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## General Meeting

**Date**      **May 8, 2012**

**Time**      **7:30 – 9:30 pm**

**Where**      **PCC  
3921 E. Bayshore Road  
Palo Alto, CA**

**Program**   **Wyoming's Wind River  
Range: from the SW, S, NW, and SE**

**Presenter** **Rod McCalley**

This show will cover several regions of the Wind River Range. I've always liked this range of the Rockies for great combination of backpacking & peak-climbing (lots of nice lakes near the peaks). The four trips in my show go from 1974 to 2005, from the far south to far north, with entrances from Big Sandy Opening, Little Sandy & Sweetwater Gap, Green River Lakes, and the Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River. Included are climbs of

Squaretop, Gannett, Bonneville, Shark's Nose, Wind River Peak, and others. There have been a number of coincidences on these trips, including two encounters with climbers I had known back in Massachusetts in the '60's. Also, in the summit register of Temple Peak in 1975, we found the signature of Wind River climbing pioneer Finis Mitchell, from only 5 years earlier (he was then in his 70's!).



### **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 and enter in the back of the building.

**Google**      <http://tinyurl.com/28ngaw>

## Editor's Notes

I am thrilled that we have three great trip reports this month: thanks so much to Sonja, Arun, and Lisa.

And now that summer is almost here, check out our great selection of trip offerings, and get out there!

See you on the rocks!

Judy

## Chair Column

Welcome to PCS members and others from the Sierra Club and beyond. This month's meeting will be an introduction to an attractive climbing area not too far beyond the Sierra: the Wind River Range of Wyoming.

At the start of the meeting, before the refreshment break, there will be descriptions of upcoming PCS trips, as well as short reports of recent peak climbs.

There still aren't any shows scheduled for monthly meetings after this one. If you have one yourself, or know a friend with a good set of climbing or trekking pictures, please let me know! We especially need to set up the June 12 meeting as soon as possible.

Rod McCalley

## Advance Trip Planning Schedule

Check out the excellent trip possibilities coming up this spring, summer, and fall.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ar3ERRQWOQJPDgk2ZW5EVW8xSkRUT3l1SWV1Ry1FWnc#gid=0>

## PCS Trip Calendar

These are required statements.

Note: CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Note: All Sierra Club trips require you to sign a Liability Waiver.

<http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/signinwaiver.pdf>

May 12 - 13 - Backcountry Ski Sierra  
Leader: Louise Wholey

May 25 - 28 - A Diamond Is Forever  
Leader: Aaron Schuman

June 16 - 17 - Vogelsang  
Leader: Joe Baker

June 23 - 24 - Gould and Dragon  
Leader: Terry Cline

July 4 - 8 - Contrarian Marion  
Leader: Aaron Schuman

July 14 - 22 - Meysan Dixon  
Leader: Aaron Schuman

August 17 - 19 - Rule of Thumb  
Leader: Aaron Schuman

September 14 - 16 - Tehipite Dome  
Leader: Aaron Schuman

October 12 - 14 - Senator, You are no Mount Kennedy (part 2)  
Leader: Aaron Schuman

## PCS Trip Details

### **Backcountry Ski Sierra**

Goal: Mt. Tom, Elderberry Canyon  
Location: Mt. Tom, Eastside of the Sierras  
Dates: May 12, 13

Leader: Louise Wholey

Come join us for our grand finale of the Backcountry Skiing Series, skiing a classic route in the high Sierra. Requires advanced skiing skills (resort black diamond+), avalanche training. Randonee or Telemark skis, climbing skis, avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe.

Leader: Louise Wholey (louisewholey at yahoo.com)

To sign up send \$8 for leader training to Louise Wholey, 21020 Canyon View Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070.

### **Diamond Is Forever**

Goal: Diamond Peak (13, 127')

Location: Above Independence

Dates: May 25 - 28

Leader: Aaron Schuman

We'll start low at the end of the Oak Creek Road (6000) and hike the Baxter Pass trail from desert up into spring slush. The snow will be firmed up by the time we reach our camp at Summit Meadow (10,800'). We'll ascend the southeast face of Diamond Peak (13,127'), which RJ Secor calls "a splendid snow climb in the spring". Participants are skilled with ice axe for self-arrest and use of crampons on a mid-angle slope. Some members of the party will choose skis; others snowshoes.

