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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Hello everybody! Our President, George Walker, is away this month. When he returns, he will have to get out his 'warmies'... how about this cold weather!! But we are now way above our usual rainfall for this time of the year. Also, the cold weather has helped the leaves turn beautiful colors before they drop.

Your Travel Committee is already planning some very exciting destinations for 2006. You'll be reading about those soon. But for now please look at the day trip we have added for January 2005 at the bottom left of this page. Sounds like just the ticket for 'chasing away the winter blues'.

This is the time of the year when we come together with family and friends to share Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza and other holiday celebrations.

We wish you all good cheer and great holidays.

Ina Havens

Racing at Golden Gate Fields Saturday, January 15, 2005

When the holiday season is over, consider a trip to Golden Gates Fields in Albany to watch the beautiful thoroughbreds and their colorfully clad jockeys as they race around the track. Place your bets or just enjoy the action after a nice buffet lunch in the clubhouse. Many of the same stables and jockeys from Bay Meadows run there.

Golden Gate Fields on San Francisco Bay is a new venue for our bay area version of the sport of kings, it gives us an exciting day at a different facility. The bus will leave from the usual parking lot at 10:30 AM, getting us there in ample time for the action.

Due to the fact that this is the first and perhaps the only advertising for the trip, you should sign up quickly if you plan on going. Cost is \$51.50 for the bus, lunch and admission to their clubhouse. The facilities are very nice, and inside, so any inclement weather will not be a problem. To get further information or sign up,

Contact:

**George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275,
geoandzn@cs.com.**

Take a SeniorNet Course in 2005!

A new session of computer courses given by SeniorNet starts in January. Registration for these courses is on different days at the three San Jose Learning Centers. The classes are fun, tailored for seniors, with a great deal of support from the instructor and coaches. Most classes meet for about 2 hours once a week for 8 weeks. In the Fundamentals course, you learn the basics. And there are a variety of intermediate courses covering various computer applications: Internet, e-mail, word processing, file management, Windows XP, digital photography, spreadsheets, web site creation, CD burning, computer security, etc.

If you are interested, call one of the phone numbers below. Your name will be added to that Learning Center's mailing list and you will receive a brochure containing course descriptions and schedule as well as instructions for registering for the courses.

Local SeniorNet Computer Learning Centers

Cypress SeniorNet Learning Center of San Jose

408-244-1353, 403 South Cypress Ave., (south of Stevens Creek Blvd., east of San Tomas Expy.

SeniorNet Learning Center of Almaden, 408-268-1703, temporarily in the Vineland Library, 1450 Blossom Hill Road, west of Meridian, next registration: **January 8, 2005**

The Willows SeniorNet Learning Center, 408-448-6400

2175 Lincoln Ave. (just north of Curtner), next registration: **December 18, 2004**

For more information, visit the SeniorNet Learning Centers of San Jose web site, www.snicsj.org and then click on one of the 3 center location buttons.

Contact:

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Membership Report**Ed Mueller**

e-Mail: femuell@mindspring.com

November 18, 2004**Membership History**

Year	October	November
1994	1505	1508
2003	2061	2074
2004	2074	2081

New Members

George Castro
John Coburn
Stephen P. Ontjes
Patricia Blair Pierce
Larry D. Turley
Gerold Watanabe
& 1 other

In Memoriam

Dennis R. Olsted
Ed Warwick

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 the first of the month. Click on Newsletters when you get to the web site. The newsletter can be viewed, saved and/or printed. It is in PDF format. So you will need the free Adobe Reader program installed on your computer.

Call Walt Cole (972-1178) if you have questions about this.

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Next Club Board Meeting:**Thursday, December 16,****10:00 am,**

Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd. Cafeteria,
Bldg 011, West Room

Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform Ed Mueller, the Membership Director.

Send your new address and phone number by mail, e-mail or call the club answering machine, 408 256-6364.

Mail: send to:

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
Dept LOVA/013 Box EE
5600 Cottle Road
San Jose, CA 95193-0001

e-Mail: send to:

femuell@mindspring.com**Sunshine Report**

Alice Kelch, wife of Aubrey, had her right hip successfully replaced. She is in rehab therapy getting strong enough so the other hip can be replaced.

Bill Brown is currently on dialysis three times a week.

