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## Next General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, May 9  
**Time:** 7:30 PM  
**Program:** Utah by Charles Schafer

**Directions:** Peninsula Conservation Center  
3921 East Bayshore Rd, Palo Alto, CA

From 101: Exit at San Antonio Road, Go East to the first traffic light, Turn left and follow Bayshore Rd to the PCC on the corner of Corporation Way. A sign marking the PCC is out front. Parking in the rear.

Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Sunday 5/28/2000 Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

## PCS Leadership Clinic

### Date Change to Saturday, June 17

The PCS Mountaineering Committee is organizing a leadership clinic. The full write-up of this event is in the April 2000 Scree. The clinic will be at Sunol Regional Park, Saturday June 17 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please call or email for more details on where to meet.

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## Wilderness First Aid

To help trip leaders and would-be leaders get the required First Aid certificate, the Chapter sponsors a First Aid class each quarter, based on a nationally recognized first aid text, but with added material and emphasis on wilderness situations with no phone to dial 911. The next First Aid classes will be Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 at the Peninsula Conservation Center in Palo Alto (from Bayshore/Hwy. 101 at San Antonio, turn toward the Bay; turn left at 1st stoplight, then right at Corporation Way to park behind PCC). Class is 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (1 hour for your bag lunch) and is limited to 12 people. To sign up, send choice of day, and a check for \$40 with a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope to: Health Education Services, 200 Waverly, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Cancellations get partial refund if a substitute attends (you get to keep the Wilderness First Aid book). For more information, call 650-321-6500.

*• Marg Ottenberg*

## Outdoor Activities Training

The Outdoor Activities Training Committee, in conjunction with the Outing Department, will run a two-day Outdoor Leadership Workshop from the evening of Friday, June 2 to midafternoon on Sunday, June 4, 2000 at Briones Regional Park in the East Bay. The goals of the workshop are to learn and enhance leadership skills, bring people and programs together to share and exchange ideas, to recruit new outdoor leaders, to learn what it takes to lead for other programs of the Sierra Club, and of course to have a lot of FUN.

For anyone who may be interested in the details send me an email and I will forward your name to National (Susanna Drayne). Specifically, we hope that you will help us identify persons in the following areas:

- Instructors/facilitators to lead specific sessions.
- Volunteers for other tasks, such as coordinating meals and transportation.
- List of people you think would benefit from this weekend.

The official invitation, with more details about the weekend, will follow in several weeks, after we hear from you and other program chairs. Your input at this stage is vital to the attendance and content of the weekend.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the workshop or the training initiative in general feel free to contact me. Along with handling this weekend, I have come aboard to coordinate the program-wide training efforts of outdoor leaders. Please return them to me at the address above no later than March 29. We need to contact the individuals in a timely manner .

*• Nancy Fitzsimmons, Loma Prieta Chapter Activity Chair*

## Yosemite Valley Plan

7:00 PM Saturday evening, 3 June: The National Park Service has drafted a plan for the future of Yosemite Valley. Joyce Eden will lead a discussion of the main points, concerns, and other environmental considerations of the plan.

The event will be at Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center. Follow Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto toward San Francisco Bay. Beyond the airport, turn left at the "T" and go to the end. The Interpretive Center is on the left, parking is on the right. The event is open to everyone; but space is limited. Refreshments provided.

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## PCS Trips

PCS trips must be submitted through the Scheduler (see back cover for details). Trips not received from the Scheduler will be listed as PRIVATE, without recourse.

### Leap Over Large Abysses

Peaks: L.O.L.A., class 1, 9148  
Donner Peak, class 1  
Dates: Jun 17-18, 2000 (Sat-Sun)  
Maps: Donner Pass  
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Details: <http://sj.znet.com/~cynthiam/lola.html>

Hike with us, as Pat and Aaron Lead Our Lively Adventure.

June at North Lake Tahoe is the greenest time in the greenest place in the Sierra Nevada. We're taking a couple of moderately paced day hikes under the pine canopy to two not very big peaks with gorgeous lake views. Send us your own expansion of the acronym L.O.L.A., and you too can be part of the Legend Of Low Altitude.

## Granite Chief & Mt. Rose

March 11,12

Planning to hike up to Mt. Rose on Saturday, we were disappointed by a mostly cloudy sky as we drove into the Tahoe area Saturday morning. Granite Chief had caught my attention on a previous trip to Tinker Knob, so we decided to climb that instead since it is a bit lower and hopefully would be out of the clouds.

Thanks to previous trip reports for noting that the trail starts behind the Squaw fire station - we started snowshoeing from there but quickly lost the trail and stayed to the right of the ski area. The powder was very thick and the going was very slow. The gullies had running water and tall walls of snow on their sides until ~7500 feet, also slowing progress. We edged closer and closer to the ski area as we ascended, eventually reaching a snowgroom machine trail, which we followed for half a mile to get some relief from the powder. When we reached the upper part of the ski area, we again stayed to the right of the boundary and eventually found ourselves atop Granite Chief. Many skiers had hiked up there from the top of the ski lift and it was fun to watch them ski down the steep slopes (a cliff jump at the beginning).

