



# San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Dear Friends,

The nominating committee has two positions open for next year's Club officers. They are Club Secretary and Vice President. The board has also approved a proposal to change club membership requirements from 'IBM Retiree' to 'Individuals who have worked for IBM during their career and now consider themselves retired.' Hopefully someone may know of an individual who this change will affect and perhaps help fill the open positions. If so please call me: 1-(831) 338-3069.

The transition to online newsletters is moving well, although we still have a long way to go. "Thank You" to those members who responded to Ed Mueller's survey. Remember, the renewal code, L08 and V2008, after your name on the address label, indicates that Ed has logged your confirmation.

The Club's 22nd annual meeting is not too far away. Our guest speaker is Rod Diridon. He will be speaking on Public Transportation, an important topic in today's environment. It will be held October 28, 2008, at the Almaden Winery Community Center, 5730 Chambertin just off Blossom Hill Road. Please plan to attend.

Happy Labor Day  
Art Dill, Club President

## 2008 Bylaw Changes and Update

The Executive Board has approved the rewriting of Article 3 to change the bylaw on Membership. The following three changes have been incorporated into that section.

- All former IBM regular employees qualify to be Members in the Club.
- Associate Members can now hold any office except President or Vice President
- A widow or widower of a Member becomes an Associate Member and carries forward the membership status of the spouse.

These changes to the Bylaws will be voted on at the annual meeting in October. If you wish to review the current Constitution and Bylaws go to the club web site ([www.sjpc.org/sjrc](http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc)) and look for "Constitution and Bylaws."

## Adopt-A-Highway

August 14, 2008

Nineteen litter lifting athletes removed 35 bags of litter bringing our total to 2371 during the 7+ years we have been competing with litterbugs. Barbara and John Warner found a volunteer last month. Their neighbor Carol George was driving down 85 and saw them. Later she came to their garage and asked them what they were doing on the highway. They promptly recruited her and gave her safety orientation; she makes her debut at our September clean. Money found this month: \$1.21 in coins. Bob Ramirez told us Abe Lincoln wanted a hitch and then a second Abe Lincoln wanted a ride also. He was referring to the two five dollar bills he found which turned out to be counterfeit. The running ink on the damp bills was a dead give away. We turned them over to the bank. In order to comply with new Federal Highway Administration requirements, Caltrans is providing us with new Class II safety vests by November 24. When we finished we were rewarded with cool melon provided by Pat Motta.

**Schedule:** second Wednesday, September 10; 2008 second Thursday, October 9, 2008  
meet in VTA Parking lot **8:45 a.m.**

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**Contact:** Doug & Evelyn Dean (408) 264-9502 [dougnevie@comcast.net](mailto:dougnevie@comcast.net)

## San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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George Nale, Ernie Veal, George Walker,  
Ina Havens

## Membership Report Ed Mueller

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August 21, 2008

### Membership History

Number in ( ) is how many folks are receiving their newsletters via the Internet instead of the US Mail

Year	July	August
1998	1694(0)	1701(0)
2007	2154(385)	2161(398)
2008	2148(799)	2153(845)

### Join the On-Line Revolution!

More and more club members are getting on the club's e-mail list and do not receive their club newsletters by U.S. Mail. Instead they get an e-mail every month when the latest newsletter is ready. If you are not on this list yet and are willing to join, send an e-mail to Ed at the address below. Be sure to include your name and address.

Ed Mueller's e-mail address:  
[ibmsjrc@hotmail.com](mailto:ibmsjrc@hotmail.com)

### 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 the Membership Director, Ed Mueller. Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail. Ed will also set you up for "read on line" to save paper, if you request that. Be sure your request includes your name & address, so he corrects the right person.

Send mail to:  
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**Next Club Board Meeting:**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2008,**  
**10:00 AM**

Meriwest Credit Union  
5615 Chesbro Ave.  
at Blossom Hill Road

## Sunshine Report

**Konrad Hixt** is slowly recovering from an accident. His knee was "smashed" when a button to close the sliding door on an SUV was inadvertently pushed. He has been hospitalized three times and currently using a wheelchair. We certainly hope he will completely recover soon.

**Cay Rafferty** has returned home following a recent hospital stay. She is thankful for the assistance she receives from friends.

**Ron Bianco** had a medical emergency while in Montana. Doctors inserted a defibrillator. He has returned home and is doing well. He hopes to return to bowling in a few weeks.

Please call or e-mail me if you know of a retiree or spouse who is ill.