Leader: Aaron Schuman a.j.Schuman AT gmail DOT com.

### **Vogelsang**

Goal: Mt. Vogelsang (11,516')

Location: Tuolumne Meadows

Dates: June 16 -17

Leader: Joe Baker

Difficulty: Class 2

We'll hike up Rafferty Creek from the Dog Lake trailhead on Saturday to our camp near

Vogelsang Lake. On Sunday we'll climb the class 2 route, and plan to summit our peak by noon. Following our successful climb, we'll return to camp, pack up and head out by late afternoon. Permit for 6. Leader Joe Baker. Contact co-leader, Judy Molland, [judy@judymolland.com](mailto:judy@judymolland.com), for more information.

### **Gould and Dragon**

Goals: Mt. Gould (13,005') and Dragon Peak (12,955')

Location: Golden Trout Lake above Onion Valley

Dates: June 23 - 24

Leader: Terry Cline

We'll hike the short trail from Onion Valley to a camp near Golden Trout Lake on Saturday. Sunday we'll climb the class 3 south ridge of Dragon Peak from Gould Pass and then traverse south to climb the class 2 north side of Mt Gould, returning to camp to pack up and hike out.

Leader: Terry Cline, [terry\\_cline@yahoo.com](mailto:terry_cline@yahoo.com)

### **Contrarian Marion**

Goals: State Peak (12,620'), Marion Peak (12,719')

Location: Kings Canyon Cedar Grove

Dates: July 4 - 8

Leader: Aaron Schuman

We'll make an early season quest to the peaks that offer the most outstanding views down into the canyon of the South Fork of the Kings River. Starting at Cedar Grove (5035) we'll head up the Copper Creek trail over Granite Pass (10673), then down and around, taking two days to reach a camp at State Lake (10400). We'll follow the challenging cross country route documented by Larry Hoak in 1990

(<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/archives/sps00159.htm>). We will make a long day trip to our summit destinations, and retracing our path to the same camp. We'll return the way we came. An ice axe may be necessary. Leader: Aaron Schuman a.j.Schuman AT gmail DOT com.

### **Meysan Dixon**

Goals: Mt. Corcoran (13,714'), Mt LeConte (13,845'), Mt Mallory (13,845'), Mt Irvine (13,780'), Lone Pine Peak (12,943'), Joe Devel Peak (13,327'), Mt Pickering (13,485'), Mt Langley (14,027')

Location: Above Lone Pine, from Horseshoe Meadow

Dates: July 14 - 22

Leader: Aaron Schuman

There are enough tremendously tall and remarkably complex peaks in a small region at the southern end of the Whitney Massif that we can make a base camp and climb all week long. A steep trail leads up from Whitney Portal (7849) to Meysan Lake (10700) in just four miles. From the lake, we will climb many class 2 and 3 peaks until we wish to climb no more. An ice axe may be necessary for self arrest.

Leader: Aaron Schuman a.j.Schuman AT gmail DOT com.

### **Rule Of Thumb**

Goal: The Thumb (13,346')

Location: South fork of Big Pine Creek

Dates: August 17 - 19

Leader: Aaron Schuman

The Thumb is a digit extended skyward by the mountain range in an ominous gesture of defiance. The enraged appearance of the peak suggests that it may not be climbed, but we shall seek out a class 3 route. Beginning at the ruins of Glacier Lodge (7796') we will pack primarily on trail to our two-night campsite at Upper Brainard Lake (10,800'). We will climb over class 3 Southfork Pass (12,560'), where ice axe and crampons may be necessary. From the pass, the guidebook says the summit route goes class 2, but be prepared for something tougher.

Leader: Aaron Schuman a.j.Schuman AT gmail DOT com.