Although the summit remained in the clouds all day, they lifted enough for a few seconds at a time to eventually give us a view in all directions. The view of snow-free Lake Tahoe amid the white slopes was stunning. Not a wilderness experience, but it was a scenic area and the powder made it quite a workout.

We climbed Mt. Rose on Sunday, starting at the meadow near the high point of the road. It is not completely obvious how to find the winter trail along what in the summer is a road that leads to the base of Mt. Rose. Huge snowbanks (~10 feet) along the road obscure the path, but if you head uphill as much as possible once you start hiking through the meadow you will quickly reach it. We made the mistake of heading too far northwest, hiking parallel to the road until we finally reached it. The powder in the area was murderously soft and deep, so it was a relief to hike along the heavily used (snowshoers, skiers, and snowmobile) trail.

We should have continued following the trail/road as it descends ~200 feet and then climbs a gully to the base of Mt. Rose. However, I thought that it would be easier to hike up to the ridge north of the road and then head in the direction of Mt. Rose. We

expected that the ridge would have more solid, windblown snow. WRONG!

Getting up to the ridge took almost an hour and then we spent an hour walking/sinking along the ridge top, only to descend to the same place that we could have reached by following the snowmobile tracks. Oh well. If reaching the peak quickly is your objective, follow the course of the summer trail - it loses only 200 feet instead of ~600 down from the ridge. We both had MSR snowshoes on, and even though we weigh 150 pounds, bigger snowshoes would probably have worked better in such thick powder.

Another hour of excruciatingly deep and thick powder (have I left out any ambiguity about how much I enjoyed it?) brought us to within 400 feet of the summit, which were almost completely snow free. Never before have I been so happy to walk on loose, sandy scree! Despite the slog to get there, the summit had a beautiful view in all directions and let us temporarily forget about the 5 more miles of sinking that awaited us on the even-softer afternoon snow.

• Joe Budman & Alex Kuperman

## Private Trips

Private trips may be submitted directly to the Scree Editor, but are not insured, sponsored, or supervised by the Sierra Club. They are listed here because they may be of interest to PCS members.

### Waddell Beach to Saratoga Gap/Highway 35 Parking Lot

Date: May 13, 2000  
Time: Before Daylight  
Contact: Joan Marshall (jmarshall@legato.com or eves. 408-972-8222)  
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Details: Rated 6E, 28 miles, approx. 4,500 ft. elevation gain  
Hike may take 12 hours, depending on how much lollygagging goes on.

Many of you have done this hike downhill, but how about UPHILL? Some of us crazies would like to try it. We will need help and planning to make it work

Also, we need shuttle rs to take people to Waddell Beach in the morning, and shuttle them back in the evening. Leaders are working on some sort of reimbursement, but right now the reward is good Karma.

All participants must sign up, and be experienced day hikers.

### Spring Split Break

Peaks: Split Mtn (14,042), Mt Prater (13,471)  
Rating: "Class 3" snow, ice axe & crampons; no rope  
Dates: Sat-Sun, May 13-14  
Contact: Steve Eckert, eckert@climber.org

Get high this spring! People seem to like the 14ers, so I've agreed to go back to Red Lake (10500) and bag Split from the east side. We should have steep hard snow, not the rubble you'll find here in the summer, so you must be comfortable with self arrest and crampon techniques.

If time allows, we'll get Prater on the way back from the saddle between them. If you haven't been to Prater, beware the 10' knife edge that pushes the Class 2 rating.

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NOTE: There is a non-PCS place to put your contact info AND picture on the web - send email to "[roster@climber.org](mailto:roster@climber.org)" with whatever you want people to know about you (how to reach you, where you climb, what you climb, and a recognizable face shot), then visit <http://www.climber.org/WhosWho/index.html> to find other climbing friends.

### **Mt. Shasta - Bolam Glacier**

Peak: Mt. Shasta 14,162ft. glacier travel  
Date: May 27-29  
Contact: George Van Gorden 408 779 2320 evenings  
before 8:30  
co-contact Bill Kirkpatrick 408 293 2447  
evenings after 8:00

We will be climbing Mt. Shasta from the north side via the Bolam Glacier. We will be roped together because this is a real glacier. Knowledge of crevasse rescue as well as experience with crampons and ice ax and self-arrest will be necessary.

### **Feather Peak**

Peak: Feather Peak (13,242 ft.), Class:4 snow  
Date: May 27-29  
Contact: Kai Wiedman, (650)347-5234

Feather Peak is a striking landmark dominating the Royce Lakes basin.

As a climbers' peak, known not only for its isolation but for its difficulty by any route, it has earned the respect of many a Sierraclimber. We will attempt the North Couloir featured in the book "Sierra Classics."

