | | 5 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| Sep 12, 2007 | Adopt-a-Highway | | 9,10 | Doug & Evelyn Dean | 264-9502 |
| Sep 18, 2007 | San Francisco Tour of the Seagull Sold out, Wait List only | 2 | 6 | Bill & Madeline Souza | 356-6280 |
| Sep 24-Oct 5, 2007 | Croatia and Slovenia Sold out | | -- | George & Carole Walker | 268-7623 |
| Sep 28, 2007 | Hike: San Francisco Stairway Walk | | 7 | Gil & Julie Feller | 247-6769 |
| Sep 29, 2007 | Horse Racing at Bay Meadows | | 6 | George Nale | 779-4275 |
| Sep 30-Oct 5, 2007 | Monterey Big Hike | | -- | Jim & Dottie Riley | 268-5482 |
| Oct 8, 2007 | Indian Casino: Gold Country | | 7 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| Oct 10-16, 2007 | New Mexico & Balloon Fiesta | | 5 | Ina Havens | 847-4793 |
| Oct 16, 2007 | Central Valley Adventure Sold out, Wait List only | 2 | -- | Bill & Madeline Souza | 356-6280 |
| Oct 25, 2007 | IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting | | -- | Art & Sherry Dill | 831 338-3069 |
| Nov 6, 2007 | Bocce in Los Gatos | | 7 | George & Carole Walker | 268-7623 |
| Nov 18, 2007 | "Wigged Out" Show | | 6 | Ron & Heidi Harlan | 266-7639 |
| Dec 8, 2007 | Holiday Party | | 13 | George & Carole Walker | 268-7623 |
| Dec 9, 2007 | The Christmas Revels Sold out, Wait List only | 2 | 6 | Bill & Madeline Souza | 356-6280 |
| Jan 28, 2008 | Indian Casino: Cache Creek | | 7 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| Mar 9-11, 2008 | Reno: Circus Circus | | 7 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| May 29-Jun 11, 2008 | South America | | 5 | Art & Sherry Dill | 831 338-3069 |
| Jun 9, 2008 | Indian Casino: Chukchansi | | 7 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

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

Travel Trips

South America May 29 - June 11, 2008

♪Tall and tan and young and lovely♪, the girls from Ipanema Beach might be seen on this tour! You will be staying at a beautiful resort hotel on Copacabana Beach. Included are tours of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls and Santiago, Chile, among many other activities.

Trip Highlights:

- Welcome Cocktail Party -Hot h'or d'oerves
- Sugarloaf Mountain Sunset Tour via cable car
- Samba Dinner Show at famous Plataforma
- Cogwheel train-Mt. Corovado; Christ the Redeemer
- Tijuca National Park via Jeep Safari
- Eco Train to "Devil's Throat"-Iguassu Falls
- Spectacular Tango Dinner Show in Buenos Aires
- Gaucho Festival-Buenos Aires-BBQ,folkdance +
- Santiago-Neoclassic Moneda Palace and Government Seat
- San Cristobal Hill-View of Andes mountains
- Chili-Pacific Coast full day tour with highlight stops.
- Wineries

The price of the tour including airfare is \$3,995. Single Supplement \$825.00. Main Tour Included features are: Brazilian visa (\$100.), all air flights, transfers, entrance to shows and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 11 breakfasts, 3 main meal lunches, 3 other dinners included.

An optional 4 nights, 5-day tour of Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu is available, June 11 - 15.

- Lima Archaeological Museum + more
- Cuzco Urubamba Valley + more
- Ollantaitambo ruins-Cuzco
- Vista Dome Train to Machu Picchu + tours

Peru extension is \$1550 pp. Single Supplement is \$385. Peru Extension Features are: All Air flights, transfers, entrance to tours per itinerary, Baggage handling, 5 Breakfasts, 2 lunches included.

Not included in this trip: arrival and departure taxes to be paid in cash for each country, visa pictures, tips, trip insurance.

Prices are based on airfares as of 6/20/07 and subject to change until ticketed.

More information will be available at the trip presentation on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at Bakers Square on Almaden.

Contact:

Art and Sharry Dill for brochure.

