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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

I'm not sure what's going on, but it sure feels like Spring as I write this. Hopefully this will get you in the mood to spend some time outdoors with us at the following event:

Annual Picnic: It's that time of the year. You need to mark your calendars and send in your reservations for the Annual Club Picnic --Tuesday, May 22, 2012. It's a chance to meet and visit with old friends and enjoy C B Hannegan's BBQ. Coffee at 10:30 AM; Walk around lake at 11:00 AM; Lunch at Noon; Games at 1:30 PM. We were able to keep the same price as last year! Use the reservation form below.

General Meeting:-The planning committee for this event has received several inputs requesting that the time for the meeting be changed from 2:00 PM in the afternoon to 10:00 AM in the morning. If you agree, please contact Pat Motta--(408) 264-5821 or paelgin@yahoo.com.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Bill Souza—President

Annual IBM San Jose Retirement Club Picnic

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Cunningham Park, San Jose, \$19.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: May 17, 2012. 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 17, 2012, 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 write PICNIC in the memo field.

**MAIL TO: Marian Wisbar
5909 Mohawk Dr.
San Jose, CA 95123-4112**

Adopt-A-Highway

February 9, 2012 - It was a grand day for litter patrol. Nine valiant volunteers banished 16 bags of ugly, making our grand total 2819.

We love the city of San Jose's ban on plastic bags. It made our job faster; our group was back a half hour early.

Litter bugs are not anonymous anymore; two nonchalantly appeared before Marge Condensa and Evie.

Bernie Coullahan found a gift card and reported back. "As suspected, the \$25 gift card I found had no \$\$\$ left but I was able to find out that the \$25 was spent at the 'Monsters of Rock.' Is it possible trashy people listen to trashy music?"

Marge Condensa had the most action this time out. She found a gift card, 19 AAA batteries, and one litterer. She also received oral rave reviews from passing motorists: "thank you for a great job" and "be safe."

Doug found the secret to training litter. You put your bag down on its side to pick up about 20 empty flavored vodka airline size bottles and lighter litter follows the vodka (aided by wind) into your sack.

Money found: 39 cents, two gift cards.

Tailgate - Pat Motta's divine banana bread

Schedule: Meet in the VTA Parking Lot 8:45 AM, Wednesday, March 14 and Thursday, April 12

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466, kenosha@juno.com**

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

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Membership Report

Ed Mueller

February 16, 2012

Membership Numbers:

February, 2002: 1878
February, 2011: 2163
February, 2012: 2152 (0)
Currently reading online: 1361 (0)
Currently receiving paper copy: 333(+1)
Currently not doing either: 503(-1)

Change of Address

Send your new mailing address, your new e-mail address, your new phone number, or a request for on-line newsletters or a request for mailed paper newsletters to Ed Mueller.
By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org
By U. S. Mail: Ed Mueller
1269 Peralta Dr.
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In Memoriam

Ivan "Ike" Andes
Sally May Ambler
George Everett Becker
Dwight Buchanan
John Fernandez
Louise Lohman
Jane Madden
Joe Paddock
Jack Poole
Arthur W. Schmidt
Frank John Testa

from February newsletter:

Wyeth Falkowski
Richard J. Galli
Jane Gretchen Madden
Martha Salmassy
Sidney Henry Smith

IBM Employee Services Center
(800)-796-9876

New Members

June Haefele
Carl Woodland
and one other...

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, March 15, 2012
10:00 AM

Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 5:00 PM
itunes & Digital Music

www.sjpc.org
Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

Sunshine Report

Bud Souza is receiving help from his son and daughter as he copes with his health issues.

Don Cull is home recovering from open heart surgery.

I have also spoken with three other retirees who are recuperating from surgeries.

To Bud, Don and all retirees, I send best wishes on behalf of the board.

Please continue to call or e-mail. Names are not published without permission.

