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For those of you who missed the Christmas Potluck, here are the lyrics sung by Debbie Bulger (lyricist and choreographer), Debbie Benham, Dodie Domish, Anne Gaillard, Peter Maxwell, and Paul Vlasveld.

To the tune of Karen Carpenters "End of the World":

Climber's Why

Why do my palms feel so sweaty?
Why are my knees quaking so?
Don't they know I'm a climbing ace?
But there's so much daylight below.

Why does my stomach feel queasy?
Why have I given up hope?
Don't they know I'm a climbing ace?
But I have reached the end of my rope.

I wake up in the morning, and I wonder
If I will ever conquer my fear
I can't understand,
Oh, I can't understand,
How all those handholds disappear

Why is my heart beating wildly?
Where will my courage be found?
Don't they know I'm a climbing ace?
Whose feet don't need to touch the ground.

— Debbie Bulger

To the tune of "Chattanooga Choo Choo":

Pardon Me, Boys

(girls only)

Pardon me; boys,
Is this the gorp **you** served me last year?
Those chipped M&MS
Are lookin' like friends.

(boys only)

Pardon me, girls,
Is this the gorp you served me last year?
Those chipped M&MS
Are lookin like friends.

The peanuts hit my stomach,
and they drop to my socks
The raisins taste like
what the marmots leave on the rocks
I'm a camping child, so I'm really wild
'Bout the food you carry
on those back country trails.

Freeze dry tonight
My taste buds really get excited
And I'm crazy too
For your giardia stew

It slips into my stomach
and it brings me delight
It makes me want to dash
out of the tent in the night
I'm a camping child, so I'm really wild
'Bout the food you carry
on those back country trails.

— Debbie Bulger

To the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad":

Mt Shasta

I've been climbing up Mt Shasta
Many and many a day.

I've been climbing up Mt Shasta
Well, perhaps I've lost the way.

My legs are mighty weary
My feet are sore
But I'm gonna keep a climbing
Because I'm real hard core.

Gonna make it up
Gonna make it up
Gonna make it up that pe-e-ak.
Gonna make it up
Gonna make it up
Gonna make it up that peak.

Someone's on the summit, I see her
Someone's on the summit, I know-o-o-o
Someone's on the summit, I see her
Slidin' on the ice and snow!

— Debbie Bulger

Your Want Ad Here. . .

The price is right (it's free) and the audience is captive (huh cheap). Ads run for three months unless renewed or dropped. Let us know if you want (or need to unload) equipment, a place to stay, even a climbing partner!

Scree Scanner Wanted

We have years of old Scree issues in hardcopy format, which are not available for word searches and/or retrieval on the PCS modem. If you have access to scanning software, or if you are willing to re-type old articles, contact the Editor. Thanks!

Letter From the Editor

As most of you already know, this is my first stab at editing Scree. You have shown great faith (unfounded though it might be) in choosing such a new member as editor.

I have taken the liberty of changing the format, since I've always wanted the Apple community to see what a PC could do. Nothing personal.. .

Please comment on either the format or the content, since this is your newsletter, not mine. If you find the new format hard to read, we can adjust.

Don't leave the writing up to someone else. I only publish the Scree, I don't write it. Priority is given to trip announcements and reports, but other items are welcome.

Here's my wish list, for what I would like to see from you, the readers:

- trip announcements (it is winter.. .)
- trip reports, incl. topo&peak names
- directions to good carpool spots
- directions to oddball permit pickups
- where your permits were checked
- "best" restaurants for smelly hikers
- general interest / humorous notes
- *want ads" for equipment swaps

— Steve Eckert

Meetings / Deadlines

PCS meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. Each month's meeting location and time is printed in the Scree which arrives near the first of that month. See back page.

A computer dialup (modem) is available for use by PCS members, and is the preferred method of submitting Scree articles. Pre-publication and old Scree issues are available for review, word searches, retrieval, etc. Trip announcements and articles may also be reviewed for correctness by the author prior to publication. Contact the Editor for information and authorization codes.