(831) 338-3069

TAR 4



Hot-air Balloon Fiesta & Carlsbad Caverns October 10 - October 16, 2007

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

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

Contact:

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

Circus, Circus, Reno Sunday-Tuesday, September 9-11, 2007

\$84.00 per person, 2 to a room, \$27.00 single supplement
Casino Bonus: \$25.00, Food: \$2.00, & Fun Book

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

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

Day Trips

Horse Racing At Bay Meadows Saturday, September 29, 2007

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

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

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

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

Wigged Out

Sunday, November 18, 2007, 2:00 PM Show

Wigged Out is a uniquely original, fast paced, singing and dancing musical comedy experience. The all new production involves a mysterious secret at the hair salon--a secret at Victoria's Hair On Stage salon in Danville. This East Bay musical comedy performs in this most unique theater venue.

At all **Wigged Out** shows we expect a healthy dose of icons, celebrities and household products showing up on stage. At times, the audience becomes part of the show. It's a fun afternoon, lots of good laughs. The Contra Costa Times stated "You'll hurt yourself laughing and be amazed at the talent."

Prior to the show, we will have lunch at the Brass Door near the theater in Danville. Lunch choices will be roast prime rib or roasted rosemary chicken.

The price is \$90.00 per person which includes the show, lunch, motorcoach and all gratuities.

Contact:

Ron and Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639.

This event is hosted by the IBM San Jose Retirement Club and is open to all IBM Club and QCC members and friends.

**Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, August 16, 2007, 10:00 AM
Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd.
Cafeteria, Bldg 055**

The Christmas Revels Sunday, December 9, 2007

Trip Activity Rating – 2

Sold Out - wait list only

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

Trip Includes:

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

All this for \$114.00 per. person

Contact:

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

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

Sold Out - wait list only

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

Tour Includes:

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

All this for \$89.00 per. Person

Contact:

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

Day Trips

Indian Casino Trips

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

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

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

**Circus, Circus, Reno, Sun-Tues,
March 9-11, 2008,** details later

Chukchansi, June 9, 2008
Price \$20, \$10.00 EZ play and \$5.00 Food Credit

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

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

Contact:

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

IBM Club Family & Friends Day at Raging Waters

Sunday, August 12, 2007, 10:30 AM-8:00 PM

The \$15 ticket includes a day at the water park
and an all-you-can-eat BBQ lunch.

For further details:

Contact:

Frank Vitale, 927-2106

Bocce Players Needed

Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 11:30 AM
Campo Di Bocce, 565 University Ave., Los Gatos

Everyone who attends has a great time so....come
join us for food and fun and friends playing the
ageless game of bocce. The game of bocce is easy
and fun. It is not strenuous and takes no previous
experience. Again we will enjoy the cuisine of Italy
with antipasti, appetizers, gourmet pizza and des-
sert. We require a minimum of 32 players. Sign up
early as this event fills up quickly. Cost is **\$30.00**
per person for both food and fun! To secure your
spot, make out a check to George Walker. Then
send it to:

George Walker
6063 Burnbank Place
San Jose, CA 95120 .

Hikes

San Francisco Stairway Walk

Friday, September 28, 10:00 AM

If it's September, it must be San Francisco. At least that's the
IBM hiking group tradition. This year's San Francisco walk will
be unusual in that it's an urban trek, almost all on paved streets
and walkways. But oh, what walkways these are! We will use
the city's stairways to navigate hills that are too steep for cars.
When we scouted the walk, we counted a total of 550 stairs
going up, probably about the same going down. So bring your
most comfortable walking shoes and tune up your knees for this
challenging walk.

We found the walk in a delightful book called "Stairway Walks in
San Francisco." If you have access to the book, it is walk #11.
Our route takes us through Golden Gate Heights, an area south
of Golden Gate Park. It's a quiet residential neighborhood with
a lovely park and great views. When we started the walk it was
cold and foggy but by noon we could see Ocean Beach and
downtown San Francisco.

Other than the stairways we'll navigate, your other challenge will
be finding a place to park. We will be meeting on the corner of
15th and Lincoln, across the street from Golden Gate Park. We
noted that there was available parking on Lincoln, with no time
limit. Probably your best bet to get to the city will be the 280-19th
avenue route. When you get to Lincoln (just before Golden Gate
Park), turn right and begin your search for a space. Carpooling
is highly recommended! Carpoolers - meet at the normal place:
Camden Park and Ride (Camden at 85), at 8:30 AM.