### **Tehipite Dome**

Goal: Tehipite Dome (7708')

Location: Wishon Reservoir

Dates: September 14 - 16

Leader: Aaron Schuman

Tehipite is the tallest dome in the Sierra Nevada, standing higher by far over the Middle Fork of the Kings River than its famous sibling Half Dome stands over the Merced River. Tehipite would be a California landmark if only it were not so impossibly inaccessible. From an unnamed trailhead south of Wishon Reservoir (6800) in Sierra National Forest, 16 miles of up down up down trail lead us across Crown Creek (7881) to an anonymous point (8400) in Kings Canyon National Park, where we begin 2 miles of cross country travel through forest and brush down to the base of the dome (7500). The summit itself is a class 3 climb, enlivened by an appalling drop of thousands of feet to the river below. Limit 4 participants.

Leader: Aaron Schuman a.j.Schuman AT gmail DOT com.

### **Senator, You Are No Mount Kennedy (part 2)**

Goal: Kennedy Mtn (11,433')

Location: Kings Canyon Cedar Grove

Dates: October 12 - 14

Leader: Aaron Schuman

Difficulty: Class 2

From Cedar Grove (5,035'), we'll pack up the Copper Creek trail. We'll set up camp in or above Upper Tent Meadow (9,189'). Saturday, we'll hike over Granite Pass (10,673') to the north side of the Monarch Divide, traverse up and down through the Volcanic Lakes basin, pass East Kennedy Lake (10,100'), climb Kennedy Mountain (11,433') and return to our camp. Memorial Weekend 2011, this trip was stopped at 11,000 feet by a blizzard. It'll be a different experience as an October outing.

Leader: Aaron Schuman a.j.Schuman AT gmail DOT com.

## Private Trip Calendar

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

May 5 - Snow Climbing Practice  
Leader: Kelly Maas

May 19 - 21 - A Waterfall - Really?  
Leader: Terry Cline

May 19 - 21 - Eclipse On Mount Shasta  
Leader: Jesper Schou

August 25 - 26 - Bear Creek Spire  
Leader: Terry Cline

October, 2012 - Nepal  
Leader: Warren Storkman

January, 2013 - Argentina  
Leader: Warren Storkman

## Private Trip Details

### **Snow Climbing Practice**

Goal: Leavitt Peak (11,569')

Date: May 5

Leader: Kelly Maas

Difficulty: Class 2

Join us for a day of ice axe practice in the high country at Sonora Pass. I anticipate being able to include a peak climb along with the practice. Optional car camping - details TBD. Crampon practice is also an option, though we rarely find suitable snow conditions.

Participants supply their own gear, and should have some knowledge of how to use an ice axe, but experience is not required.

Dress for lying down in wet snow (full rain gear). Note that this year I'm changing from a 2-day format to one day. Location and date are tentative and subject to road, snow and weather conditions.

Contact the leader for final details on when & where to meet: Kelly Maas, (408)-378-5311, [kellymbase-pcs@yahoo.com](mailto:kellymbase-pcs@yahoo.com)

### **A Waterfall - Really?**

Goals: Mounts LeConte (13,960'), Corcoran (13,760')

Dates: May 19 - 21

Leader: Terry Cline

Objectives are to climb the NW Couloir of Mount LeConte under spring alpine conditions, encountering the "waterfall" pitch near the top, summit LeConte and traverse over to Mount Corcoran on its west side. We'll hike up to the Meysan Lakes to camp on the first day, climb the peaks the second, and hike out the third. Depending on conditions, a rope may be used. Because of the early season conditions, participants must be comfortable on steep mixed terrain without a rope. The July trip to the same area led by Aaron Schuman may be a more appropriate trip for many people.

Leader: Terry Cline, [terry\\_cline@yahoo.com](mailto:terry_cline@yahoo.com)

### **Eclipse On Mount Shasta**

Goal: Mount Shasta (14,104')

Dates: May 19 - 21

Leader: Jesper Schou

Why not combine two great activities and watch a solar eclipse from the top of a mountain? On May 20 there will be an annular solar eclipse visible in northern California and we are planning to watch it from the top of Mt. Shasta. But there is a catch! The eclipse is on the 20th at 18:25. Yes, that is half past 6 in the evening! So the current plan is to camp on the summit plateau. Route is planned to be West Face Gully, but this may change. As always the conditions vary, so we may end deciding to descend after the eclipse, watch the eclipse from further down the mountain, not make the summit or watch the eclipse from the local bar.