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## In Memoriam

**Howard Bailey**  
**Richard Craver**  
**O. J. Davenport**  
**Ruth Ferziger**  
**Karen Havens**  
**H. W. "Bud" Johnson**  
**Dave Killam**  
**Sharon Leavitt**  
**Gus Lombardo**  
**Ellen Waterman Mance**  
**David Sant**  
**W. Jule Weldy**

For life changing events or other benefit questions, contact IBM Employee Services Center:  
1-800 796-9876

## New Members

George Hall  
Darrell Jones  
Richard Lowther  
John Maez  
Karen Ranson  
Lee Steckmest

## San Jose IBM Retirement Club Web Site:

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

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## TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Sep 9, 2008	PC Club: Adobe Photoshop Express		8	Walt Cole	972-1178
Sep 10, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		1	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Sep 11, 2008	Santa Cruz Follies Show & Lunch <b>Sold Out*</b>		--	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 12, 2008	Hike: City of San Francisco		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Sep 14-16, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus <b>Sold Out*</b>		--	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 18, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Sep 25-Oct 5, 2008	Switzerland & Austria Trains <b>Sold Out*</b>		--	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 28-Oct 3, 2008	Monterey Big Hike		--	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 7, 2008	A Journey Through Time - Steinbeck	2	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 9, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		1	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Oct 18, 2008	Horse Racing - Golden Gate Fields		6	George & Isabel Nale	779-4275
Oct 20, 2008	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 22-Nov 4, 2008	Mediterranean Cruise		--	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Oct 24, 2008	Hike: Forest of Nisene Marks		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
<b>Oct 28, 2008</b>	<b>IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting</b>		1	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Nov 5-18, 2008	Winter in Thailand		4	George & Isabel Nale	779-4275
Dec 2-8, 2008	Branson for the Holidays <b>Sold Out*</b>		--	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Dec 14, 2008	The Christmas Revels			Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Dec 17, 2008	Holiday Party		--	George Walker	268-7623
Dec 30, 08-Jan 3, 09	New Year's in Nashville		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
Jan 12, 2009	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 22, 2009	Ozark Mountain Jubilee <b>Sold Out*</b>		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 14, 2009	Valentine's Day Special		6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Mar 3, 2009	New San Francisco Academy of Sciences		7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Mar 8-10, 2009	Reno: Circus Circus		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 12-24, 2009	Spectacular South Africa	4	5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Apr 6, 2009	Indian Casino: River Rock		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 17, 2009	California Cashmere, Ironstone Vineyards		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 25-May 4, 2009	Truly Tulip Time, Europe River Cruise		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
June 8-9, 2009	Chukchansi, Reedley Opera House		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 11-18, 2009	Calgary Stampede & Canada's Rockies		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 13, 2009	Indian Casino: Feather Falls		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 20-29, <b>2010</b>	Oberammergau		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623

\*Most sold out trips have wait lists you can put your name on. Call the trip host for details.

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# Travel Trips

## Truly Tulip Trip April 25 - May 4 2009 Wine! Cheese! Flowers! *Note New Itinerary!*

Due to changes in the river boat contracts, we have a new and exciting trip which will take us to see even more **tulips** because we will be exclusively on **Holland's** and **Belgium's** waterways. Board the ship in **Amsterdam** and make it your home while we see the city including Anne Frank's home and the art museums. We'll visit **Voldendam**, a quaint cheese-making town where time seems to have stopped. We cruise on to **Arnhem**, which played a major role in WW II. Many museums are available to us here. Our cruise continues to **Middelburg**, medieval city and the center of **Deltaworks**, which teaches about the deltas and dikes. We'll see **Ghent, Belgium**, an imperial city which conveys the splendor of by-gone days. **Bruges, Belgium**, one of our all-time favorite spots, is a wonderfully preserved medieval city. It is the center of lace making and has great chocolates!

Day 7 we are in **Antwerp** with its Gothic and Baroque architecture and busy cafes. It was the home of Peter Paul Rubens. Again, the chocolates are to die for!! Time here for shopping and exploring. In **Utrecht** we'll see the working windmills and learn at the UNESCO World Heritage Site the story of the battle with the sea. Then we visit the world-famous **Keukenhof Gardens** and 70 acres of flowers. We have secured the best-anticipated time for the peak of bloom. The price of **\$3,669** includes air, insurance, all meals, and local wines on this river boat of 80 cabins.