We didn't find a great place to stop for lunch, so we recommend
bringing a snack and drink for munching along the way. Once we
finish the walk there is a wide variety of restaurants nearby
around 9th avenue (we'll direct you) where you can replenish the
calories you burned.

Contacts:

Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769.

Sunshine Report (from July newsletter)

Angie told me about her husband, Ron Carter. On June 5, Ron was
having chest pains, she called 911, and they got him right to the
hospital. Then he had a heart attack. They ran some tests, found he
needed a triple by-pass, so they did that. After the operation, he had a
stroke. Well, to make this story short, Ron is now home. He came home
June 17. They are staying with their daughter. Ron is having therapy at
home every day. Angie said prayers do help. Angie is retiring from IBM
for the 2nd time at the end of this month.

I visited Betty Bottoni who is in Good Samaritan Hospital. Betty fell in
back yard and broke her hip. Gino Bottoni is in Vasona Rehab in Los
Gatos.

And I know of others that had operations, and are doing OK. So to
everybody recovering, I said a little prayer for you. Now you can get
well. Everyone please take care, keep that smile on your face.

**Topsy Thompson,
the Sunshine Lady!!**

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.00; gold \$7.50

Regal/United Artists: \$6.00

Cinelux: \$6.00 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$7.00 - no restrictions

Universal Studios

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

IBM Club price: \$47.00 Three day ticket!

Disneyland single day-one park

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

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

Disneyland 1-day park hopper

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

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

Disneyland 2-day park hopper

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

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

Disneyland 3-day park hopper

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

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

Disney World single day-one park

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

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

Disney World 3-day park hopper

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

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

Legoland

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

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

SeaWorld

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00, 2 days

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

Sees Candy

IBM Club price: \$10.75 1 pound gift certificate

Gilroy Gardens (Bonfonte Gardens)

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

IBM Club price: \$22

Great America

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

IBM Club price: \$27.95 ages 3 and up

Parking pass: \$5

6 Flags Discovery Kingdom (Marineworld)

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

IBM Club price: \$24.99 ages 3 and up

Parking pass: \$10

Raging Waters

Gate price: \$27.99 Season: \$58.99

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

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

Checks or money orders should be
made payable to IBM Club

Ticket Hours:

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

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Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059

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IBM Club Web Site for Retirees

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

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

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

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

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

Swap'N'Shop

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

www.employeeswapnshop.com/ibmer

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

There is a new web site that IBM retirees can use to obtain discounts on a wide variety of products and services from many companies.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

IBM Retiree ID Card

IBM retirees that have lost, or never had, or just cannot find their IBM Retiree ID card can call and get one. Call the IBM Employee Service Center: **1-800-796-9876**.

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, June 14, 2007

True to the weather forecast it was sizzling hot by 9 AM. Our largest team ever (22) went out armed with water, sunscreen, and the admonition "come back in if it gets too hot."

This clean was the tale of the tail gate....Pat Motta cut up melon, and pineapple and brought in an ice chest. Sally Large made super brownies with fudge frosting....Nick Clason, driving to the clean, smelled donuts and followed the aroma to a donut shop and bought warm fresh donuts. By special request from Tom Clarke, Evie's homemade lemonade slaked our thirst.

Evie's Lemonade

1 cup **sugar**

1 cup **water**

3 **lemons**, juiced with pulp and seeds

1 **orange**, juiced with pulp and seeds

- make light simple syrup with 1 cup **sugar** and 1 cup **water** and boil for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to dissolve sugar.
- Take off heat and add **juices** with pulp and seeds. This is now lemonade syrup. Cool. (this step blooms the flavor)
- Strain lemonade syrup into container and add 2 parts water to one part syrup....this is now lemonade...store in refrigerator. You will now have 32 oz. of lemonade.

To serve: pour lemonade into glass with ice. (Optional: garnish with mint sprig.) Sip and enjoy.

Lemonade tastes best when you have just picked up litter.

Big Money: We didn't find the other half of last month's twenty but we did find 72 cents and a 20 thousand dollar bill. Unfortunately the U.S. Treasury had nothing to do with printing it.

35 bags makes a 2072 total of bags to date.