While we are not planning on a difficult route, the time of day presents some obvious problems and all participants are thus expected to have a reasonable level of experience and past experience with sleeping at high altitude.

Leaders: Jesper Schou ([schou AT sun.stanford.edu](mailto:schou AT sun.stanford.edu)) and Jeff Fisher ([jeff\\_fisher\\_5252 AT sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeff_fisher_5252 AT sbcglobal.net))

## **Bear Creek Spire**

Goal: Bear Creek Spire (13,720')

Dates: August 25 - 26

Leader: Terry Cline

Difficulty: Class 4

Saturday we'll hike from Mosquito Flat to a camp at Dade Lake. Sunday we'll climb the northeast buttress of Bear Creek Spire and descend the Ulrichs Route and if time allows climb Mt Dade (class 2) before returning to camp and hiking out. A rope will be carried since some class 4 climbing should be encountered near the summit. To shorten Sunday, we could do Dade on Saturday via the class 2 Hourglass route after setting up camp.

Leader: Terry Cline, [terry\\_cline@yahoo.com](mailto:terry_cline@yahoo.com)

## **Nepal**

Goal: Rara Lake

Dates: October, 2012

Leader: Warren Storkman

If you are interested in Nepal, October 2012, and going to Rara Lake in the remote Mugu District, contact Warren Storkman:

[dstorkman@aol.com](mailto:dstorkman@aol.com).

No obligation, but I need your email address.

## **Argentina**

Goal: Aconcagua (22,841')

Location: Argentina

Dates: January 2013

Leader: Warren Storkman

If you are interested in visiting Argentina and climbing Aconcagua in 2013, contact Warren at [dstorkman@aol.com](mailto:dstorkman@aol.com) and he will send you an informational letter.

## **Trip Reports**

**Australia's Highest: Easy To Climb,  
Impossible To Spell**

**Spring, 2012**

**By Sonja Dietrich**

Mt Kosciuszko (2228 m/7310 feet) towers over the Snowy Mountains in the south of New

South Wales near the border to Victoria. It is part of the Great Dividing Range, which stretches along the east coast of Australia. Until a few months ago, I had heard of it by virtue of having had an Aussie as boss, but I thought it would be in some remote area of this big continent. Until Emilie Cortes set me straight when she flew to Australia last fall to climb it! So when my former boss invited me to Sydney for a conference, I made up my mind to drive the six hours south from Sydney to get my one (and possibly only) 7 Summit. The mountain was named by Polish explorer Count Strzelecki in honor of Polish national hero General Kosciuzko. Of course, the Australians pronounce Kosciuzko differently than a German somewhat familiar with the Polish language would!

There are two ways to climb Mt Kosciuszko: take the chairlift from Thredbo, or start from Charlotte Pass. Larry and I decided for the route from Charlotte Pass. We spent the night before at Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat, a beautiful campsite on the way to Charlotte Pass populated by lots of kangaroos, kookaburras, and possums. The next day, we passed by several ski resorts before we got to the trailhead at 8:30 am. It was a mostly cloudy day, but at least the torrential rains from the week before had stopped.

We took Emilie's advice for the 20 km roundtrip and started off to our right, crossing the Snowy River first.



The stepping stones were slightly below water level, but wading the stream got me only wet to my knees. The water was not very cold. The trail leads up on a ridgeline and crosses two other mountains before arriving at Kosciuszko.



Along the way, we passed three of the five lakes formed by glaciers in all of Australia. You may think you hear sheep. Don't be fooled though; they are just strange bird calls. The landscape reminded me a lot of the Scottish Highlands: short grass interrupted by rocky knolls, wildflowers, and windswept landscape without trees. Once near the summit, the trail hit the dirt road where we met lots of day hikers.



