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Next General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 8

Time: 7:30 PM

Program: Escalante South, a Visit to the Waterpocket Fold by Hal Tompkins

A semi-technical backpacking trip in the Escalante area of Utah. The backpacking involved climbing up to 5.4.

Location: Kestrel Room
Peninsula Conservation Center
3921 East Bayshore Rd
Palo Alto, CA

Directions: 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. Park behind.

Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Sunday 4/27/2003 Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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 17 and Sunday, May 18 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, call Health Education Services, 650-321-6500, reserve a spot for Sat. or Sun., and authorize a \$40 charge on your credit card—or promise to bring \$40 in cash to class. 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

Chapter Awards!

We are looking forward to our 70th anniversary celebration on June 7th.

Not only will this be an opportunity to celebrate the chapters wonderful history but it will also be a chance to recognize those who have made a special contribution to our chapter.

Help us recognize the dedicated folks throughout the chapter by nominating them for an award. Please consider who in your midst has made a unique contribution. The chapter recognizes individuals for the following awards:

Duveneck Award: especially outstanding contribution over extended period, ExCom approval required

Service to Chapter: service towards growth and maintenance of chapter

Chapter Conservation: service towards chapter conservation goals

Activities Section: contribution to activities section

Regional Group: contribution towards

New Activist: major contribution in past 12 months

10/25 Year Activist: contributions over 10 or 26

Special Achievement: special contributions

Please include the following information in your nomination: Name of nominee, address, phone, email, chapter group or issue, award name, a good description of the reasons the person deserves the award (positions held, issues worked on, years on which trips were led, etc.), and finally, your name and contact information.

Nominations are due by Friday April 11th!

There are many deserving individuals and this is a great chance to acknowledge them. Please submit nominations by email to rkreyes@yahoo.com or fax (650) 390-8497, attention Rafael Reyes. The nominations committee for 2003 is made up of Clyde Lerner, Gary Bailey and myself. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call (650-342-0674).

• Rafael Reyes, Chapter Chair, Sierra Club - Loma Prieta

Chapter Needs Help!

The Loma Prieta Chapter needs volunteer help from the Peak Climbing Section with our important fundraising event. With the slow economy, donations are down for all non profit organizations, and the Loma Prieta Sierra Club chapter is having financial difficulties. In order to raise new funds, the chapter is planning a fund raising event to be held June 7 marking the 70th anniversary of the of Loma Prieta Chapter

Help from your activity sections is needed to make this event a financial success. At this time help is needed with finding business sponsors, including retail stores. Sponsors will be recognized in the Loma Prietan newsletter.

Volunteers are needed for the following tasks:

- 1) Identifying potential sponsors. Do PCS members have contacts with outdoor retail shops, or other companies.
- 2) Finding the address and phone no. for potential sponsors The Chapter will then send a letter to the potential sponsors inviting them to become sponsors.
- 3) If potential sponsors do not respond to a letter from the chapter, volunteers are needed to make follow up telephone calls to them.

We need to have these tasks accomplished within a few weeks. We want to start sending the first of the sponsor invitation letters very soon.

We really need wide participation to insure this event will be a financial success. Please find some volunteers in your section to help with these tasks, and provide me with their contact information.

If people cannot help with sponsors, but are willing to help later, other assistance will be needed as time goes on.

Thanks loads!! Hope to hear from you soon.

• Gary Bailey (408)732-5499

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.

There are no official PCS trips this month.

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.

Come enjoy Springtime in Big Sur!

Peak: Ventana Double Cone, 4854'
Date: Apr 4-6 (Fri-Sun)
Difficulty: class 1
Location: Big Sur
Contact: Bill Kirkpatrick (408) 244-7607
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Contact: Nancy Fitzsimmons, (408) 957-9683
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Meet at Bottchers Gap (off Hwy 1 south of Carmel) at noon on Friday, April 4, and backpack to Pat Springs, 8 miles and 2000' gain. Saturday we day-hike to Ventana Double Cone, 15 miles, 3000' gain; and Sunday we hike back to the cars. There is no better place than the mountains of Big Sur in the spring. Limited to 12.