Jeanie Riley had knee surgery, a repair job, and she is home and on crutches for awhile. Hank, you take good care of her now, you hear?

Albert (Al) Arabia had stomach surgery and he is home doing well. He said every day he feels a little better.

I know there are a lot you out there that don't feel well. You have the flu, or had cataract surgery, or your back hurts a lot. Some of you just got out of the hospital. Well, I want you to know that we are thinking of you and we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

If you or someone you know is under the weather, let me know.

Take care,

Topsy Thompson,
the Sunshine Lady!!

(408) 377-4314

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Dec 2, 2004	Adopt-a-Highway		7	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Dec 2, 2004	IBM Retirement Club Holiday Dinner/Dance		--	Ina Havens	847-4793
Dec 5-13, 2004	European Christmas Markets		--	Ray Orr	377-8294
Dec 16, 2004	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting	1	2	George Walker	268-7623
Dec 17, 2004	Beach Blanket Babylon, Sold Out		6	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
Dec 18, 2004	Barbershop Holiday Show		6	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Jan 10, 2005	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 12, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		7	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Jan 14, 2005	Hike: Shoreline in Mountain View		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Jan 15, 2005	Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields		1	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Feb 11 - 24, 2005	Kenya, Africa Wildlife Safari, Sold Out		4	Art & Sharry Dill	(831)338-3069
Feb 25-27, 2005	RV Campout, Pismo Coast Village		6	Ernie Veal	224-3584
Mar 10-24, 2005	South America		4	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Apr 4, 2005	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 31-Apr 10, 2005	Voyage of a Lifetime - QM2	4	5	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
May 9-17, 2005	Washington DC & Historic East		4	Cliff & Ina Havens	847-4793
May 22-23, 2005	Konocti/Clear Lake Resort	3	5	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
June 23-30, 2005	Trains, Southwest Nat. Parks		5	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 11, 2005	Indian Casino: River Rock		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 3, 2005	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		6	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

Change of Newsletter Delivery

If you wish to stop the delivery of this newsletter to your old fashioned mailbox and view the newsletter on line, please send your request to Ed Mueller, the Membership Director.

His e-mail address is: femuell@mindspring.com

If you do access the newsletter online, you can print only the pages you want, so you waste fewer trees.

Travel Trips

Kenya, Africa Wildlife Safari February 11 – 24, 2005

Sold out

14 Days – all meals while on safari
stop over in Amsterdam
Nairobi * Karen Blixen Home * Ark Lodge
Mt. Kenya Safari Club * Lake Nakuru
Masai Mara * Wildlife Safaris

For the stout-hearted, this first-time-ever offering by the Retirement Club provides the opportunity of a lifetime to view and photograph the wilds of Africa. Landrover vehicles will bring you within petting distance of Africa's most majestic animals from a safe vantage point. Special seating in these vehicles gives everyone an outside view. Pack your cameras and binoculars and join us on this great adventure.

Highlights:

- Visit the Chimp Sanctuary in Sweetwater.
- Feed a giraffe at Langata Giraffe center.
- Game drive at Amboseli in the Aberdare National Forest with a back drop of Mt. Kilimanjaro.
- Visit the Mt. Kenya Safari Club, formally owned by the actor William Holden.
- Visit Lake Nakuru famous for the many thousands of flamingos and the big five: lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino.
- View a Massi traditional dance performance.

Tour price \$3999 per person. Price includes Kenya Visa of \$100. TAR-4

For a brochure and additional information regarding this tour,

Contact:

Art or Sharry Dill
(831) 338-3069 or email
ahdill@attglobal.net

See South America

March 10-24, 2005

Discover the amazing landscape, history and culture of our South American neighbors: Argentina, Brazil and Chile. See the natural wonder of Iguassu Falls in the jungle on the borders of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay. Few of us have been to this colorful continent, but many have heard of Buenos Aires (the Paris of South America), Rio de Janeiro, and Santiago.

Rio de Janeiro has world famous beaches Copacabana and Ipanema, the statue of Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf mountain. Buenos Aires is a very European city with lovely architecture, lively boulevards and quaint sidewalk cafes, a famous opera house and a pink presidential palace. From there one can also visit gaucho country--the pampas. Santiago is perched between the Pacific ocean and the Andes and is Chile's political, commercial and cultural capital with 16th century overtones. An additional tour to Machu Picchu is also available.