Scree articles and contributions must be received by the editor no later than the last Tuesday of the month. Please notify the editor if your contribution must be included in the next Scree, or if it can be delayed due to a full issue.

Carpools and Such

Thanks to our friends in the legal profession, the PCS can no longer arrange carpools.

The Sierra Club will continue to encourage carpooling in the interest of conservation.

Leaders may provide information on who lives near whom, and may suggest gas reimbursement guidelines.

Drivers must have proper liability and damage insurance. Passengers should confirm this coverage with drivers.

Should we have an official PCS suggested per-mile rate like other sections do? Is there a standard practice for sharing costs? Please give your comments to the Editor, for future publication. — Ed.

Trip Classifications

These classifications are to assist you in choosing trips for which you are qualified. No simple rating system can anticipate all possible conditions:

Class 1: Walking on a trail

Class 2: Walking cross-country, using hands for balance only.

Class 3: Climbing which requires use of hands, occasional use of a rope.

Class 4: Climbing which requires rope belays.

Class 5: Technical rock climbing.

Private trips are listed only because readers might be interested in them. They are not authorized, insured, sponsored or supervised by the PCS or the Sierra Club.

Private trips may have a designated leader, or may be jointly lead by all of the participants.

Official PCS Trips:

Official PCS trips must be submitted through the Scheduler (see back cover).

The Real Wharf-to-Wharf

Date: Feb 15-17 (Sat-Mon)

Where: Monterey Bay

Leader: Debbie Bulger
home (408) 457-1036

Co-Leader: Richard Stover
home (408) 457-1036

Starting at 6AM on the Santa Cruz wharf, we will hike the shore of **Monterey Bay**, ending with dinner on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey. We will travel light, sans tent or stove, buying food along the way.

Leader permission required for this very strenuous backpack of about 45 miles. Rain cancels.

Mt Tamalpais Day Hike

Date: Feb 15 (Sat) 2567'

Where: Marin County Class 1

Contact: Aaron Schuman
home (415) 968-9184
work (415) 335-1901
Email schuman@sgi.com

Lets's take a conditioning hike to the top of Marin, with a long view of the headlands, the Farralon Islands, and The City.

No advance reservations are required. Meet to form carpools at 8:00 a.m. at the southeast corner of the parking lot at Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto.

(That's the corner closest to El Camino Real and the University Ave. overpass.)

Cone Peak

Date: Apr 4-5 (Sat-Sun) 5155'

Where: Ventana Wilderness Class 2

Contact: Aaron Schuman
home (415) 968-9184
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Email schuman@sgi.com

Cone Peak is one of the finest and highest peaks in the Ventana Wilderness. Although it can be day hiked from the Pacific side of the coast range, we'll take the longer approach from the Salinas Valley side.

We'll start at Memorial Park campground, at 2100 feet, and backpack up to Cook Spring at the coast ridge. Expect to hike about 8 miles on Saturday, gaining 2700 feet of elevation and losing 300 feet. On Sunday we'll day hike 5 miles to the summit, losing 800 feet and then gaining 1600 feet. Then we'll retrace our steps back to Cook Springs, where we'll retrieve our packs and return to the trailhead at Memorial Park. This makes for an 18 mile Sunday!

Be forewarned that trails in Ventana aren't maintained as well as in other places you've hiked, and that poison oak is abundant in the spring in Big Sur.

Trip Planning Meeting

February 25 (Tuesday) at 7:30 PM, leaders and prospective leaders will assemble at Ron Lingelbach's house to plan spring and summer trips. We need to beat the March 1 dead-

line for mailing permit applications. If you don't come to the meeting, you can't complain about a lack of trips. Of course, suggestions from non-leaders are always welcome.

Private Trips

Private trips may be submitted directly to the Scree Editor, but the Scheduler may be able to help the leader avoid conflicts (see back cover).