Pacheco Creek Hike

Hike: Henry Coe State Park, Pacheco Creek hike
Date: April 13, 2003
Contact: John Wilkinson, 408-947-0858(H)

Join us for this special hike into Pacheco Creek, an area threatened by the reservoir project that is being proposed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. We'll hike from Dowdy Ranch down to the Creek, explore a couple of miles of the canyon, visit the Indian site at Brem Spring, and finish with an optional side trip to Tie Down Peak for a bird's eye view of the area the proposed reservoir would flood.

Meet at 9 am at the Highway 85/Cottle Road Park-and-Ride. Bring lunch, two quarts of water, sun protection, and alternative footwear for possible wet stream crossings. The hike is cross-country through the canyon, on trail and fireroad elsewhere. It should be roughly 8 miles with about 2000 feet of elevation gain. If you don't want to climb that much, you can hang out by the stream while those who choose make the climb to Tie Down Peak.

Needham Mtn

Peak: Needham Mtn (12,520+)
Date: May 3-4 (Sat-Sun)
Difficulty: class 2s3, snowshoes, ice axe, crampons
Map: Mineral King topo
Contacts: Charles Schafer, c_g_schafer@yahoo.com
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Hoping the road to Mineral King will be open so we can try this early season backpack to Crystal Lake. Sunday's attempt on Needham will require a climb and descent of a snowy, 11,500' ridge above camp. Expect to use an ice axe and crampons. We should get some great snowy views of the Kaweahs.

Wynne and Pinchot

Peaks: Wynne(13179) and Pinchot(13495)
Date: Friday, May 30 - Sunday, June 1
Difficulty: Class 3; ice ax & crampons required
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Friday: Exact route depends on snow conditions. Hopefully, meet at base of Armstrong Cnyn and 4-wheel up; approach hike towards Mt. Perkins (12,591, cl 2) or Armstrong Col. (12,000, cl. 2). No snow alternative of Taboose Pass Trail.
Saturday: Wynne (if from Perkins, via E. ridge, cl. 2; if from Armstrong Col., via W. ridge, cl. 2); traverse to Pinchot (cl. 3); then return to camp.

2003 Sierra Challenge

Peaks: Virginia, Banner, Red + White, Gabb, Thompson, Sill, Norman Clyde, Tyndall, McAdie, Langley

Date: Aug 9-18 (Sat-Mon)
Difficulty: class 2-4, ice axe, crampons, glaciers
Location: eastern Sierra Nevada
Contact: Bob Burd, snwbord@hotmail.com

Ten (10) challenging dayhikes in the High Sierra, from Virginia Peak in the north to Mt. Langley in the south. This is the third year for this private/ non-sponsored event, drawing on a new list of peaks, including 3 14ers and 3 'Mountaineers' Peaks. Join us for one or all, from easy class 2 to challenging class 4 climbing. If you've ever wondered why you need to take 50lbs of gear and three days to climb a Sierra peak, this may be the alternative you've been looking for. Information, details and sign up info can be found at: <http://www.snwburd.com/bob/challenge/>

PCS Membership Roster

The Official PCS Roster is maintained by the PCS Treasurer and has been updated in the past few months. If your name does not appear, you have either requested anonymity, or your membership was not renewed in the past year. If you have updates, corrections, or if you would prefer that your personal information not appear in the Scree in the future, please contact:

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Mount Lassen

Spring climbing in January

January 19-20, 2003

Trip participants: Rick and Dee Booth, Tom Driscoll, Nancy Fitzsimmons, Tony Stegman, Chris Prendergast, Kirsten Mouradian and leaders Steve Eckert and Stephane Mouradian, scribe and his third attempt to Lassen in winter.