The cost is \$3599 plus \$200 for insurance. A visa is also required for Brazil and there are departure taxes from Santiago. For further information and a brochure:

Contact:

George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275 or
e-mail us at geoandizn@cs.com

Washington D.C. & the Historic East **May 9-17, 2005**

The trip you've been asking for! We will tour Philadelphia and Valley Forge and also the historic Gettysburg Battlefield. One of highlights of the tour is the tour of the Amish community of the Lancaster area. We include a tour of Amish Farms and a local Farmers Market, ending the day with an Amish Family Dinner.

Other highlights include a Chesapeake Bay Cruise and a tour of the United States Naval Academy. We include 4 nights in Washington D.C. giving us time to tour the city and the Smithsonian Institute. Another highlight is the "Illumination Tour" of the historical monuments. We have 4 nights in Washington, D.C. and 3 nights in the Lancaster area with the first night in Philadelphia.

Trip includes airfare, Deluxe Motorcoach, all sightseeing & tours per itinerary, all lodging, gratuities, breakfasts every day and 4 dinners for only \$1979 per person.

Contact: Cliff or Ina Havens
(408) 847-4793 or cliffina@juno.com

Travel Trips

Two Trains & Four Corners Featuring Arches, Canyonlands, and Mesa Verde National Parks June 23-30, 2005

This is a new tour that combines 2 sightseeing historic train rides and visits to 3 National Parks as well as the Four Corners Monument. This is the only place in the United States where four states intersect at one point. You will also tour several old western towns revisiting vestiges of the past with time to explore. Hotel accommodations have been setup to enjoy 3 two night stays to minimize packing and unpacking.

Tour Highlights:

Salt Lake City Tour
Aches National Park
Canyonlands National Park
Mesa Verde National Park
Durango Colorado
Durango/Silverton Narrow Gauge Rail
Cumbres Toltec & Scenic Train
Four Corners National Monument
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Old Town-Albuquerque
Cowboy Dinner and Stage Show

Tour Includes:

Roundtrip airfare from San Jose
12 Meals
Motorcoach transportation
Admissions & sighting per itinerary
Hotel transfers, baggage handling, and all gratuities.

Tour price is \$1749.00 per person double occupancy with a \$500 single supplement. For a flyer, reservations, and additional information,

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

Voyage of a Lifetime aboard the *Queen Mary 2* March 31 - April 10, 2005

Featuring:

- Full day guided tour of NY, including
- Ground Zero and a Ferry to Ellis Island
- 8 nights aboard the QUEEN MARY 2 on a Caribbean Cruise

Tour Inclusions:

- Round trip transfers to/from Airports/Hotel/Pier
- Round trip airfare from San Jose to New York
- Two nights accommodations at the Marriott Marguis Hotel
- Full Day guided sightseeing tour of New York
- Hosted lunch, browsing and shopping at South St. Seaport
- Taxes and tips on all included features
- Baggage handling

Don't miss this vacation of a Lifetime!

Price varies between categories and availability. Space is limited in each cabin category and on a first come first served basis.

For Itinerary, Brochure & Reservation info call:
Bud or Phyllis Souza
408-377-6094 or 408-371-2959

Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa On Beautiful Clear Lake May 22-23, 2005

Tour Features:

- * Deluxe Motorcoach
- * 1 nights stay at Konocti Resort & dinner
- * Guided Tour of Copia, Napa
- * Outdoor Passion Play
- * Hosted breakfast cruise on Konocti Princess
- * Wine tasting & winery hosted buffet lunch
- * Guided tour of Corner Stone Festival Gardens
- * Baggage handling
- * All fees for included features
- * All taxes & driver tip.

Possible Options ?:

Indian Casino (nearby) & evening show at the Resort.

All this for \$285 per person. Don't miss this one. Call!!!

Contact:

Bud or Phyllis Souza
408-377-6094 or 371-2959

RV Camping Club

Campout At Pismo Coast Village

February 25 - 27, 2005

The IBM Camping (RV) Club is having a campout at Pismo Coast Village. All retirees are invited to attend. Price for this campout is \$34.10 per night. (Normal is \$40.70 per night) Our organized activities are very informal. We mainly socialize and have fun. Friday night will be an informal potluck barbecue. Bring your own meat and a side dish. We will provide barbecues. Saturday will be an extended happy hour weather permitting. (The weather has been great the last 2 campouts there in February.) If weather is bad, reservations will be made at "The Quarterdeck", a nice informal restaurant.