### **Mt Shasta**

Peak: Mt. Shasta 14,162 ft., Class: 2/snow  
Date: June 3-4  
Contact: Kai Wiedman (650)347-5234  
Co-Contact: Cecil Anison cecilann@earthlink.net

Mt. Shasta is a climbers' mountain, singular in its magnificence. Sargent's Ridge will be an airy, challenging route with steep traverses and mixed climbing. Please join us on this exhilarating adventure.

### **Where is Mt. Powell?**

Peaks: Mt. Thompson (13,494), Mt. Powell (13,360), class-2 snow  
Dates: Sat-Sun, June 10-11  
Maps: Mt. Thompson, Mt. Darwin (W)  
Contact: Ron Karpel, ronny@karpel.org,  
Bob Suzuki, bobszk@bigfoot.com, (H)408-259-0772 (W)510-657-7555 X223

Not only the SPS and the USGS disagree about the location of the "real" summit of Mt. Powell, the USGS itself changed its mind a few times in the previous millennia. So, where is Mt. Powell? come and help us find out. There are 3 summits to choose from, and if you know Bob, he will probably make us climb all 3. As for me, I just have my eyes on the snow couloir on its northern slope. As for Thompson, it's the higher mountain, but it is overshadowed by its wandering neighbor. We will have to climb it simply because it is there. Ice axe and crampon experience required.

### **Darwin**

Peak: Darwin (13,830) Class 3-4  
Date: July 1-4  
Contact: Chris Kramar (510)-796-6651

Darwin, king of the Evolution crest, is one of the finest summits in the Sierra. Walter Starr, Jr. wrote that the Evolution country was "the region where the grand crescendo of the Sierra touches at once the heart of the mountaineer and the artist."

We will start at North Lake and take the Lamarck Col route to Darwin Canyon to position ourselves at the foot of the glacier. Expect snow and rock travel that may be roped at times. Mt. Mendel will also be attempted.

### **South Lake/Bishop Pass**

Peak: Mt. Goode, Gilbert, Johnson Black Giant, Mt. Solomons, and Mt. Goddard  
Date: July 1-4  
Contact: Tim Hult 408-970-0760, Timdhult@aol.com

This trip will get us into an area loaded with class 2 and 3 peaks. Expect long days and miles. Early season conditions may require ice axe and crampons. Extensive snow coverage may turn this into a ski trip!

### **The Isherwood Special**

Peaks: Mt. Rose (10,776) with optional climb of Mt. Tallac (9,735)  
Dates: July 7-9, 2000  
Leaders: Bill and Dana Isherwood  
dana@isherwoods.net (925)254-0739 (h) or (925)423-5058 (Bill at work)

Climb Mt. Rose, Tahoe Basin's third highest peak, and leave your sleeping bag, tent, backpack, etc. at home. Join us for a decadent weekend at the private Carmel Ski Lodge in Truckee. Spend Friday and Saturday nights at the Lodge. Climb Mt. Rose Saturday and celebrate your ascent at a fun filled "happy hour", followed by a pot luck barbeque, and your favorite climbing videos Saturday night. Optional climb of Mt. Tallac on Sunday. Limited to 12. Cost: \$15/person/night (private rooms for couples). For reservations, call Bill or Dana Isherwood .

### **San Benito County Peaks**

Peaks: Laguna Mountain and other San Benito County Peaks  
Date: No set date  
Contact: Bill Hauser, 408-243-4566

Bill Hauser is looking for people to climb San Benito County Peaks.

### **Khumbu region of Nepal**

Peak: Island Peak or Mera Peak  
Date: Oct-Nov 2000  
Contact: Tim Hult 408-970-0760, Timdhult@aol.com

Four week trip into a spectacular and storied region of the Himalaya. These are "minimal" trekking peaks open to qualified class 3 peak baggers with snow experience. Views of Everest and all those places you've heard about. Experience and compatibility with groups on long "wilderness" trips a must.

### **Argentina - January 2001**

Peaks: A Seven Summit Mountain  
Aconcaqua 6959 m  
Contact: Warren Storkman, 650-493-895

### **Denali**

Peak: Denali, 20,320 ft.  
Date: May-June 2001  
Contact: Tim Hult 408-970-0760, Timdhult@aol.com

Been there twice but unfortunately haven't done it yet as weather and sickness (the flu) have kept me off the summit. Third time a charm? Looking for qualified partners for this major, no nonsense peak. Must have extensive experience in the following: high altitude climbing (18,000 ft +), excellent winter camping skills and equipment, proven ability to get along with partners on a multi-week trip. Ice climbing and crevasse rescue will be taught if required. Prefer those with the ability to ski or willingness to learn how to ski with a pack on - need NOT be an expert! Serious inquires only.

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## Rock Climbing Classifications

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, rope may be used.
- Class 4: Requires rope belays.
- Class 5: Technical rock climbing.

**Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Sunday 5/28/2000. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.**



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