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

Wednesday, July 11, 2007 second Wednesday

Thursday, August 9, 2007 second Thursday

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

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

RV Camping Club

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

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IBM Retirement Club Web Site:

www.sjpc.org/sjrc

The current month's newsletter is available at the web site above **before you get it in the mail**. It is there by about the first of the month. Click on **Newsletters** when you get to the web site.

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

The newsletter is in PDF format and can be viewed, saved and/or printed with the free Adobe Reader program. If you have questions about this modern digital way to obtain the newsletter,

The July issue was available **ONLY** on the web site. So the online readers didn't miss a thing. While we don't plan on making this a regular thing, who knows the future?

Contact:

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Adopt-A-Highway

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

It is reassuring that IBM is still very supportive of Community Service. The main plant site doesn't exist as we knew it and Adopt-a-highway found itself with no place to store the gear, which consists of a fully loaded IBM owned large storage cabinet 46" W x 24" D x 78" H. Frank Vitale of the IBM club arranged for our cabinet to be stored on the back dock of SVL (formerly known as the Santa Teresa Lab). It is such a great place with a nifty loading dock and dollies with easy access. We are in storage heaven. Thank you IBM and Silicon Valley Lab!

Three cheers for Lize Johannes! It took her 30 minutes to come from Campbell by light rail, she transferred from the Winchester line to the Santa Teresa line at the convention center.

Hooray! Dick Sementelli is back from sick leave due to radiation and is "feeling a lot better!"

Thanks to Barbara Pugh for bringing chocolate cupcakes for all the litter warriors.

In our rendezvous area we found a parked trailer with a full load of roof tiles, centered, efficiently tied down and covered. It was the kind of trailer load litter volunteers admire and appreciate. But it was an expensive load to be left in a public parking area! The VTA security guard came by and asked if it was ours. He said as it wasn't there the day before he had to report it to the sheriff. Later a sheriff's car came by; the deputy tagged it, and said "the owner has 72 hours to move it or it would be towed." He then pointed out that the rear driver's side wheel was gone and that the trailer was safely jacked up. Checking his on board computer revealed it had not been reported stolen. He thought that it was a flat tire problem but, because of vehicles used as bombs, all abandoned vehicles have to be investigated. Later when we were tailgating at the end of our clean up, a dual wheel diesel pickup arrived. The driver had the wheel with a new tire, pneumatic tools and put that wheel on in a jiffy. He was a contractor from Aptos and had driven to Stockton to pick up the roof tiles and had a blow out on his way home.

We found several "will work for food" signs discarded at several locations. Guess a lot of these people are hungry litterbugs!

19 volunteers filled 27 bags bringing our total to 2099 bags to date. Found \$1.05 worth of beat up coins.

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

Thursday, August 9, 2007, second Thursday Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, second Wednesday
Callers: Alice Czerniec 224-6230 Barbara Pugh 265-2466

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

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 5:00 PM, SVL

Jose Medeiros, former SAN Systems Engineer with Intel & IBM, will give presentations on Fiber Channel Storage Arrays and Skype telephone services. The Fiber channel Storage Arrays presentation will cover the basics of fiber channel concepts on HP/ Hitachi Storage Works 5000 / 8000 Enterprise Virtual Arrays infrastructure technologies used by large enterprises such as Intel, Cisco, HP, Brocade and Lockheed, etc.

For more information on HP SANS technologies, go to

<http://h18006.www1.hp.com/products/storageworks/eva/index.html>.

Skype telephone services let you use ordinary computer accessories to make free voice-over-Internet and video calls to other Skype users anywhere in the world. Even if you don't know anyone who uses Skype, the paid service still offers significant cost benefits over traditional telephony. The SkypeOut feature lets you make calls to regular landline or mobile phones for far less than a typical phone company charges. For more information, go to <http://www.skype.com/>. For directions to the meeting see: www.sjpc.org

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

Bowling

One More Time League at Club 300 (Oakridge Lanes) 2007 Summer League, July, 2007

Here are some mid-season "STATS" for week number 7 for our summer bowling.

Team 3 with George Zaelow, Sal Garcia, Bill Jeung, Shirley Veal are in first place. With team 11 coming on strong.