**Please join us for more information at Baker's Square, Almaden and Hwy. 85, Tuesday, October 7, 10:00 AM.**

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

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

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

We know that May, 2010, seems long way off, but as we get older it seems time goes faster and who knows who will be around the next time Oberammergau presents the "Passion Play"?

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

**An information meeting will be held at Baker's Square, Almaden and Hwy. 85, Tuesday, November 11, (was November 18)** Updated 2009-09-16  
**at 10:00 AM. Please join us.**

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

## Winter in Thailand November 5-18, 2008

Why shiver here when you can be in balmy Thailand seeing exotic locations, staying in great hotels and doing some bargain shopping for Christmas gifts, clothing, and jewelry?

Thailand (Siam) has fascinating scenery, a much different culture and many historic sites.

In Bangkok you can see the Grand Palace, the Emerald Buddha, gems and silk, ancient temples, the Floating Market, and much entertainment.

Ching Mai is a historic hill city with ethnic tribes and handicraft markets, plus natural habitat elephant shows. Many ancient wats/temples to tour.

Ching Rai, near the Golden Triangle of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar, has lovely scenery and we visit villages where both the long-necked and big-earring people live.

November has the mildest climate of the year and the local currency is pegged to the US dollar. A real travel bargain at \$2399, including travel insurance. Of course this trip, like all trips, is subject to airport taxes and extra fuel charges. For further information and a flyer on the trip, call or e-mail us.

Contact: **George or Isobel Nale, 779-4275 or e-mail: [gr4na@aol.com](mailto:gr4na@aol.com)**

### 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

## New Year's In Nashville

December 30, 2008 - January 3, 2009

4 Nights in the Opryland Hotel, one of the most fanciful and unforgettable man-made wonders of the world  
You owe it to yourself to be there once in your life.

### Featuring:

New Year's Eve Masquerade Gala  
Dinner/Dance  
New Year's Day Brunch  
General Jackson Dinner Cruise  
Grand Ole Opry Performance

### Included:

Roundtrip Airport Transfers  
Roundtrip Air to Nashville  
6 meals  
Baggage handling/1 suitcase per person  
All Taxes, Resort Fees & Gratuities

### Price Per Person:

\$1440 Double Occupancy  
\$1720 Single Occupancy

For reservations & complete brochure, contact: **Bud Souza, (408) 340-0082**  
e-mail: [buds2@mindspring.com](mailto:buds2@mindspring.com)

## Spectacular South Africa

March 12- 24, 2009

### Optional 3 night Victoria Falls Extension

Experience breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, and abundant wildlife in a country that contains a world of treasures. Stays include the famous Kruger National Park, Johannesburg (a city built on gold and diamonds), Knysna and the breathtaking Featherbed Nature Reserve. Then on to Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of South Africa, and finally the amazing city of Cape Town with its charming coastal scenery, celebrated architecture, and traditions of French, German and Dutch influences. No Euro exchange. The US dollar is strong in South Africa.

### Trip Highlights:

- Welcome dinner in Sandton.
- Language Discovery and guided tour of Soweto
- Travel the spectacular Drakensberg mountain range and Blyde River Canyon.
- Kruger National Park – Safari Game Drive. Dazzling herds of African wildlife.
- Port Elizabeth, coastal gateway to the famous Garden Route.
- Featherbed Nature Reserve and lagoon cruise and 4x4 drive into the forest.
- Visit a local township and school.
- Oudtshoorn visit and tour to oldest ostrich farm.
- Captivating Cape Town and panoramic tour of this beautiful harbor-side city.
- Cable car ride to famous Table Mountain.
- Cape Point, penguins at Boulder Beach and tour of Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.
- Tour of Cape vineyards.
- After-hours tour of Gold Museum.

Traditional African dining experience. The price of the tour including airfare: \$3999, per person double. Single Supplement \$900.

Main tour includes all air flights, transfers, entrance to shows and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 10 breakfasts, 2 main meal lunches, 5 dinners.

An optional 4 day, 3 night Victoria Falls extension is available, at \$1559 per person double.