If you are interested, contact Ernie or Shirley Veal. Deposits of \$34.10 are required by January 25, 2005.

For information about the camping location see the following web site:

www.pismocoastvillage.com

The IBM Camping Club (Krazy Kampers) is open to all IBM retirees. Campouts are on the 4th weekend of each month. If you would like to receive our monthly campout announcement and invitation, please call or e-mail. For a review of the camping schedule go to the website:

www.sjpc.org/camping/

Contact: Ernie Veal, (408) 224-3584,
ecveal@juno.com

Day Trips

Beach Blanket Babylon's Christmas Show

Friday, December 17, 2004

Your chance to see the longest running musical in the U.S. Its Christmas Show is outstanding. No other show has come up with such exotic costuming. Musical selections run the gamut.

We have the best seats in the house; Center Balcony Also, enjoy the food at Pompeii's Grotto. A landmark in Fisherman's Wharf area not far from the theatre.

Price per person \$107.00

Only 40 seats available; **Sold Out**

Contact:

Bud or Phyllis Souza

408-377-6094 or 408-371-2959

Indian Casino Trips in 2005

January 10 -- Thunder Valley,

\$25 with \$15 refund

This trip is filling up, get your reservation in soon.

April 4 -- Cache Creek,

\$27 with 5-\$1 Tokens, \$5 Match Play, \$2 Food

July 11 -- River Rock,

\$27 with \$20 refund (\$15 cash, \$5 food)

October 3 -- Chukchansi,

\$23 with \$10 for slots and \$5 for food

Call Topsy for flyers

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

SPEBSQSA/Sweet Adelines Annual Holiday Show

"It's a Wonderful, Musical Life"

Heritage Theater, Campbell Center, Campbell, California

Saturday, December 18, 2004, 2:00 & 8:00 pm

Take a break from you busy holiday schedule to relax and celebrate the season in song! Come join us in a sparkling holiday show of barbershop singing. The men's Garden City Chorus (San Jose Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society) will join the ladies' Sweet Adelines Mission Valley Chorus in a two-hour presentation of Christmas and Hanukkah music. In addition, we will feature several fabulous barbershop quartets.

You'll (Yule) want to hum along to such classics as "Silent Night," "Angels we have Heard on High," "Carol of the Bells." We'll even throw in a few fun things like "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "White Christmas." And can you recall your youth with "Winter Wonderland" and "Silver Bells"? The audience will also be invited to sing along with a few carols. The finale of each show will be spectacular: over 100 voices raised together to bring in the new year with "Auld Lang Syne." It promises to be a fun-filled event of family entertainment and a refreshing treat for music lovers—youth and old.

Tickets will be available through IBM Retirement Club member Fred Grometer who will be singing in the show. All tickets are general admission: \$16 with a special 10% discount for tickets bought together as a set for groups of 10 or more. The shows start at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The Heritage Theater is the auditorium of the old Campbell High School—Campbell and Winchester Boulevards.

Contact: **Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157.**

Adopt-A-Highway

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

Rained out: At 7 am it was drizzling, so we canceled the clean up. We can't clean on rainy or foggy days, or when the roadway or grassy weedy areas are wet, muddy or slippery. We do not reschedule. The reason we adopted this policy is illustrated by this month's events: the following Wednesday it sprinkled, the next Wednesday was heavy fog, so we give it away and will go for the next month. In 10 minutes, Alice & Evie called everyone and also sent an e-mail. That's almost as fast as the litterbugs decorate the road!

New recruits: We welcome six new volunteers: **Jose Castaneda, Marge Condensa, Bernie and Marcia Coullahan, Bert Fry, and DeForrest Home.** They attended orientation at our home. Orientation takes 1½ hours max and includes a 30 minute CalTrans Safety video. After completing this class **you win your very own hard hat!** When these freshman debut at their first clean up, we will use a buddy system and assign them a guardian angel for mentoring.