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Scratch Game

226-Pat Falkowski
191-Ann Wilson
191-Chila Miller
190-Ruth Furlong

243-Bill Hooper
221-Roger Hargraves
221-Bill Souza
210-Eddie Fahrner

High Scratch Series

570-Faye Fritz
536-Shirley Veal
523-Ann Wilson
519-Ruth Furlong

641-George Zagelow
570-Eddie Fahrner
555-Bill Hooper

High Handicap Game

243-Chila Miller
239-Mary Brown
230-Carol Hughes
220-Olga Walters

262-Bill Souza
254-Frank Wilson
233-Gunnar Kristensen
233-Wyeth Falkowski

High Handicap Series

686-Shirley Veal
651-Sheila Disarbo
641-Marge Hargraves

701-Sal Garcia
665-Hank Guardias
627-Ernie Veal

We still have some openings this summer, so stop down and check us out before the winter league. This league isn't as long and a little more laid back. We have people that are barely 50 and some over 90, some beginners and some that are very good or think they are. This is a handicap league so it is about even.

Upcoming dates:

- Summer league ends August 29
- September 5, 2007: meeting at 9:30 AM and NO TAP (This means if you get 9 pins, it counts as a strike)
- Winter league starts September 12, 2007 at 9:30 AM

If any retired IBMer's would like to bowl with us on Wednesday mornings, contact Sue at the bowling lanes (578-8500) or Barbara (265-2466) to let us know if you are "new" and want to join this exciting league either summer or winter.

Here are the Summer League Officers

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| President | Ernie Veal |
| Vice-President | Beverly Higa |
| Secretary | Barbara Pugh |
| Sgt. at Arms | Ted Head |

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

June 7, 2007: Format for the day was Low Putts. Twenty players showed up for a great day of golf. Winners were:

| Men | Women |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1st Andy La Scola 31 | 1st DeDe Corral 35 |
| 2nd Darrel Jensen 32 | 2nd Hughie Cabri 36 |
| 3rd Les Harlow 33 | 3rd Gwen Kaefer 37 |
| Sam Walters 33 | 4th Clara De Paul 39 |
| Don Johnson 33 | |
| Neil Kever 33 | |
| 4th Dave Fitting 35 | |
| Bill Bartz 35 | |

Closest to the Pin #10:

Darrel Jensen 27' 0" Clara De Paul 36' 2"

July 5, 2007 - On one of the hottest days of the year 21 players showed up for 18 holes of golf. Our format was Four Clubs and a Putter. Not everyone finished all 18 holes. Four of us dropped out, three after the ninth hole and one after hole twelve. It was just too hot. Winners:

| Men | Women |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1st Ray Jelesky 54 | 1st Hughie Cabri 63 |
| 2nd Don Johnson 58 | Gwen Kaefer 63 |
| 3rd Darrel Jensen 59 | Marge Condensa 63 |
| Sam Walters 59 | |
| 4th Dave Fitting 61 | |
| John Cabri 61 | |
| Neil keeper 61 | |

Closest to the Pin #10:

Don Johnson 12' 1"
Bill Kurtz 13' 8"
Darrel Jensen 18'

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, August 2 and September 6, **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.

Clara, DeDe and Helen

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

Par Tee Golf

Boulder Creek, July 16, 2007: This is the first "Scramble" golf tournament that I have had. A "scramble" tournament means that everyone in the foursome tees off. Then someone in the foursome (The Captain) decides which of the four shots has the best location to advance the ball for the next shot. Then, everyone hits from that location. This continues until you hole out. The score for each hole is recorded. The "Wilson Handicap System" was used to level the playing field. The staff from the golf course picked six holes (unknown to me until I finished playing) to determine handicaps. This was very effective, because three teams tied at 67, two tied at 65, one at 64, and two tied at 62. A very close match! A baby skunk was spotted (yeah, I know a skunk is "striped"---not "spotted") frolicking on the fourth fairway. Luckily, no one was sprayed! We had a nice turnout of 30 golfers.

Here are the results:

| <u>Place/Score</u> | <u>Team</u> | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| 1/62* | Bill Avery | Gene Levitre | Gil Feller | Alex Lilley |
| 2/62* | Sam Walters | Neil Rowland | Ray Mesa | Earl Bowers |
| 3/64 | Andy La Scola | Kathy La Scola | Joe Guerra | Dave Falcone |

* = Tie Breaker Used

| <u>Closest-To-Pin</u> | #5 | #7 | #11 | #14 | #18 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Men</u> | Alex Lilley 8' 11" | Sam Walters 24' 11" | Dave Falcone 11' 3" | Bill Avery 14' 6" | Mike Nunziata 3' 8" |
| | Ray Mesa 12' 2" | Eric Schrader 30' 4" | Fred Mitchell 14' 5" | Rich Campbell 31' 4" | Andy La Scola 10' 1" |
| | Michael Corral 18' 8" | J. Stonehouse & R. Mesa 32' 6" | Gil Feller 44' 2" | | Joe Guerra 12' 2" |
| <u>Ladies</u> | | | Cathy Priest 3' 5" | Kathy La Scola 20' 4" | |

Congratulations to all the winners.