Contact: **Art and Sharry Dill, (831) 338-3069** TAR 4

## Calgary Stampede & Canada's Kootenay Rockies

July 11-18, 2009

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

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

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

For brochure & detailed info, contact

**Bud Souza**  
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email: [buds2@mindspring.com](mailto:buds2@mindspring.com)

# Day Trips

## Chukchansi Reedley Opera House Underground Gardens

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

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

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

## California Cashmere, Ironstone Vineyard Friday, April 17, 2009

Learn how cashmere is harvested, graded, sorted, and de-haired. Then we will go on to Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys for a guided tour of the old wine caverns, gardens and other exhibits. The visit to the winery will include wine tasting, with canapés, and a private group luncheon. Price **\$85.00**

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## Horse Races at Golden Gate Fields Saturday, October 18, 2008

Feel lucky? Do you know a good horse when you see one? Find out the answers to these questions and have a good time doing it by taking in the thoroughbred horse races at Golden Gate Fields. Not only do you see a lot of exciting races in a beautiful setting but you get a good lunch in a very nice enclosed dining area. A great way to spend the day, and maybe enhance the family coffers, and it is only \$50 for the bus ride, lunch and a thrilling day watching colorfully-clad jockeys fly around the track on their beautiful mounts.

To sign up or get more information call or e-mail us.

Contact: **George or Isobel Nale**  
**779-4275, e-mail: [gr4na@aol.com](mailto:gr4na@aol.com)**

## Ozark Mountain Jubilee Thursday, January 22, 2009 **Sold Out**

The Woodland Opera House presents, direct from Branson, The Ozark Mountain Jubilee, featuring Branson's funniest comedian and world-class fiddler, Doofus Doolittle. Doofus will have you rolling in the aisles with his unique style of hillbilly humor. You can expect some of the best fiddle music anywhere. Prior to the show we will enjoy a hosted private buffet luncheon at Ludy's Main Street BBQ adjacent to the opera house. After the show we will make a non-hosted stop in Vacaville at Fenton's Creamery. Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities. All this for **\$88.00** per person.

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## Indian Casino Trips

*Jackson Rancheria*

**Monday, October 20, 2008**

Price: \$25.00, \$10.00 cash & coupons

*Thunder Valley Casino*

**Monday, January 12, 2009**

Price: \$ 28.00, \$5.00 Match Play, \$5.00 Food

*Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,*  
**March 8-10, 2009**

Price: \$114.50 per person, double occupancy &  
\$40.00 single supplement.

Casino bonus: \$37.00 cash & food credit

*River Rock Casino*

**Monday, April 6, 2009**

Price: \$29.00, Bonus \$20.00 Cash

*Feather Falls Indian Casino*

**July 13, 2009**

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

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

**Parking:** Capitol Expressway and Hwy 87  
Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G  
Depart: 8:00 AM

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## Valentine's Day Special Saturday, February 14, 2009

Trip activity 2

*Due to overwhelming response,*  
*we are taking reservations for a second bus.*

Spend a special day at the Historic Claremont Resort in Oakland with great entertainment, food, friends, and fun. As seen through the eyes of a neighborhood musician, "Down Broadway!" a series of captivating musical plays, takes audiences on musical journeys through time. During this exiting show we will have a light Brunch. After the show will be a no host sweet stop.

All this for \$87.00 per person.

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## Day Trips

### **The Christmas Revels** **Sunday—December 14, 2008**

Trip Activity Rating – 2

*Back by popular demand from last year's trip*

This year's production will return to Europe with a new interpretation of "The King and the Fool." The setting is a medieval castle where a King is entertained by his court, troubadour and most significantly, his Jester. A wonderful children's chorus will be a key ingredient this year. Lunch will be at El Pescatore (Jack London's Square) specializing in Northern Italian food.

All this for \$86.00 per. Person

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### **New San Francisco** **Academy of Sciences**

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Trip Activity 2

The newest and largest cultural attraction in San Francisco, the Academy is the only place on the planet that brings together a natural history museum, an aquarium, a planetarium and a 4-story rainforest under one living roof. It's certain there will be something of interest for everyone! We were told to allow 3 1/2 to 4 hours for the tour. With several dining options on location, a no host lunch break can be made at your convenience. On the return trip two fun stops will be made: the PEZ Memorabilia & Classic Toy Museum and a no host stop at Preston's Ice Cream and Candy

All this for \$61.00 per person

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## Hikes

### **San Francisco City Hike**

**Friday, September 12, 2008 10:00 AM,**  
**Sign-ups Requested**

For our annual walk in the City we have once again chosen a walk from the book "Stairway Walks in San Francisco." This time we will be following the route of walk #1, which encompasses Yerba Buena Cove (now the bustling Market Street area), Telegraph Hill, and Chinatown. The walk starts at First and Market Streets. We will trek through this busy area before heading uphill into quiet residential neighborhoods. Several stairways will lead us even higher until we are within sight of Coit Tower. We will climb more stairs to get to this San Francisco landmark. Along the way, we'll be treated to some spectacular views of the bay and city. Then we will walk a few blocks on Grant Street into the heart of Chinatown. Here is where we will break for lunch at (what else) a Chinese restaurant. After lunch we will head back to our starting point of First and Market. There are about 700 steps, up and down combined, on this walk.