We were having lunch at the top of Kosciuszko, when a group of women arrived. For one of them, summiting concluded her quest to climb the Seven Summits. I did not get her name, but managed to get a photo with her. How inspiring! For our hike back, we took the 8 km dirt road which led us in a loop back to Charlotte Pass. On the way, we passed a storm shelter donated by the parents of an American skier who perished

there in a snowstorm in the 1930s.

We were back at the trailhead at 4 pm. For dinner, we drove to the hamlet of Jindabyne just outside Kosciuszko National Park. We found a bar/barbecue restaurant where we ordered a steak, raided the salad bar and had a beer with three locals. We found ourselves at the table with an Australian ski instructor who just, like a few of his friends, had come back from teaching skiing in Aspen, CO, to take a few weeks off before skiing season started in the Snowy Mountains.

Two weeks later, I looked up to the highest mountain of Queensland, Mt Bartle Frere. It would have been fun to do another "high mountain" in Australia, covered in the tropical rainforest of the Cassowary Coast. But alas, the trail is hard to find in the best conditions, and we happened to arrive after major rains had washed out much bigger roads. Yet another entry on my go-back-to list.

Now, close your eyes and spell Kosciuszko.

## **Roundtop (10, 381')**

**April 21, 2012**

**By Arun Mahajan**

This has been a strange winter. It was late and then fitful and then like an unwanted relative, refused to leave. To accommodate another PCS trip, my annual Roundtop extravaganza was pushed out to the next weekend beyond the originally scheduled one but then winter was in full force and so I pushed it out once again but then we still could not go because of avalanche danger. Finally, early in the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> April, seeing that the coming weekend would be good, I decided to do set up Roundtop again, and things fell into place famously after.

Terry Cline very kindly agreed to be the co-organizer and we had a team of ten others sign up with us and we had a mostly equitable

mix of snowshoers (7) and skiers (5). It was very warm when our group got going, 10 am, on Saturday morning and most of us were in single layers.



After following the gently rising rolling terrain till Lake Winnemucca we climbed the steeper slope on the right flank and got to the saddle between Roundtop and the Sisters where we left skis/snowshoes and switched to axe/crampons.



The crampons were probably not needed on this short but steep section but added to our confidence.



After this is a small notch which was partially snow free and there we took off crampons and climbed straight up on a rocky outcrop to the false summit and then traversed downward to the true summit hump.



Here we choose a route from the back side which was nice class-2+ and soon we were on the summit. After the usual summit photos



and some careful down climbing later,



we were back to the notch and then to the point where we had left our skis/snowshoes.

The skiers had the opportunity to make some very nice turns on the soft corn snow but the snowshoers also moved fast. The snow got quite sticky and heavy as we approached the lower part of the route.

At 5pm, our trip came to an end. It took three attempts but the third one proved to be a success on this exceptional spring day with an exceptional group of climbers. Thank you all for participating!

Participants: Rajesh Rathi, Sandra Hao, Rob Martin, Louise Wholey, Dan Sanchez, Sally Lou, Dee Booth, Dean, Marcie Pullman, Aaron Schuman and the organisers, Terry Cline and Arun Mahajan.

### **Split, Prater, Tinemaha**

**April 27 - 29, 2012**

**By Lisa Barboza**

**Photos by Daryn Dodge and Will Molland-Simms**

**Trip Leader:** Lisa Barboza; **Co-Leaders:** Terry Cline, Daryn Dodge

**Participants:** Bo Meng, Xavier Cambou, Sandra Hao, Marcie Pullman, Will Molland-Simms

#### **Trip Abstract:**

Day 1: Red Lake TH to Red Lake

Day 2: Climb Split Mt.14,042', Prater 13,471'

Day 3: Climb Mt.Tinemaha, 12,520 hike out

**References:**

- 1) [www.climber.org](http://www.climber.org) Steve Eckert Trip Report dated 14 May 2000, Waypoints, and Trailhead driving directions
- 2) RJ Secor, High Sierra Peaks and Passes also has good directions to the Trailhead.

**Day 1: Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Red Lake TH to Red Lake Camp 4000 feet, 5 miles, 6 hours**

We met at 8:30 AM at the Shell Station in Big Pine on Hwy 395. This was a very light snow year, with little snow in January and February.

