



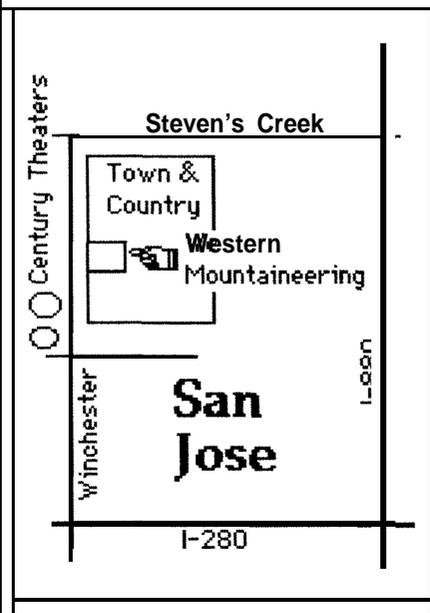
NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 11

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Western Mountaineering
Town & Country
Shopping Center
San Jose

Program: Howard Steidtmann will be presenting an overview of the Desert Peaks list of the Angeles Sierra Club. Come see a variety of slides showing the diverse flora and fauna of the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts, as well as a wide range of geologic phenomena found in Baja, Nevada, Arizona and California.



Carl Sharsmith, 1903-1994

CARL W. SHARSMITH, Yosemite's famous ranger-naturalist, died October 14, 1994, at the age of 91. As the angel chorus sang to welcome Carl into paradise on that morning, the heavens were sending snow down upon his beloved Tuolumne Meadows, furnishing a blanket for his alpine plants. The flowers rest early this year.

Carl may be remembered as the oldest and longest serving National Park Ranger, as an expert alpine botanist, as professor of botany at San Jose State University, as discoverer of previously unclassified wildflowers and for establishing the herbarium at SJSU, which now bears his name.

But he will be best remembered as Tuolumne Meadows' best-loved naturalist. Carl was an inspiration to all and has influenced thousands of children and adult visitors to Yosemite. I am one of those, having first met Carl on his meadow walk in June 1987. He was magical and delightful while encouraging all of us to develop a greater appreciation for wilderness.

Carl's love for the flowers and the mountains defined his life, which he joyfully shared with all park visitors and friends. Wallace Stegner, the Pulitzer-prize winning author, once said, "A place is not fully a place until it has had its poet. Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada have had two great poets, Muir and Adams. In consequence I think these mountains are better understood, held worthier of respect and protection

than they would be if those two had never looked on them with reverence and been delighted with spring dogwood blossoms, and exhilarated by glacier pavements, dazed by half-mile cliffs, and glorified by snow peaks blossoming like roses in the dawn."

The third great post of Yosemite is Carl Sharsmith, who looked on Tuolumne Meadows and its high country peaks with reverence, was
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Carl's last days were filled with joy, peace and friendship

I SHARE THE following in an effort to bring comfort to all of us who loved and cared for Carl – his many friends and fellow nature appreciators, in Yosemite and beyond. There is some solace in knowing that Carl's final days were spent in peace.

Carl prepared for his 1994 season in Tuolumne Meadows with the knowledge that his health was failing, but with his usual enthusiasm and desire to share with Yosemite visitors. In May he had expressed some concern about the upcoming season, because he held himself to such high work standards and he did not want to "let down on the job." As June approached, he regained his confidence. Carl was very happy the day we drove from San Jose to Tuolumne to begin the season.

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OFFICIAL PCS TRIPS

SOUTH FORK OF THE MERCED

April 29-30

Class 1

Leader: Noreen Ford

(510) 247-8705, ext. 39 - Leave voicemail

This easy backpack is 5.5 miles each way. It is famous for beautiful wildflowers and has an old gold mine in the area. There will be many opportunities to swim if the **water** is warm enough. Bring shoes for wading during the hike.

CHERRY CREEK CANYON

May 27-29

Class 2 plus some scrambling

Leader: Kai Wiedman

(425) 347-5234

Topos: Kibble Lake, Cherry lake

"Granite boulders, slabs, talus and sand, spawned from soaring Yosemite-like cliffs and buttresses, broken from sensuously curving arches and exfoliating aprons, make Cherry Creek Canyon the most exciting chasm north of Yosemite National Park. For safety and ease of travel this hike should be undertaken only...when water is low, but the intrepid few who navigate Cherry Creek Canyon when water is high and wild will be treated to an unforgettable experience," says guidebook author Ben Schiffrin.