I Sequoia Snow Camp I

Date: Jan 11-12 (Sat-Sun)

Where: Tokopah Valley showshoe

Contact: Steve Eckert
home/work (415) 508-0500

Co-Leader wanted
(or qualified leader to make trip official)

Join experienced snow camping leader who is new to this area in scouting a future trip (which will include both Alta and Silliman). We will be snowshoeing or kicking steps, not skiing. Depending on snow conditions, we will try for one peak.

No specialized experience or equipment is required, but be prepared for a fairly strenuous hike with winter-weight packs. This will not be a formal snow training class, but if there is time and interest participants will share ideas and techniques for comfort and safety.

Your Cartoon Here: We always need fillers, for annoying little spaces like this. Send jokes, uncopyrighted drawings, etc. - Ed.

Telemark Weekend

Date: Jan 17-19 (Fri-Sun)

Where: Apres Ski Cabin xc ski

Contact: Ron Lingelbach
home (408) 253-8036

Cost is \$40 for two night's bunk and meals at Apres Ski Cabin at Kings Beach (North Tahoe). Co-listed with Ski Touring Section. No transportation, lift tickets, or ski rentals are provided

Mt. Shasta

Date: Feb 15-17 (Sat-Mon) 14,162'

Where: Green Butte Ridge Class 3

Contact: Kai Wiedman
home (415) 347-2843

If you have ever dreamed of climbing in Alaska, come test your mettle on this mini-"major" expedition.

Our route will ascend the symmetric Green Butte Ridge which rises continuously in an upward thrust until it intersects Sargents Ridge. From here steep and airy snow climbing lead to the summit.

Only experienced alpinists need apply.

Trip Requests:

North Palisade

Date: Summer 1991

Where: Fresno County

Contact: Dinesh Desai
home (415) 969-2695
on a good day (800) NO-SWEAT

In order to do all 58 county high points, I need to get to the top of North Palisade, Fresno County high point. If you are interested in pulling me up along one of Roper's supposedly class 3 mute, call me.

Chimborazo

Date: Christmas 1992 (!) 20,000'

Where: Ecuador

Contact: Tim Hult
home (408) 970-0760

Anyone else interested in climbing one of the major Ecuadorian peaks and doing some sightseeing in the Indian villages?

Other News

Trail Easement Alert

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is having a night meeting to decide whether to amend county trail easement policy.

Our informants tell us that the proposed amendment would exempt subdivisions of less than 5 parcels from the current requirement to grant a 25' trail easement, no matter how large the parcels are. **This may result in isolated parks, without connector trails.**

If you **are** concerned about this apparent change in county policy, plan to attend the meeting at **7PM on Tuesday, January 20th** at the address below (corner of Hedding and North 1st Street in San Jose, South of Bayshore). Whether or not you can attend, writing a letter is often the best way to express yourself:

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Bldg
70 West Hedding
San Jose, CA 95110

One to Grow On?

We hear that climbing Mt. Cook just got easier. New Zealand's most sig-

nificant earth movement in modern history sent millions of tons of rock, ice and snow crashing down from the 12349-foot summit of Mount Cook. No damage or injuries resulted from the avalanche, but new maps will have to indicate that the official height of that country's tallest mountain is now several yards lower.

Check Your Phone

Once a year, we publish the names and phone numbers of our members (the last four pages, in case you missed it) for carpooling assistance.

Please check your phone number(s): If they are incorrect or incomplete, or if you do not want them released in the future, please contact the Mailings officer as indicated on the back cover.

THANKS!

A special "Thank You" to Jody Sloane, the manager of Wells Fargo Bank on Castro Street in Mountain View, for the free checking account enjoyed by the PCS during 1991.

Also, remember Western Mountaineering and Pacific Mountaineer when you do your shopping. They have graciously provided free after-hours use of their stores for our monthly meetings.

1991 1 Treasurer's Report

The PCS balance sheet has had continued good health this past year. The net worth of our group increased by about \$482 during 1991. *Let's Party - Ed*

The SEC or the American Society of Accountants may not agree, but a quick and accurate method for analysis is shown below.

This assumes that the PCS disbands at the end of the year (bite your tongue!) and returns pro rata shares of unused subscriptions to members.