This trip was originally scheduled in December 14, 2002, the same week end the remnants of the Super Typhoon hit Northern California. For once it was worth rescheduling as we had perfect weather for the second try.

We left the Chalet around 8am on foot initially and later on snowshoes and skis. We followed the road the whole way to Helen Lake. We did not take the Diamond peak cut off on the way up. We snowshoed / skied past Helen Lake and continued to the point where the road reaches a saddle. Lassen SW ridge starts just

above the saddle. From this point, we headed up a steep slope toward the ridge to reach a bench about 300 feet above the saddle. This bench offers some protected camping spots and put us in the best position to climb up the ridge the next morning. In addition, the bench offers very open views with morning and evening sun. It took us 7 hours to reach this spot after a fairly slow climb up the road.

We started from camp with crampons at 7am on Sunday morning. Following the ridge, we reached the summit at 9am, achieving 1000 feet/hour. There was only moderate wind at the summit considering we were there in January. Three of us glissaded down the bowl. The snow had softened and although it started steep, the glissade ended in a very gradual flat run. The glissaders were back to camp at 10:30am. The rest of the group who hiked down the ridge reported bad cases of balling crampons, due to the softer snow and arrived at camp at 11am.

As we were packing, Heather Kirkby and Austin Meinert arrived at our camp as they were day touring in the park. Interestingly, they said it had taken them 3.5 hours from the chalet, taking all the short cuts and also probably less breaks than we did.

We left camp around noon. The snowshoers took the diamond peak cut off and the skiers followed the road all the way. Overall it took about 4 hours down for the group to exit.

We had two nice days above the Valley fog. Lassen Park in winter is a beautiful place which begs for more exploration. Other possibilities include day trips to Broke off, Mount Diller or Eagle Peak. Stay tuned for some more trips in the area.

• *Stephane Mouradian*

Mt. Henry 12,196'

September 22, 2002

On Saturday Sept 22 at 7AM, Ric Rattray (writer), Tony Stegman, Charles Schafer(trip leader), and Bob Evans(co-leader) met at the Maxson Meadow trailhead climb Mt. Henry. The one way distance of the hike was 14 miles and the elevation gain was 2000 ft. For the first mile, the trail follows a forest road, which begins at the Maxson trailhead parking lot.

We hiked from 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM. We camped in the rocks along Lower Indian Lake(el. 10,000ft.). We were happy to get here and see good water as the streams along the trail were all dry.

We contemplated attempting Mt. Henry Saturday. While scoping out the routes we determined that what we originally thought to be Mt. Henry was actually peak 11994. We decided that climbing that afternoon would bring us back to camp in the dark. So we had a leisurely afternoon, ate an early dinner and discussed photography among other items. If anyone didn't know both Charles and Bob are photography buffs. They both packed SLR's and Bob packed a tripod for 14 miles and then to the summit. That is what I call hardcore.

We could not determine which way we would go up Mt. Henry in the morning and decided that such decision would be made after getting closer. With climbing both the summit and hiking out planned for Sunday we planned a start by 7 AM. Fortunately we arose to a pleasantly warm morning at 6AM and were hiking by 7:00. We hiked up to Turf Lakes and then decided to head east up to the south ridge by skirting to the left of an obvious outcropping near the low point of the ridge between Mt. Henry and point 11,994. Once to the ridge we had to traverse below ridgeline on the far(east)side before climbing to the summit. As we approached the summit it became clear that a west ridge approach would have been more direct and we determined that as the most expedient way back down. The summit was reached about 9:30 AM.

This summit sits atop the LeConte Divide and allows unobstructed views of the eastern side of the Sierras across Evolution Valley. This is definitely somewhere that I had not previously considered going, but am glad to say I did.

Some time was spent relaxing on the summit while snacking and taking photos. It was soon time to start our trip back to camp and the 14 mile hike from there back to the cars. The descent of the west ridge and back to Turf Lakes confirmed our earlier observation and we made good time back to camp.

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