A climbing trip to The Great One is now going to cost you 150 big ones

Beginning in 1995, climbers on Mount McKinley and Mount Foraker in Denali National Park will be charged a \$150 per climber mountaineering program fee.

The fee will be used to offset mountaineering administrative costs such as pre-positioning and maintaining the high-altitude ranger camp at 14,200 feet on the West Buttress route, paying mountaineering patrol salaries, preparing educational materials aimed at reducing the number of accidents, funding transportation costs, and purchasing supplies.

In public meetings and in written comments, climbers and **others** expressed overwhelming opposition to paying for actual rescues absent any nationwide policy discussion. The initial proposal for a \$200 fee included covering some costs associated with rescues; however

those expenses have been dropped and the fee lowered to \$150 per climber.

The program has three major components:

- Climbers on the two mountains will be required to register a minimum of 60 days in advance of their climb. This will give Park staff with the opportunity to provide information to prospective mountaineers on climbing dangers, proper preparation and equipment, and requirements concerning resource issues such as littering and human waste disposal.

- Written and visual orientation materials will be improved to better prepare mountaineers for a sub-arctic mountaineering experience. Mountaineers from 20 to 30 countries outside the United States account for a disproportionate number of rescues. Written and voice-mail materials will eventually be prepared for them in

eight languages.

- The \$150 per climber fee is expected to generate about \$180,000 per year (1,200 climbers x \$150), which will be used to fund ranger and support salaries while doing mountaineering-related work, improved educational presentations and materials, logistical support and patrol supplies (such as those used at the 14,200-foot camp on the West Buttress).

The fee will not cover the lease of the high-altitude helicopter (about \$240,000 per year), nor will it be used to offset expenses incurred in rescues (anywhere from \$70,000 to \$200,000 per year). The move to a fee program does not change the Park's existing rescue policy.

— John Quinle y
Colorado Mountain Clubb

YODELS

CIRCLE THE BAY

Imagine a 400-mile-long ridgeline trail ringing the hills above San Francisco Bay and connecting Mt. Tamalpais with Chabot Regional Park, Mission Peak, the Windy Hill Open Space Preserve and Sweeney Ridge.

That's the goal of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, a San Francisco organization dedicated to making this dream a reality. Already 171 miles of the trail were open to use as of January. The council hopes to open another 30 miles this year.

When finished, the trail will connect more than 75 parks and public open spaces throughout the nine-country Bay Area. The council is looking for volunteers to help plan the trail, get their hands dirty building it or, of course, write a check.

For more information contact the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council at 311 California St. Suite 510, San Francisco, CA 94104. (415) 391-0697.

HILLARY'S HINTS

From Backpacker Magazine: To keep your sleeping bag smelling fresh without subjecting it to the wear and tear of frequent washes, slip a sheet of fabric softener or cling-guard in your stuffsack or the bag itself. This also works for sweat-soaked, stinky backpacks.

BRAIN DEAD BUT COOL

We were amused (well, sort of) by an ad placed recently in Climbing and Outside magazines by the Climbing Sports Group, some sort of industry council.

"Climbing is dangerous," it says. "Stack the odds in your favor." The ad lists 10 very sensible safety tips, concluding with "Wear a helmet-it can save your life." Accompanying the list is a picture of a fit young woman climbing what appears to be a pretty hard face route. She's wearing form-fitting lycra tights, a neon-

yellow sports bra and (you guessed it) no helmet.

The problem, of course is that it's impossible to look cool in a helmet-at least while you're rock climbing. (For some reason the opposite is often true of alpine climbing. In the mountains a brain bucket signifies you're up to something serious.)

It would be great if helmets would become fashionable in rock climbing. Unfortunately, most of us would rather risk death or serious brain damage than look uncool at the local crag.

POSERS

We have a spell checker with an attitude. While editing a Scree story recently, it got stopped cold by the abbreviation "PCSers." It didn't recognize the word; it suggested that what we meant to write was "posers." At least that's better than the insult it hurled at our wife. The spell checker didn't recognize the name "Jeri," and thought that a better word would be "jerk."