We are offering a green option for this hike. You can take the baby bullet Caltrain from San Jose to the City, number 329 leaving Diridon Station at 8:03 AM, or Tamien at 7:56. The train arrives in San Francisco at 9:03 on 4<sup>th</sup> street. Walking from the train station to the start of the hike adds about another half hour (1.4 miles) to our walk each way. You can take your time getting to First and Market, stop for a coffee if you like. If you do not want to ride on the train, you'll be on your own for parking. There are several lots on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street near Harrison. We will meet beside the big sculpture at First and Market at 10:00 AM. If you'd like to join us for this walk, please call us or send an e-mail. We will be preparing handouts for everyone attending so that all participants understand the route.

**Contact:**

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller 247-6769**

[jfeller1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfeller1@ix.netcom.com)

### **Hike: Forest of Nisene Marks**

**Friday, October 24, 2008 9:30 AM**  
**(note earlier meeting time)**

This beautiful State Park, located near Aptos, is on land that was clear-cut during a forty year logging frenzy (1883-1923). When the loggers left Aptos Canyon, the forest began to heal itself. The Forest of Nisene Marks is a fine example of how a forest can regenerate. Our 6 mile loop hike will take us on the Loma Prieta Grade and Bridge Creek Trail. We will walk in a mostly shaded region of the park with lush green vegetation. The hike is somewhat strenuous with some steep hills and a couple of creek crossings – and there is abundant poison oak. Bring a snack to enjoy along the way as we won't be eating lunch until the end of the hike.

To get to the park, take Highway 17 south towards Santa Cruz. At the Highway 1 junction, go south. You will travel down Highway 1 to the State Park Drive exit. Go left towards Aptos, and turn right at Soquel Road. The entrance to the park is a left turn about a mile down Soquel Road on Aptos Creek Road. Look for the road just after you go through a railroad undercrossing. Once on Aptos Creek road, the park entrance (fee area) is about a mile down the road. Pay your fee and continue on the park road until you get to the Porter Family picnic area which is at the end of the dirt road.. This is the starting point for our hike.

People wanting to car pool, meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden & Hwy 85) at 8:30. Don't forget lunch and water.

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# 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: \$64.00 ages 3 and up  
IBM Club price: \$54.00 Two-day ticket!

### 6 Flags Discovery Kingdom

Gate price: \$51.24, parking: \$15.00  
IBM Club price: \$25.61, parking \$10.00  
Print tix online: \$27.66 + \$3 order fee  
[www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com), Promo code: 'ibm', click 'go'

### Gilroy Gardens

Gate price: \$41.99  
IBM Club price: \$23.00

### Great America

Gate price: \$51.99; season pass: \$59.99  
season pass w/ Gilroy Gardens: \$84.99  
IBM Club price: any day \$29.99; season: \$59.99  
season pass w/ GG: 74.99, parking: \$6.00  
Print tix online: \$31.99, no added fees  
[www.cagreatamerica.com](http://www.cagreatamerica.com), go to tickets;  
corporate partner: enter company id: "ibm"

**Disneyland & Disney World** discount tickets are no longer available from the IBM Club. These tickets are available on-line at the Beneplace web site, although the discount is less there. (See lower right corner item on this page.)

### Legoland

Gate price: adults \$61.00 3-12 years \$49.00  
IBM Club price: \$40.00 all ages, 3 and up  
2nd day for only \$1; go to Guest Services at Legoland

### See's Candy

IBM Club price: \$11.50 1 pound gift certificate

### Sea World

Gate price: \$59.00 3-9 years: \$49.00  
IBM Club price: \$46.50 3-9 years: \$41.00 2-day ticket

### Raging Waters

Gate price: \$29.99 Season: \$59.99  
IBM Club price: \$21.99 Season: \$39.99

Payment by check or money order only,  
no cash, no credit cards.  
Checks or money orders should be  
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**Ticket Hours: Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
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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](http://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.