Looking ahead at our schedule:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Course</u> | <u>Cost/Due</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Aug. 27 | Poppy Hills | \$75.00/Jul. 11 | Includes cart-soft spikes req'd-Bob Slater Memorial-individual play |
| Sep. 10 | Coyote Creek-Valley | \$60.00/Aug. 22 | Includes cart-soft spikes required-2 best ball foursome |
| Oct. 8 | Pajaro Valley | \$40.00/Sep. 19 | Cart optional-Soft spikes required-Format =2 best ball foursome |
| Nov. 5 | Coyote Creek-Tournament | \$65.00/Oct. 17 | Includes cart-Soft spikes Required-Format=Individual play-Salami Shoot |
| Dec. 3 | Los Lagos | \$45.00/Nov. 14 | Includes cart-soft spikes required-Format = 2 best ball foursome |

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

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

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

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

Par Tee Golf (from July newsletter)

The following Par Tee results were in the July newsletter which did not get printed and mailed.

Rancho Canada-West, June 11, 2007: The "Shot-of-the-Day" goes to Jim Stonehouse. On Hole # 16, a par three, Jim chipped his ball into the cup from off the green for birdie. Great shot, Jim! And now, for a "Nature" story. On Hole # 14, a 336 par four dogleg left, Mike Kuhn hit his tee shot into the left rough, which runs along the Carmel River. Bill Avery, Alex Lilley and Mike went searching for Mike's ball. The first thing they saw was a snake. Then, a little further down was a swarm of yellow jackets. They decided that was enough looking, and told Mike to "drop a ball". (This is perfectly legal--in this case, the rough area, which is a "hazard", incurs a one stroke penalty.) A very wise decision, guys. We had a nice turnout of 41 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome". Here are the results.

Place/Score

Team

| | | | | |
|----------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 / 121* | Paul Cavagnolo | Rich Hiser | Phil Nielsen | Marty Satalino** |
| 2 / 121* | Leroy Wallace | Greg Johnston | Rich Campbell | Gwen Kaefer |
| 3 / 123 | James Taubodo | Larry Wilkins | Johnnie Smoot | Willie Abraham |

* Tie Breaker Used ** Blind Draw

Closest-To-Pin

#3

#7

#11

#16

Men

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Eric Schrader | Mike Guerra | Greg Johnston | Lou Tolbert |
| 12' 11" | 10' 3" | 7' 2" | 9' 0" |
| Andy La Scola | Willie Abraham | Tom Siljander | Don Johnson |
| 20' 3" | 22' 11" | 22' 6" | 9' 3" |
| Johnnie Smoot | Rich Hiser | Rich Campbell | Jim Stonehouse |
| 31' 3" | 26' 1" | 34' 7" | 11' 3" |

Ladies

Kathy La Scola
24' 8"

There were eleven bogey golfers, (gross score of 89 or better), and they are: Nick Nomm 77; Mike Guerra 82; James Taubodo & Eric Schrader 83; Patrick Arnett, Johnnie Smoot & Willie Abraham 85; Lou Tolbert 86; Rich Hiser 87; Andy La Scola 88; and Larry Wilkins 89. Congratulations to all the winners.

2007 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 8, 2007

San Jose Elks Lodge

444 West Alma Avenue, San Jose

No Host cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM

Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Dancing follows dinner

Cost \$30.00 Per Person

Door Prizes and Raffle

Tables seat only 8. If you would like to sit with friends,
all parties must list the names of the members at that table on the reservation form.

Seating will be assigned as received.

If you want to be seated near the dance floor,
please get your reservation form in early.

Singles will be seated with other singles if requested.

Handicapped facilities are available.

Reservations must be received by November 23, 2007.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

The reservation form will be in the September newsletter.