FROZEN STIFF

A PCS member who wishes to remain anonymous, but who

has video viewing habits similar to those of Clarence Thomas, if you know what we mean and we think you do, reports that a new French porno movie shows an amorous couple doing the wild thing on the icy, windswept summit of Mont Blanc.

This reminds us of persistent rumors that another couple was filmed *in flagrante delicto* atop Yosemite's phallically shaped Lost Arrow Spire in the 1970s.

Given the exposure, let's hope both couples had plenty of protection.

Now YOU KNOW

Q: Who made the first ascent of Peak 12,573, which is a bit to the south of Mt. Ansel Adams in Yosemite National Park? A: Ansel Adams did. Incidentally, Mt. Ansel Adams itself was first climbed not by the noted shutterbug, but by Glen Dawson, Jack Riegelhuth and Neil Ruge. Go figure.

THE LAST WORD

"They were not good mountaineers. The whole winter could have been spent delightfully in so beautiful a spot."

- John Muir, describing those inept funhogs, the Donner Party

Sharsmith

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delighted with sweet cassiope's white blossoms, and exhilarated by his continued learning of nature's secrets, dazed by a sunlit meadow patched with delicately colored blossoms, and glorified by aster integrifolios stretching her angelical rays toward heaven.

Tuolumne Meadows had been Carl's home since 1931. He was Tuolumne's, first Ranger-naturalist and was the meadows' best friend since John Muir. Carl was greatly influenced by Muir, having first discovered, as a boy, Muir's writings, which he said, "set me afire."

Carl reflected, I always knew about Yosemite because I knew the writings of John Muir by heart; and I was all prepared to see what I saw. Studying at the Yosemite Field School in 1930 was just the most wonderful thing I could do; and it led to an invitation to become a ranger-naturalist."

Carl knew the importance of Yosemite to himself and shared his love of Yosemite with others for 63 years. He truly loved bringing people on mountain and wildflower walks. "He felt he had found his true calling- to protect and to expound the beauties of the Sierra. He knew it would take dedication for the naturalist program to succeed, and believed the future of the park depended in some measure upon his efforts," wrote Elizabeth O'Neill in her biography of Carl, "Mountain Sage."

Carl tried to convert visitors to his religion of the mountains through a good naturalist program. Carl's ranger programs led park visitors to experience love for these mountain places and consequently he gained a good following to help protect the park.

Carl understood what motivates people to learn. "I find people are not interested in facts. The greater appeal is to the heart." In Robert Redford's film, "Yosemite: The Fate Of Heaven," we can see Carl's playfulness, his romance with nature, his

wisdom, and his heartfelt desire that "we bring back the primitive, primeval condition that formerly existed in the park. "

Carl's nature writings, to be published soon in the book, "A Naturalist in Yosemite," encourage us to experience the joy of observation and investigation into nature's beauty in much the same way his nature walks delighted us.

Like Muir and Adams, Carl will have a peak named for him soon. Hopefully it will be the Tuolumne Meadow's region peak, Peak 12,0021, his "snndial." Carl has several wildflowers named for him already. One is the beautiful forget-me-not flower, Hackalia sharsmithii, which grows only in the shadow of rocks in the Mt. Whitney area.

But Carl, the poet and venerable ranger-naturalist who obtained extreme delight in explaining the life of his meadows as he reverently knelt down to see the faces of his flowers or the tiny snow fleas in the snow, would want us to honor him by having each one of us develop a greater appreciation of a wilderness to which he had dedicated his life. He would often tell us, "be enthusiastic and in love with the scene yourself so that it should convey itself to you!" Carl has encouraged my own love of flowers, lending me his botany notes and helping me with my studies. He makes the plants come to life in our minds and hearts. One of Carl's favorite flowers is raggedy aster, aster integrifolius. He showed her to me on one of our special walks in the summer of 1989. "Her rays are blue, a heavenly blue, and she spreads them back, not horizontally like other asters, so when you look down into her little eyes it looks like an angel looking to heaven," he poetically told me. Carl was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew him. I have so much more to say to Carl; and he had so much more to teach us all about nature's beauty in his accurate and poetic style. Every time I climb a mountain, Carl will still be there in his ranger tent gently reminding me to make sure I visit with all the flowers

on the way to the summit.