Terry Milinic'
(408) 265-5908
theresano1@yahoo.com

**San Jose IBM Retirement
Club web site:**
ibmsjrc.org

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.25; gold \$7.75*
Regal/United Artists: \$6.75
Cinelux: \$6.25*
Century/Cinemark: \$7.50*
Camera Cinemas \$6.30*
* no restrictions

See's Candy

Regular price: \$16.10 - IBM Club price:
\$13.25 1 pound gift certificate

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

IBM Club Office Contact:

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

Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

Discount tickets to many places are online at the IBM Club website:

Great America
Gilroy Gardens
Raging Waters
California Academy of Sciences
6 Flags Discovery Kingdom
Monterey Bay Aquarium
Computer History Museum
Universal Studios
SeaWorld
Knotts Berry Farm
Disneyland

*There is a new link on
the club web site,
"Bay Area IBM Club Discounts,"
that will get you more directly to the
discounts in the above list.
It is on left side of home page just
above the "After IBM" link*

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

| Date | Activity | TAR | Page | Contact | Phone |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------|------------------------|----------------|
| March 4-6, 2012 | Reno: Silver Legacy | 2 | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| Mar 13 , 2012 | PC Club – iTunes & Digital Music | | 2 | Walt Cole | 972-1178 |
| Mar 14, 2012 | Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up | 3 | 1 | Evelyn & Doug Dean | 264-9502 |
| Mar 15, 2012 | IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting | | 2 | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| March 16, 2012 | A Sea-Glass Adventure | 2 | 6 | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| March 17, 2012 | A Day at the Track- Horse Racing | 2 | 5 | George Nale | 779-4275 |
| Mar 30, 2012 | Hike: Almaden/Guadalupe | | 8 | Ray & Mary Ann Holly | 997-0478 |
| April 3-13, 2012 | Mexican Riviera Cruise | 2 | 4 | Christina Anhorn | (831) 438-3437 |
| Apr 6, 2012 | Hike: Almaden QuickSilver Park | | 8 | Henry & Barbara Bender | 225-3039 |
| Apr 12, 2012 | Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up | 3 | 1 | Evelyn & Doug Dean | 264-9502 |
| May 7-19, 2012 | Italian Vistas | 2 | 4 | Bob Martinez | 778-2978 |
| May 8, 2012 | Indian Casino: Palace | 2 | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| May 22, 2012 | Annual Club Picnic | | 1 | Bill Souza | 340-0082 |
| June 10-18, 2012 | The Wonders of Iceland | 3 | 4 | George Walker | 268-7623 |
| July 10, 2012 | Indian Casino: Black Oak | 2 | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| July 12, 2012 | Belvedere & Tiburon Landmarks | 2 | 6 | Bill Souza | 340-0082 |
| Aug 7, 2012 | Afternoon in the Vineyard | 2 | 5 | George Nale | 779-4275 |
| Aug 8-9, 2012 | Reno Hot August Nights | 2 | 6 | Ernie Veal | 224-3584 |
| Aug 30, 2012 | Coastal Creations | 2 | 5 | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| Sep 7-20, 2012 | China, Yangtze River Cruise | 3 | 4 | George Walker | 268-7623 |
| Sep 9-11, 2012 | Indian Casinos:Reno | 2 | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |
| Sep 18, 2012 | Kendell Jackson, Kozlowski & Alembic | 2 | 6 | Bill Souza | 356-6280 |
| Oct 24-Nov 5, 2012 | Breathtaking South Africa | 4 | 5 | Art Dill | (831) 338-3069 |
| Nov 6, 2012 | Indian Casino: Thunder Valley | 2 | 6 | Topsy Thompson | 377-4314 |

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

Italian Vistas

May 7 - 19, 2012

Visit the beautiful cities of Rome, Venice, Florence, Vietri-Sul-Mare and Stresa. Ride along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, with views of its spectacular sparkling blue seas. We will visit the ancient Colosseum and Forum in Rome, step back 2000 years in time to the city of Pompeii, see the Bay of Naples and the charming hillside villages. A scenic boat ride takes us to the enchanting Isle of Capri where you can stroll through the town's quaint streets, and past charming cafes. Travel through Tuscany, with its beautiful scenery, colorful countryside and vineyards. Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa, see the amazing marble sculpture of David, and take in the breathtaking Italian Lakes district of Stresa. We visit the picturesque lakeside resort of Locarno in Switzerland. Just a boat ride away, our farewell dinner will be at the scenic Isola dei Pescatori.

This amazing 13-day tour is priced at **\$4,599** (air included) per person, double occupancy and also includes transportation from San Jose to SFO, air taxes and fees, hotel and 25 meals: 18 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners. Brochure available upon request.