Unless a similar analysis at the end of 1992 should show a

significant decrease in net worth, a dues increase should not be necessary.

My thanks to Dinesh Desai for his invaluable help this past year, and this past month!

Balance Sheet December 1991

Assets

Wells Fargo Checking **\$1684.49**

Liabilities

Number of Members 176

Average Refund "Owed" \$5.47

Total Refund "Owed" \$963.00

Net Worth \$721.49

D Benham

Is it Rose, is it Deception or is it Discovery?

(does it depend upon the color of your glasses?)

When Hillary and Tenzing **W** reached the top of Everest in 1953, they made a pact never to tell the world who actually was the first one to reach the top, Hillary is considered to be one of the few "gentleman Mountaineers" to grace this world and being first was less important to him than the friendship of his fellow climbers.

Such niceties totally escaped Bill Hauser and John Sarna as Discovery Peak, the high point of Alameda County, came into view. They both started running, trying to beat each other to the top. (However, yours truly will not be a party to that spectacle by divulging the name of the winner!) Such is the draw of an inconsequential 3841 ft county high point on

peak beggars intent on climbing county high points.

Beggars or baggers: Is it a typo? - Ed.

Several years ago (Screen May 1987 issue) I made a claim that my wife Joy and I were the first ones to climb the highest point in each of the nine Bay Counties. That claim remained unchallenged for a while. Then, about a year ago, when Bill Hauser, Joy and I decided to get serious about climbing the high points of each of the 58 California Counties, Bill pointed out that Rose Peak was not the highest point in Alameda County - as I had claimed - but a point he called "Deception Peak" was a little higher.

After a through search of various USGS topos, I determined that Bill was only half right. The highest point of Alameda County was a knob about a mile and a half east of Rose Peak and a little higher than both the Rose Peak and the Deception Peak. This knob, which I have named "Discovery Peak" has radio towers on it and is visible from Rose Peak.

Joy and I climbed the Discovery Peak in March and another twenty or so county high

points during summer bringing our total close to 50. In the process, amazingly, we ran into several other people who are also climbing County high points. One Gary Scuttle from San Diego is even writing a book about it and is expected to be published by Wilderness Press in late 1992.

The October 19th PCS trip to Discovery Peak was organized to give the county high pointers a chance to meet fellow addicts and trade stories. From the trailhead at Del Valle, we followed the Ohlone Wilderness trail for about 7 miles to Schafer Flat and Pond and then continued for another 3/4 mile to a sharp bend in the trail.

We left the trail there and crawled under a gate with a sign that said "Private Property ahead" (not true; that area, called "Rose Flat", has now been acquired by the Park Service). Then it was only another 1/2 mile in southerly direction to the towers of Discovery Peak. The participants were Dinesh Desai, Leader, Joy Desai, Bill Hauser, John Sarna, Peter Rosmarin and Gary Scuttle who drove all the way from San Diego!

— Dinesh Desai

Mr. Raoul Mocho

Arrested for Trespassing

(or, the Alice's Restaurant Massacre - Revisited)

On 10/27/91 I decided to soak at the "Geyser" on the adjacent ranch to the commercial resort of Wilbur's Hot Springs (near Clear Lake). The Geyser (yes, a real geyser) is on mining company land and all the clients from Wilbur's cross the fence and soak there.

I thought Wilbur's wouldn't mind if I just parked on their land, crossed the fence, and soaked in the geyser pools. I did not pay the \$15 fee to Wilbur's because I wasn't going to soak in their hot pools at all.

While soaking in the geyser pools I saw a small pickup with a gumball machine on the cab go through the gate into the mining company ranch. I thought it was a small security guard routine check. I got dressed fast, dashed off into the bushes and hid.

Lesser men might have given up... - Ed.

When he left the geyser area, I soaked again and went back to my car. While sitting reading, the Sheriff pulled up, gave me the "Adolph Bush"

third degree, and issued me a citation for "vehicular trespass".