I will always remember Carl. The visits in his tent, in his home, at my home, our hikes, collecting specimens, listening to music, and all our special times together will never be forgotten.

Working in Tuolumne Meadows is how Carl spent his last summer "What else would I do"? Tuolumne Meadows is home to me, so to speak. It is the happiest place in the mountains. God blessed this place. This is the place that holds; this is the place that charms he said.

He told me that in Tuolumne Meadows his spirit had found its home. Although Carl felt at home in the mountains, he realized he was only a visitor there, where the flowers and birds belong. He wanted knowledge of the mountains and that's what he got. "Now what more could I desire or expect?" he asked.

Carl died peacefully in bed at his winter home in San Jose. But his gentle spirit, like the gentle Tuolumne River he sang about on his nature walks, will live on forever. "Gentle river, gentle river, oh how happy you must be." As the river continues forever to sing, Carl's beautiful flower asks of us, "forget-me-not."

- Laura Sefchik

Contributions may be sent to the Dr. Carl W. Sharsmith Herbarium Endowment fund, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192.

Days

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Each morning Carl joined with Tuolumne visitors to walk in the meadow and share stories and information. As always, he brought joy and good humor to those with whom he met.

In July it became apparent that Carl would need more assistance, to facilitate both fulfilling his duty and sharing his passion for Yosemite. We brought Tom Ahern into our circle as Carl's attendant. Tom had been Carl's friend and neighbor in Tuolumne and his arrangement helped tremendously. The additional assistance and kindness provided by many others, including Yosemite residents, friends and visitors, was also of great help.

Carl was able to complete the season in Tuolumne and had the satisfaction of knowing he had done his job well. We had made plans for many of our usual autumn Bay Area outings, including birding and visits with friends. However, after returning home to San Jose at the close of the season his health began to rapidly decline. We talked about how he wanted to proceed, and he was able to make decisions affecting his care. With the help of hospice, he spent the final several days of his life in his bed at home in San Jose – where he wanted to be – free of pain. His son John, friend and attendant Tom, and I were with him and he knew that we would not leave him. We listened to Mozart and Beethoven. We talked of Muir, opera, Shakespeare, wildlife and a plethora of other favorite topics. Friends visited and phoned to express their love and their farewells.

Carl always approached tasks and projects in his life meticulously and without hurry; his approach to dying was no exception. He drew his final breaths quietly and peacefully. When I made some phone calls that morning after he left us, I simply stated that Carl had gone hiking with John Muir and Ferdinand (Castillo). I could well imagine the three of them joyfully and freely bounding from peak to peak in their beloved Range of Light. There

was a very energetic feeling that accompanied this notion, and in fact it snowed in Tuolumne that afternoon.

I will miss Carl for his love of Yosemite, nature, music, learning and literature. But more than anything, I will miss Carl for the sheer joy and humor he brought to daily life. Our simple errands and routine chores were enriched by

laughter and a constant appreciation of the birds, flowers, trees and others that we saw in the course of our meanderings.

I will always treasure having shared his life these past few years, and am grateful to all of those who helped make his life easier and more joyful.

– Georgia Stigall

PRIVATE TRIPS

Private trips are neither insured, sponsored nor supervised by the Sierra Club or the PCS. They are listed here because they may be of interest to PCS climbers.

Mr. SHASTA
Green Butte Ridge
April 8-9
14,162 feet
Class 3+
Organizer: Kai Wiedman
(415) 347-5234
Topo: Mt. Shasta

The symmetry of the Green Butte Ridge has attracted mountaineers for years. It soars skyward to meet Sargents Ridge just below Thumb Rock. The Green Butte can be a quick and safe winter approach to the upper reaches of Sargents. Come join us for this airy, challenging and scenic climb. Participants should be in good condition, for our summit day will gain 4,700 feet.

Crag Peak, Smith Mtn
April 22-23
9,533 feet
Class 3 rock, with snow approaches
Organizers: Steve Eckert, Debbie Bulger
Steve: (415) 508-0500, or eckert@netcom.com
Debbie: (408) 457- 1036
Topo: Monache Mtn

This is a repeat trip, late enough in the year that we won't hit sticky powder in the Southern Sierra again. Snowshoes may be required, and we may be camping on snow, but spring

conditions should be great. Ice axes and a light rope will be carried. If we make good time on the hike in, or if the road from Kennedy Meadow (near Little Lake on 395) is plowed, we will bag Smith on Saturday before camp. Crag is more challenging, involving some knife edge third class. To sign up, send \$10 deposit and SASE for waiver to Steve Eckert, 1814 Oak Knoll Drive, Belmont CA 94002. See Eckert Note below.