Challenge: Does any one notice a trend in our new volunteers? The letter of their last names are letters A thru H.... (4 C's alone!). We challenge the rest of the alphabet to join us and find litter and treasure too. We need a few more members for our volunteer pool. You do not need to participate every month; we ask that you help 4 times in the year. Very little of our cleaning is near the roadway. If being near traffic makes you nervous then we have great places for you to clean. They are called gores and remind you of mini parks. Gores are created by off ramps.

Come and join us! We'd love to get to know you.

Schedule Change: Next year we will clean on alternating **second** Wednesdays and Thursdays of each month. This will accommodate 4th of July and Labor Day weekends which historically produce our biggest numbers of filled trash bags.

Upcoming Schedule: always 9:00 AM
Thursday, December 2, 2004 (1st Thursday)
Wednesday, January 12, 2005 (2nd Wednesday)

Doug & Evelyn Dean,
dougnevie@comcast.net, 408-264-9502

Callers: odd months: Alice Czerniec 224-6230
even months: Barbara Pugh 265-2466

Hikes

Shoreline Hike 9:30 AM
Friday, January 14, 2005

Our first hike of 2005 will be at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. Our route will begin at Shoreline's lake area. From there we will continue through wetlands and marshlands, where the peninsula meets San Francisco Bay. This area is prime habitat for all kinds of waterfowl. When we scouted this walk, there were birds everywhere - from Canadian Geese to a White Tailed Hawk looking for lunch in the bushes. The trails here are either paved or gravel, so good athletic shoes will be sufficient. And there are no hills to worry about. We will be taking an out and back route of about 6 miles & more, if the group wants to go farther. The trails are wide open, and it can be windy, but the surroundings are quite different than those of our usual hikes and we think there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

After the hike, we will have lunch on the patio overlooking Shoreline Lake. This time you can have a choice of bringing your lunch or buying it, as there is a café where you can purchase lunch if you like. We noticed that the café's desserts looked very tantalizing.

We will begin the hike at 9:30, since we are having lunch at the end of the walk. Here's how to get to the Shoreline Lake parking lot:

Take Highway 85 north until you get to Highway 101 north. The ramp to Highway 101 turns into a frontage road. Stay to the far right lane on this road and take the next exit (Shoreline Blvd). There is highway construction in this area, so the exit can be a little tricky. Stay to the left on the exit ramp and go left at the light. Stay on Shoreline, going past the guard shack at the entrance to the park. Continue going on the park road following the signs to the lake and boathouse (the road ends here). We'll meet in the parking lot by the boathouse. See you at 9:30. Don't forget your water and lunch, if you prefer not to buy at the café. Carpoolers, meet at the Camden park and ride at 8:45AM.

Contact:
Gil & Julie Feller
247-6769 or jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

There will be no hike in December.

Bowling

One More Time League at Oakridge Lanes 2004/2005 Winter Bowling League November, 2004

Team Standings:

1st Place:

Team #13: "Hey Shirley, You're UP" - Bill Jeung, Joel Resnick, Shirley Veal, Iris Pruet

2nd Place:

Team #2: "Long-ers" - Glen Furlong Nancy Bowers, Ruth Furlong, Earl Bowers

3rd Place (tie)

Team #7: "Sal and Gals" - Savino Robles, Nell Ramsey, Chila Miller, Topsy Thompson

Team #3: "Purple Pills" - Ernie Bode, June Berg, Jan Bode, Wes Berg

Can you believe we have been bowling for 11 weeks now? I can't.

Men

High Scr. Game	High Scr. Series
269----Don Creps	675----Sal Garcia
268----Dennis Pitchford	658----Jim Balistreri
247----Bill Christiansen	649----Bill Jeung

High Hdcp. Game	High Hdcp. Series
276----Don Johnson	710----Bill Furnal
274----Ernie Veal	709----Ed Bernhardt
272----Ray Thompson	699----Joel Resnick

High Average

194----Jim Balistreri
192----Bill Jeung
186----Dan Thery, Ron Bianco

Women

High Scr. Game	High Scr. Series
213----Jan Curry	581----Faye Fritz
213----Mitzi Stewart	546----Ann Wilson
212----Pat Falkowski	545----Ruth Furlong
199----Jane Bode	

High Hdcp. Game	High Hdcp. Series
271----MaryJane Canavan	710---Chila Miller
253----Kris Denholm	689---Shirley Snyder
250----Kay Layman	664---Shirley Veal

High Average

173---Faye Fritz
169---Ann Wilson
163---Ruth Furlong

Can you believe these scores? We have some good bowlers. And you know what, we have some that just like to have fun. If you would like to bowl, come and join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am at the Oakridge Bowling Lanes.