Contact: Bob Martinez (408) 778-2978 cell (408) 835-3393,
e-mail: **bob.martinez47@yahoo.com**

Mexican Riviera Princess Cruise

April 3-13, 2012

Ports of Call:

- San Francisco, Catalina Island, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas, San Diego

Included Cruise Features:

- 10-night Star Princess Cruise
- Roundtrip transfers to/from San Francisco Pier
- All meals and entertainment aboard ship
- Driver & Stevedor Tips
- Port Taxes (\$250.00) per person & Gov't Fees (\$75.00)
- Travel Insurance is included for pre-existing medical conditions.
- One bottle of wine per cabin
- Luggage handling
- No airplane problems...

Get your reservation in early for the best available cabin.

This will fill fast so don't dilly-dally...

Cabin prices start at **\$1685** while they last!

Contact:

Christina Anhorn, (831) 438-3437 or e-mail: LeSwede@aol.com

The Wonders Of Iceland

June 10-18, 2012

Join George and Carole Walker and discover the dramatic contrasts of the landscape forged by fire and ice. The fascinating history of Iceland dates back to the Vikings yet this island nation has a proud, progressive society. We will see steaming fumaroles, hot springs, spectacular two-tiered waterfalls, go on a glacier cruise and spend time at a Puffin sanctuary. We will visit an Icelandic horse farm and quaint fishing villages. The cost of this trip will be **\$3,649** per person, double occupancy, including air, taxes, hotels, most meals, surcharges and transfers.

For more information, contact
George Walker (408) 268-7623 or
gcwalker95120@yahoo.com.

China – Cruising the Yangtze River

September 7-20, 2012

(optional Hong Kong post tour)

Our tour starts in cultural and old traditional Shanghai and includes an amazing acrobatic show. We will savor a Peking Duck dinner, a dumpling meal and see the fascinating process of noodle throwing! We will board a river cruiser to experience four days of cruising the Yangtze River. We will marvel at the natural beauty of the Three Gorges and progress by the Dam and through the five-step ship locks. In Chongqing we will see the pandas and have free time to shop in Guilin. Next stop is Xian, the home of the famous Terra Cotta soldiers. In Beijing we tour the famous sights you have only read about. Our last days will include the Great Wall, the valley of the Ming Dynasty and we will even see the Olympic venues. This trip is **\$5,054** per person, double occupancy, and includes air, taxes, surcharges, cancellation insurance, all meals, hotels and transfers.

An optional 3 day guided tour to Hong Kong is available following this. A great way to get your holiday shopping completed!

Contact:

George Walker (408) 268-7623
or gcwalker95120@yahoo.com.

Travel Trips

Breathtaking South Africa

October 24 – Nov. 5, 2012. A BUCKET LIST must do! Optional 3 night Victoria Falls Extension

Experience breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, abundant wildlife, a country with a world of treasures. You will be staying in the famous Kruger National Park, along the Garden Route & the breathtaking Featherbed Nature Reserve, on to the Stellenbosch Mountains and the beautiful wine lands. Delight at the whales in Walker Bay and then on to the wonders of Cape of Good Hope. Visit Cape Town with gorgeous Table Mountain, Victoria and Albert Harbor. The city shows traditions of French, German and Dutch influences and charming coastal scenery. No Euro exchange. US\$ still strong in South Africa.

Trip Highlights:

- Travel the spectacular Drakensburg Mountain Range and Blyde Canyon.
- Kruger National Park –6 Safari Game Drives. Dazzling herds of African wildlife.
- Lake St. Lucia World Heritage Site & lagoon cruise.
- Fly to the beginning of the famous Garden Route.
- Stellenbosch Mountains and lunch at the winery.
- Captivating Cape Town. We'll take a panoramic tour of this beautiful harbor-side city.
- Cape Point, & penguins at Boulder Beach
- Traditional African dining experience.
- Be a special guest of a prominent Hermanus family for a lobster dinner (if we can catch enough lobster.) These folks know how to party.

Included:

The price of the tour including all airfare is **\$5575** per person double occupancy and includes current taxes and surcharges. Tour limit is 18 persons.

Single Supplement **\$998**. IBM/SFO and all transfers, entrance fees to visits and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, daily breakfast and many other meals. Optional Victoria Falls extension is **\$930** per person (double).