MT. WILLIAMSON

April 28-30
14375 feet
Class 2, snow climb
Organizer: Tony Cruz
(408) 944-2003
Topo: Mt. Whitney, Lone Pine

Join us on a 10-mile snow hike and climb of the second highest peak in the Sierra. We will hike along George Creek and set camp at a meadow at 11,200 feet. We will summit from the east, on the least technically difficult route on the mountain (normally Williamson is climbed after crossing Shepherd Pass, but we will avoid the pass). Our route is described as "one of the classic bushwhacks of the Sierra," but it may be better with this year's snow pack.

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Trail board to hold hearings in South Bay

FOR THE past two years, a Santa Clara County Trails Advisory Committee has studied trail issues, prepared draft policies, and proposed trail routes. The committee is now completing its work and is holding a series of public workshops to gather public input.

Preferred routes for the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Bay Trail, and the De Anza Historical Trail and others will be announced. Your voice and presence is needed at these workshops to show support for trail routes and policies – there is organized opposition to the proposed trails. Decision makers need to see and hear public support for the trails. Two of the ways you are needed: Attend and speak at the public hearings. Write letters expressing the need for trails and the adoption of the Santa Clara County Trails Master Plan to the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors.

Public Hearings (all from 7 to 9 p.m.): April 18, Gilroy Senior Center; April 20, Milpitas Community Center; April 25, Steinbeck Middle School, Commons Room, San Jose; April 26, Mountain View Community Center; April 29, Franklin-McKinley School District Offices in San Jose.

This announcement is from Friends of Santa Clara County Trails Coalition (FSCCTC), P.O. Box 10477, San Jose, CA 95117-9998. If you want to learn more about trails issues, the group meets on the second Monday of each month at 1922 The Alameda in San Jose from 7 to 9 p.m. If you have questions about the hearings, FSCCTC, or who to write or call, please call any one of the Friends members: Hikers: Marj Ottenberg (408) 867-4576; Bicyclists: Bob Kain (408) 2618608; Equestrians: Judy Etheridge (408) 248-3900

SNAPSHOTS



Peter Maxwell, Auouehka Gaillard and Tania at lunch break en route to Stanford Rock (west of Lake Tahoe) on Presidents Day.

CLASSIFIEDS

PEOPLE WANTED FOR HAZARDOUS JOURNEY Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful -honor and recognition in case of success. Trip leaves April 1. Contact: Ernie Shackleton (415) 555 1212.

FOR SALE: Only used twice Fischer Revolution Crown Striding Skis with Salomon bindings and poles. Excellent condition. Price for complete package is \$125. Debra Sloane. W: (408) 285 1424 e-mail: Sloane-debra@tandem.com.

TRADE: I want to swap my 85 cm Laprade ice axe for a shorter ice axe, preferably something close to 60 cm. My Iaprade is a fine tool, and in excellent condition. The shaft is sheathed in hard rubber, an unusual feature that has helped keep my hands warm on many climbs. It would be an ideal ice axe for a very tall climber. Aaron Schuman (415) 390-1901 e-mail: schuman@sgi.com

FOR SALE: Two out-of-print books on Norman Clyde. Both books are in good condition. Actually these books

are the only books ever written exclusively about Norman Clyde. Both books are listed below. Please note that in the most recent Chessler catalog the second book listed below is priced at \$200.00. Therefore I think my asking price is reasonable. If you think it is not reasonable, please make an offer. Normally I would never part with these literary treasures, except that for me they are both extras.

1. Close Ups of the High Sierra; \$30.00

2. Norman Clyde of the Sierra Nevada; \$150.00

Please call George Sinclair 415-941-2160.

FOR SALE: New! The "Northern Sierra Peaks Guide," by Peter Yamagata covers 71 peaks with 103 routes from Adams Peak to Sonora Peak. All proceeds to the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club. To order, send check, payable to the Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club, for \$10 with Sierra Club number or \$11 without, to Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club, Attn: George Churchill, Treasurer, P.O. Box 8096, Reno, NV 89507.