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## PC Club: Adobe Photoshop Express

**Tuesday, September 9, 2008**

Subject: Adobe Photoshop Express which is a photo sharing site with easy to use editing tools. It targets the millions of snapshot photographers who think software such as Photoshop Elements is too difficult or just too much. For sharing, you upload photos into albums (up to 2GB), organize them, make them public for sharing or share them privately via email links and generate nice-looking self-contained Flash slideshows. Speaker: Scott Maiden, Club member and SeniorNet instructor.

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

## Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

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

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

## Bowling

### One More Time League at 300 San Jose (formerly Oakridge Lanes) 2008 Summer League August 20, 2008

1st place: Team #2, **"Strike Zone"** Sal Garcia, Bill Jeung, Shirley Veal, George Zagelow  
2nd place: Team #2, **"Ten in the Pit"** Ruth Furlong, Nancy Bowers, Earl Bowers, Glen Furlong

#### Individual Achievements

#### Ladies

#### Men

#### High Scratch Game

217-Ann Wilson 210-Shirley Veal	278-George Zagelow 266-Ernie Veal
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#### High Scratch Series

595-Ann Wilson 576-Pat Falkowski	750-George Zagelow 730-Keith Balch
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#### High Handicap Game

267-Helen Nakamoto 267-Barbara Pugh	303-Ernie Veal 291-Tom Higa
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#### High Handicap Series

744-Pat Falkowski 727-Helen Nakamoto	826-Ernie Veal 768-George Zagelow
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#### Average

168-Faye Fritz 163-Chila Miller	207-George Zagelow 205-Keith Balch
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August 27 was the last day of bowling for the Summer League. On September 3 we had our Winter Bowling League meeting. Regular Winter League play begins on September 10.

Summer secretary-Ann Wilson 269-1892

## Short 18-Hole Golf

### Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

August 7, 2008 On a perfect summer day 21 players showed up for a round of golf. Winners were:

#### MEN

1st Daniel Jensen  
Dick Lake  
2nd Dave Fitting  
3rd Jerry Condensa  
4th Rich Campbell

#### WOMEN

1st Marge Condensa 63  
DeDe Corral 63  
2nd Kathy Herrington 64  
3rd Clara De Paul 65  
4th Chris Oba 68

Congratulations to all the winners.

#### Closest to Pin #10

Bill Bartz 14' 5"                      Kathy Herrington 9' 9"

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, October 2 and November 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.

**Happy Golfing,**

**Clara DePaul(294-7041), DeDe Corral(378-6470) & Helen Wehner(264-6296)**

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## Par Tee Golf

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

**Poppy Hills, August 25, 2008:** This was our annual "Bob Slater Memorial Golf Tournament." Bob Slater was the person responsible for starting the Retirement Club golf tournaments. The "Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Rich Greene. On Hole #14, a 380 yard par four, Rich hit his second shot into the cup for "Eagle." Phenomenal shot, Rich! It was decided by a unanimous vote to split the Bob Slater Retiree Club award instead of using a tie breaker. The format of play was, "Individual Play." We had a large turnout of 68 players. Here are the results: **Place / Score / Name**

1 / 67 Tom Morrison	2 / 68 Dave Godinez	<b>2 / 68 Andy La Scola*</b>	<b>2 / 68 Patrick Arnett*</b>
3 / 69 Tony Scalora	3 / 69 Greg Vance	3 / 69 Dave Falcone	4 / 70 Glenn Yuki
4 / 70 Milton Loo	<b>5 / 71 Kathy La Scola**</b>	6 / 72 John Grewohl	6 / 72 Al Carlson
6 / 72 Eric Schrader	6 / 72 Len Procker	6 / 72 Don Johnson	6 / 72 Bill Highlander

\* = Men's Bob Slater Award Winners-Tied

\*\* =Ladies Bob Slater Award Winner

#### Closest To-Pin #2

Dave Godinez  
Ken Edwards  
Glenn Yuki

#### #6

John Grewohl  
Bill Avery  
Roger Haskin

#### #11

Pat Schroeck  
Joe Pisapia  
Tom Morrison  
Barbara Schumacher

#### #15

Andy La Scola  
Graham Kelly  
Tom Baker

#### #17

Tony Scalora  
Nick Nomm  
Len Procker  
Cathy Priest

Future: Oct. 6, Pajaro Valley, \$40.00 due by Sep.17

Nov. 10, Spring Valley, \$60.00 due by Oct. 22

Dec. 1, Los Lagos, \$48.00 due by Nov. 12

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