Contact: **Art and Sharry Dill** for brochure **(831) 338-3069** www.arthdill@comcast.net

Day Trips

A Day at the Races

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Join us for a day at beautiful Golden Gate Fields. The best jockeys in our part of the USA will be racing for the big bucks, pushing their thoroughbred mounts as they gallop for the finish line. Lots of color and excitement, either from the very comfortable clubhouse or down by the track. Have an excellent buffet lunch and watch the action on the track as well as at other tracks around the country (via TV feed).

Tour includes round trip transportation via luxury coach, turf club admission, racing program and the buffet.

Total cost to go, excluding betting and drinks, is **\$80** per person. It is usually a grand day, particularly if you pick a couple of winners.

For reservations, contact

George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275 or georgesbest30@live.com.

Coastal Creations

Thursday, August 30, 2012

Visit Magnus Sanbloom, the Firewood Farms woodcarver, and be delighted as you watch a carved bear created. You might even be the lucky person who gets to take it home...free of charge! Time will allow for shopping next door at the Spanish Town featuring unique shops including beautiful art and antiques, Nepalese/Tibetan/Indian imports, and very colorful Mexican jewelry and gifts, and a wonderful statuary shop. Included is a hosted lunch at Half Moon Bay Joe's.

After lunch we're off to the Gamble House & Gardens. We'll visit this beautiful 2.5 acre property touring the home, carriage house and gardens guided by a knowledgeable docent who will share historical and horticultural information.

Deluxe motorcoach; all gratuities included.

All this for **\$85** 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

Day Trips

Kendall Jackson Wine Center, Kozlowski Farms & Alembic Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Visit Kendall Jackson Wine Center for a guided tour of the extensive gardens, including the wine sensory, culinary herbs & edible flowers, international cuisine and stunning flower gardens. Wine tasting is included. Then visit Kozlowski Farms for shopping, tasting, and picnic lunch at this fantastic family farm, apple orchard, and retail shop. Next enjoy a guided tour to see master craftsmen at work at Alembic whose goal is to create the finest quality American made instruments ever known. While they are best known for basses, they also make outstanding guitars, preamps, and accessories.

Deluxe motorcoach; all gratuities -- all this for **\$72** 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

Indian Casino Trips

Reno, Silver Legacy
March 4-6, 2012

\$136 per person, single add \$48

Palace Casino
Tuesday, May 8, 2012, \$37

Black Oak Casino
Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Reno Casinos
September 9-11, 2012

Thunder Valley
Tuesday, November 6, 2012

All these 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**

Hot August Nights Gambling and Car show

August 8-9, 2012

Join us on our overnight Reno trip. Price is **\$81.00**, per person double occupancy. Bonus is \$48.00. Includes all tips and a room at Circus Circus. Call Ernie for a flyer and signup form. See lots of custom cars. This trip always fills up fast. Don't wait.

Contact:

Ernie or Shirley Veal, (408) 224-3584 or e-mail ernest.veal@att.net

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The **IBM Volunteer Outreach Council** has awarded a \$1,500 grant to the Willows SeniorNet Learning Center, a 100% volunteer, nonprofit organization that provides low-cost, high-quality instruction in computer literacy and skills to mature adults. The Center is located at the Willow Glen Community Center in San Jose, CA, where it has a dedicated computer lab with 20 workstations, a projector, and other equipment. More than 15,000 students have taken classes at the Center and it currently enrolls nearly 220 students every 8 weeks in 15 different courses. The Learning Center has had a history of cooperation with the IBM Retirement Club since its founding in 1992. Twenty-five IBM retirees -- among them Bill Souza, Jeff Frier, Ruth Price, Scott Maiden, and Wayne Comb -- who volunteer at the Learning Center applied for this grant which will be used to purchase new projectors and printers. The Center's biggest challenge is offering courses on rapidly aging equipment. With new equipment it will be able to support a wider variety of courses, with fewer repairs required.