Would you believe Richard Davis, the manager/owner of Wilbur's Hot Springs, called the Sheriff from Stoney Ford (CA), some 30 miles away!! This is big time law breaking, alright.

The Sheriff said "Only people staying at Wilbur's can cross the fence to the geyser." He wrote down my whole story, then told me to leave and call "Richard" later to see if we could settle it together.

When I got home I tried to reach "Richard" a number of times. I finally got hold of him on the weekend. I told "Richard" my story and asked him what would be needed to drop the charges.

His answers were short, snippy, and nasty:

I don't want to talk about it.

The problem I have is with Colusa. I don't want to discuss it at all.

I called my attorney in San Jose and he said not to represent

myself but have a local Colusa attorney represent me, because I don't want to have a misdemeanor, on my record. Better to keep it off the record than just to pay the fine, etc.

There is only one law firm in Colusa who handles criminal charges. The lawyer there said he would represent me for an \$850 retainer fee.

I called the District Attorney's office in Colusa, got the court date changed to a day when I was available. Then I got a formal typewritten letter saying that I do not need to appear in the Justice Court, but should come to the DA's office across from the court:

"You are required to appear at a hearing conducted by the DA's office to determine whether or not a complaint will be filed with the Court against you for a violation of Section 602(m) of the California Penal Code, trespassing against Wilbur Hot Springs. Since a police report has already been filed, the decision to dismiss the charges can only be made by the DA. At this hearing, you will have the opportunity to present any reasons why a formal complaint should not be tiled with the court against you."

And sit on the Group W bench, kid. -Ed.

I appeared before the Deputy DA on December 10th) 1991. He was a fair attorney. I gave him my story. He called Wilburs and talked to "Richard". The DDA said "Richard" was a victim and had to

agree to civil compromise. Evidently Wilburs now has complete authority to enforce trespassing on the adjacent mining property.

I offered \$50. The DDA got "Richard" to settle for \$60. I also had to agree not to visit Wilburs for 3 months! If my case went to court, it could have been \$210 fine for first offense. The maximum is 6 months in jail and \$1000. They would not take VISA or checks.

The DDA also said "I don't see how anyone can fence off a thing like a geyser, but that's the law"! I told the DDA of a hot spring I visited in Baja CA (behind three gates) with no problems, and a'cordial invitation to come any time. He said "Why don't you move there, then?"

I was lucky to get off for \$60 and no mark on my record, but I plan to talk to my attorney about this and check into Wilburs failure to properly sign "No Trespassing" at the main gate, and failure of Wilburs to even ask me to leave before calling the sheriff.

Any attorneys out there willing to take this on a contingency??"

— Raoul Mocho

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Next Meeting: Jan 14

LOCATION: Pacific Mountaineer, 200 Hamilton, at the corner of Emerson in downtown Palo Alto (see map below).

TIME: 7:30 PM Tuesday (1/14/92)

REMINDER:

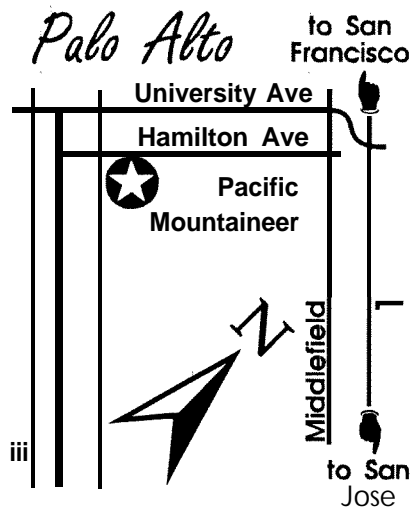
Bring your own reusable cup to cut down on waste, and \$1 to repay the member who provides refreshments.

PROGRAM:

Climbing The Other Switzerland

Ken Hanley, chief guide of Adventures Beyond, will take us climbing in the other Switzerland at the upcoming meeting.

Far from the Alpine trade routes, Ken will introduce us to spectacular but lesser known climbing areas: the Bernina Alps, near the Italian frontier, and the Appenzell region, close to Austria.



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