PRIVATE TRIPS

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CREVASSE RESCUE PRACTICE

San Antonio Park (Hwy 280)
upper parking lot
May 7, 200 PM

Organizer Kelly Maas
(408) 279-2054

Back for the third time by popular demand. This is really useful stuff if you're planning a climbing trip that involves traveling on glaciers except in the Sierra). While Andy elters' "Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue" is a great reference any past participant will tell you there's nothing like putting it to practice And it's too late to start practicing when your buddy takes a real fall into a crevasse. We'll practice self rescue (dangling with a pack, then prussiking) and aided rescue (z-pulley). Call for info on what to bring.

SPLIT MOUNTAIN

May 12-14
14,058 feet
Class 2 snow climb
Organizer Tony Cruz
(408) 944.2003
fopo Map: Split Mountain
Inyo National Forest map

This trip will involve hiking six miles (or more, depending on the road conditions) to Red Lake. The ascent will be class 2 from Red Lake, following the northeast slope. Bring snow camping gear, crampons, ice axe.

TEHIPITE DOME, SPANISH MTN, THREE SISTERS

May 19-21 (fri-sun) or May 20-21 (Sat-sun)
10,619 feet
Class 1, some snow likely, short class 3 on Tehipite
Organizers: Steve Eckert Warren Storkman
Steve: (415) 508-0500, or
eckert@netcom.com

Warren: (415) 493-8959, or
DStorkman@aol.com
Topos: Tehipite Dome, Huntington Lake

Great views of the Kings Canyon are to be had, even if snow keeps us from getting all three peaks. Ice axe probably required, and there is the possibility of truly exciting stream crossings. This is a seldom-climbed area, with moderate altitude peaks to ease you into the climbing season

We will bag Three Sisters as a day hike, followed by Spanish Mtn and Tehipite Dome as an overnight backpack. If you don't want to take Friday off, that's OK -join us for the two-day portion of the trip!
All three peaks are on the SPS list.

To sign up, send \$10 deposit and SASE for waiver to Steve Eckert, 1814 Oak Knoll Drive, Belmont CA 94002.

See Eckert Note below.

MT. SHASTA

May 27-29
14,162 feet
Easy snow
Organizer: George Van Gorden
(408) 7792320
Topo: Mt. Shasta

This is one of the easiest routes on Shasta. No glaciers are involved. It is on the east side of the mountain and hopefully not so heavily traveled as the south and north side routes. We will be camping on snow and some experience with crampons and ice axe is desirable. If access to this route is a problem because of unmelted snow on the forest roads, we will do the Hothun-Bolum ridge route on the north side.

NEPAL TREKKING

October, 1995
Organizer: Warren Storkman
(415) 493-8959
Two possibilities:

1) Kangchenjuga: To the south and north faces of the world's third

highest peak, plus the Lapsang La (pass.) 17,500 ft. Ramze 14,300 ft. S. Base Camp. Pang Pema 16,600ft. N. Base Camp. Twenty-six trekking days. Our land cost: \$2225.

2) The Snow Leopard Trek. We'll walk in Peter Matthiessen's footsteps to Shey Gumpa. Only 200 permits at \$700 per person are available each year into this remote area of Dolpo. We also have to pay for an Army Liaison officer to accompany us. Twenty-seven trekking days. Our total land cost: \$3 150.

Also: In January 1996: Aconcagua (22,800 ft.) in Argentina. This can be done for under \$500 plus airfare. It will be my fourth trip so I'm in on the "know how." An added bonus in Mendoza: seeing the most beautiful women in the world.

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Palo Alto CA 94306
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e-mail: DStorkman @aol.com

Eckert Note:

Each trip will require a \$10 appearance bond and your signature on a liability waiver (as previously broadcast). Different trips have different contact info, so read carefully! PCS members have preference until one month before the trip, when it is strictly first come first served. Your check will be cashed immediately (make it payable to the person you are sending the SASE to), and you will receive a refund at the trailhead after permit expenses are deducted.

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PCS meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. See Scree for location and program information.

The following trip 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
- Class 3:** Requires use of hands for climbing. A rope may be used occasionally
- Class 4:** Requires rope belays.
- Class 5:** Technical rock climbing.

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First Class Mail

"Vy can't ve chust climb?" -- John Salathe