Doug DeFrees

IBM Volunteer Outreach Council

To see more about what the SeniorNet Learning Centers do in San Jose, visit **www.snicsj.org**

Bowling

One More Time 2011/2012 Winter League at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge)

Results as of February 8, 2012

1st Place: Team #16, "Up Your Alley"

Marilyn Bianco, Kris Denholm,
Bill Hooper, Jim Balistreri

2nd Place: Team #9, "Mario's Maidens",

Faye Fritz, Andi Jackson,
Nell Ramsey, Mario DeHaro

Individual Achievements

Women

SCRATCH SERIES

578-Jan Curry

577-Marilyn Bianco

542-Sandy Suekawa

SCRATCH GAME

235-Maria Stout

212-Diane Mayeda

210-Shirley Beyler

HANDICAP SERIES

723-Andi Jackson

671-Judy Siligas

671-Kris Denholm

671-Bev Higa

HANDICAP GAME

268-Mitzi Stewart

259-Carol Hughes

253-Shirley Veal

AVERAGES

164-Jan Curry

161- Marilyn Bianco

Men

719- Mario Deharo

664-George Zagelow

258-Bernie Coullahan

236-Jim Balistreri

720-Fred Mitchell

674-Jim O'Neill

669-Dick Lake

269-Sal Garcia

265-Ted Head

199- Mario DeHaro

193-George Zagelow

The IBM Watson Senior Bowling Tournament is Friday, May 18, 2012, at 9:30 AM. Bowl 3 games and have lunch for \$15 (bowlers only) at **300 San Jose** (behind Oakridge). You must pay when you sign up, either at the bowling lanes with Sue or with Frank Vitale.

Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 377-4314

Par Tee Golf

Ridgemark-Diablo February 6, 2012. The Shot(s)-Of-The-Day go to Rich Saito, Andy La Scola and Gene Levitre. On hole #6, a 372-yard par four, Rich puttied from 15 feet into the cup for Birdie! On hole #13, a 254-yard par four, Andy chipped his 4th shot into the cup to save par. And, on hole #15, a 183-yard par three, Gene had a Trick Shot! His tee shot struck the Red Ladies Tee Marker in front of him, bounced up, and landed about 30 yards from the green. His second shot landed on the green, and he puttied it into the cup to save par. Great shots by Rich, Andy and Gene! We had a nice turnout of 48 golfers. The format of play was Two Best Ball Foursome. Here are the results:

| Place/Score | Team | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| 1 / 118 | Rich Hislip | Bob Graves | Marty Satalino | Tim Connolly | |
| 2 / 119 | Terry Gray | Dennis Niemeyer | Dennis Mitchell | Greg Seaton | |
| 3 / 124 | Tony Scalora | John Grewohl | Patrick Arnett | Kevin Fagalde* | |

* = Blind Draw

| Closest-To-Pin | #4 | #8 | #10 | #15 | #17 |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Men | John Grewohl 4' 4" | Tony Scalora 5' 8" | Cliff Norfleet 1' 9" | Dave Moulton 3' 4" | Dennis Mitchell 11' 1" |
| | Bob Graves 11' 9" | Phil Nielsen 10' 2" | Dick Liu 9' 4" | Chris Groh 13' 11" | Bill Shook 18' 0" |
| | Terry Gray 12' 10" | Evert Gantlen 30' 6" | Lou Tolbert 29' 3" | Tim Connolly 19' 5" | Greg Seaton 30' 8" |
| Ladies | | | | Mary Ann Jones 9' 9" | |

There were nine bogey golfers, gross score of 90 or better, and they are John Grewohl 80; Patrick Arnett 81; Dennis Mitchell 82; Lou Tolbert 83; Terry Gray 86; Rich Saito, Khanh Nguyen & Dennis Niemeyer 88; and Tony Scalora 89. Congratulations to all the winners!

| Future | Course | Cost/Due Date | Notes |
|---------|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| March 5 | Gilroy Golf Course | \$25.00/February 15 | Cart optional @ \$9 per player- Format=2 best ball foursome |
| April 9 | Laguna Seca | \$40.00/March 21 | Cart optional. Format=2 best ball foursome |

Notes:

- The monthly golf results & schedule can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org
2012 has not been updated as yet.
- To get an "NCGA Membership Card" through the Par Tee Golf Club, contact Terry Gray @ (408) 629-8893, or send an email to: tgolf18@aol.com. The cost is \$52.00. Golfers without NCGA Handicaps will be charged \$2.00 per tournament to compute their handicaps or they will forfeit all prizes won.
- Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site, or call Andy for latest information.
- Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf." 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 for sign ups is:

Par Tee Golf, P.O. Box 53535, San Jose, CA 95153-0535

- Include your NCGA number, phone number and your e-mail address, if I don't already have them on file. Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (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

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

February 2, 2012: Another nice day. The contest was to have the least number of putting strokes. Chris Oba and DeDe Corral had zero putts on one hole each. Nice golfing!