We would love to have you.
Topsy, secretary
377-4314

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

November 4 - A cool fall day. 24 golfers came out for individual golf. Winners were:

Men

1st - Elmer Rhode - 55
2nd - Neil Rowland - 56
3rd - Neil Keever - 58
4th - Gino Bottoni - 60

Women

1st - Helen Brock - 66
2nd - Clara De Paul - 76
3rd - Helen Wehner - 85
4th - Kelly Moore - 89

Closest To Pin #10

Men:

Sam Walters - 24' 2"

The next dates are Thursdays, December 2 and January 6. **We tee off at 10:30 am, sharp. Please be there by 10:00 am to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 ten 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". Handicaps will be figured out after you have golfed at Deep Cliff. If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have cancelled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5.

Also, remember golf at Deep Cliff is on a first come-first serve basis so get your checks in to Helen, *right away*.

Happy Holidays from
Clara, Helen and DeDe

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

IBM Club Discounts

AMC Movie passes
\$5.50 each; no limit. They never expire

Universal Studios Southern California
Gate price: \$49.75 under 48": \$39.75
IBM Club price: two day ticket: \$33.00

Disneyland
Gate price: \$49.75 3-9 years: \$39.75
IBM Club price: \$44.78 3-9 years: \$35.78

Entertainment Book for 2005

Ticket Hours:

**Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am-1:00pm
(San Jose Site: Bldg. 50 lobby)**

**IBM Club Office Contacts: Valerie Cowing - 256-8778
Frank Vitale - 256-2749**

Par Tee Golf

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

Coyote Creek-Tournament Course, November 1, 2004. This was our annual "Turkey Shoot", where everybody wins. Actually, it should have been called a "Salami Shoot," because the winners in each foursome got a huge salami, second place received a Polish Sausage, third and fourth place got Old Fashioned Hot Dogs. The shot(s) of the day go to two golfers. On Hole #18, Lou Tolbert chipped in from about 40 yards out, for birdie. And, on Hole #9, Marty Satalino holed a shot from the sand to save par. The format of play was "Individual Play". We had a nice turnout of 45 players. Here are the results:

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<u>#2</u>	<u>#5</u>	<u>#7</u>	<u>#14</u>
<u>Men</u>	Ernie Bonelli 15' 11"	Norm Johnson 12' 4"	Jim Balistreri 11' 8"	Bill Avery 12' 3"
	Jim McGuire 22' 2"	Hi-Dong Chai 18' 6"	Gil Maes 18' 2"	Mike Filice 15' 1"
	Lou Tolbert 36' 5"	Joel Quiaoit 25' 7"	Mike Hanners 37' 4"	Barry Felse 16' 8"
<u>Ladies</u>	Helen Bonelli 24' 4"	Vicki Perez 31' 5"		

There were nine bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are: Dave Frausto 83; Jim McGuire 84; Mike Higginbotham, Barry Felse, Eric Schrader, & Gil Maes 85; Lou Tolbert 87; and Jay Myers & Jim Balistreri 88. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Dec. 6	Los Lagos	\$47.00/Nov. 17	Includes cart-soft spikes required-2 best ball foursome
Jan. 10	Ridgemark-Gabilan	\$40.00/Dec. 22	Includes cart-soft spikes required- Format = Individual play
Feb. 14	Rancho Canada-East	\$35.00/Jan. 19	Soft spikes required - Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

1. The monthly golf schedule for the entire year, (**2005 will updated shortly**), can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
2. **Renewals are now due for the "Par Tee Golf Club". Renewals before December 3 are \$40.00. After December 3, or no previous NCGA number, are \$45.00. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net (This is a new email address for Don.)**
3. Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter, web site, or call Andy, for latest information.
4. 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 for signups is:

Par Tee Golf
P. O. Box 53535
San Jose, CA 95153-0535
5. Include you GHIN number, and your e-mail address, (If I don't have 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).

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