WOMEN

| | | |
|-----|------------------|----|
| 1st | Marge Condensa | 32 |
| 2nd | Kathy Herrington | 33 |
| | Helen Brock | 33 |
| 3rd | Gwen Kaefer | 34 |
| 4th | DeDe Corral | 35 |

MEN

| | | |
|-----|----------------|----|
| 1st | Sam Walters | 27 |
| 2nd | Armin Kluth | 29 |
| 3rd | Jim Viallet | 31 |
| | Rich Campbell | 31 |
| 4th | Jerry Condensa | 33 |

Closest to Pin #16 - MEN

None

Closest to Pin #16 - WOMEN

| | | |
|-----|------------------|--------|
| 1st | Helen Brock | 5' 5" |
| 2nd | Kathy Herrington | 30' 3" |

The next golf dates are Thursdays, March 1 and April 5. 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 \$25 check **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 are 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 to All!
Clara DePaul (408) 294-7041,
DeDe Corral (408) 378-6470
& Helen Wehner (408) 264-6296**

Hikes and Camping

Hike: Almaden/Guadalupe

Friday, March 30, 2012, 9:30 AM

Join us on a hike on the Guadalupe Trail. We will meet on Singletree Way which is 1/10th of a mile south of Blossom Hill Road off Camden. Singletree Way runs alongside Beacon School. You make a left turn onto Singletree Way and drive past the apartments where you will see a chain link fence begin on your right. Park anywhere on Singletree and we will meet just inside the open area where the trail begins. You will see high tension wires above and a brown building which is a substation. We will hike along the creek and see many of the percolation ponds. The area lends itself to good bird watching. This level gravel pathway is about 4 miles as we will hike to Almaden Expressway and return back to our cars. Bring water and your lunch. You are invited to join us on our outside deck where we can enjoy visiting and eating our lunch. We are 5 1/2 miles from Camden and Singletree Way. Let us know if you can join us.

Contact: **Ray & Mary Ann Holly, (408) 997-0478** or rah-mah@sbcglobal.net

Hike: Almaden Quicksilver County Park Hike

Friday, April 6, 2012, 10:00 AM

The New Almaden mine, discovered in 1845 by Andres Castillero, became the most productive mercury mine in the world. We'll see the rotary kiln furnace, the sites of Spanishtown and Englishtown, the schoolhouse photo and floor, map house, powder house, April Tunnel Trestle, and enter the San Cristobal Mine tunnel.

Meet at 9:30 at the VTA Park and Ride lot at Camden and 85 to car pool -- to drive fewer cars up steep and twisty Hicks Road. Or, be at the park at 10 AM. Drive south on Camden about 1.7 miles, turn right onto Hicks Road. Six miles up, at the Hicks Road summit stop-sign, turn left into the Almaden Park parking lot.

We will lead a 10-mile loop via the Wood Road, Yellow Kid, Randol, Mine Hill, and Castillero trails. Those who prefer a shorter stroll can walk 2 miles on the Wood Road and Yellow Kid trails to Englishtown's picnic tables and then return to your car. The grades are gentle. Bring water, lunch, and your sun hat.

Any question, phone **Henry or Barbara Bender at (408) 225-3039**.

Krazy Kampers

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club, the Krazy Kampers. The club has been around for over 20 years and we would like to invite other IBM retirees who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area. Here are some of the upcoming events with contact people listed.

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| March 15-17, 2012 | Marina Dunes | Don Walker | (408) 779-5961 |
| April 19-21, 2012 | Paso Robles | Dale Jelsema | (408) 842-1310 |
| August 9-11, 2012 | Bodega Bay | Bill Bartz | (408) 971-8928 |
| September 13-15 | Casa de Fruta | Joe Siliga | (408)723-1382 |
| October 18-20 | Marble Quarry | Jim Dack | (408)266-6951 |
| November 15-18 | Casa de Fruta | Larry Turley | (408)629-5371 |