It was only March and April that led to any snow at all, and the southern Sierra snow level was approximately 30% of normal. Terry had attempted Split the previous April, and encountered a foot of snow overnight and avalanche conditions. So we were back to try it again. After a few equipment repairs to crampons, and a run down to Independence to borrow a pair, we were off at about 10:00 AM.

We took the McMurray Meadows turn-off from the Glacier Lodge road. Two-wheel drive vehicles park at McMurray Meadows. Past the barbed wire fencing, there is ample parking. From there, it is about 45 minutes to the Red Lake TH. We had two 4WD vehicles; parties who attempt a shuttle with only 1 4WD vehicle report that considerable time is used up. We used the excellent directions from Climber.org to navigate our way to the TH. The road is very rough in a few places; high clearance vehicles/4WD are recommended.

We started hiking the graded trail: rough in spots, rising 4000 feet over 5 miles to Red Lake. We took our time, stopping for rest breaks and enjoying the scenery. The weather was mild, portending a great climb.



We arrived at Red Lake after 6 hours, to find it mostly snow-free. We found 6 campsites right on the lake, enjoyed a fantastic meal and

laughed and marveled at the incredible scenery. The temperature dropped down to 15F overnight.

**Day 2: Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Climb Split and Prater – gain 5400 feet, 13 hours**

We left camp at 6:30 AM after a 5:00 AM wakeup call. Terry was feeling poorly from altitude, so he went back to camp and Daryn took over as co-lead. We used Steve Eckert's excellent waypoints for navigation. Upon reaching the bowl (waypoint BOWL), we were able to see the entire couloir. It was filled with snow to the top, with a very slight steepening at the top. We climbed to waypoint RIDGE1 to a rock ridge on the north side of the chute, where the scrambling was fun, easy, high class 2. We climbed as high as possible on the rock ridge, and entered the snow chute about 200 feet below the ridgeline between Split and Prater.

The Chute: Time to put on helmets, crampons, and break out the ice-axes. The run-out is very poor, with a large rock band about 300 feet up the 900 foot couloir. So care is mandatory. The snow conditions were perfect for cramponing. As I led the route, it got steep at the top and I went straight up for the last 10 feet. Once on the ridge, the view was fantastic and I could see the rest of the team proceeding carefully up the chute. I could see that we would want to be facing in on the way down, but there was not much of a cornice, making it safer. Steve Eckert's waypoint for the top of the chute is RIDGE2.



*Group climbing Crux chute, about 40 degrees*

At the ridge (12,970') we all took a break. There was mixed rock and snow on the north slope of Split, not much on Prater. We climbed the last 1100 feet to the summit of Split, arriving at 11:30 AM. We lounged around on the summit for nearly an hour, enjoying the views. The summit register box dates back to 1936 (Sierra Club register), and is full, attesting to the popularity of this peak. Secor calls this the second easiest 14er in the Sierra, but not by the route we took; it is true when climbed from the JMT.



*Split Summit Group Photo*

We decided to go for Prater (13,471'). To get there, we went down to the saddle at 12,400'. We climbed the 1000 feet to the summit. We crossed a few snowfields on the large plateau of Prater.



### *Approaching Prater*

There is a 10 foot, exposed bridge about 2 feet wide to the Prater summit block. If you were in a flat talus field, you would think nothing of it. But the east side is very exposed for hundreds of feet, while the west side goes down about 15 feet.



### *Short, narrow, exposed bridge to Prater's summit block*

The Down climb: After descending Prater, we climbed the 400 feet back up from the saddle to the top of the snow chute at waypoint RIDGE2.



### *Returning from Prater*

We slowly went down the chute, most facing in. The snow conditions were perfect; the chute was in shadow from the sun and had not softened appreciably, always a concern when downclimbing a couloir late in the day. Admonitions to plant your crampons, dig in the ice axe completely were given, and then we were all down safely to the top of the rock ridge. After some icy glissading, we arrived back in camp at 7PM, after a 13 hour day. Kudos to the entire team for keeping together, and for good climbing etiquette. Climbing a 14er in April is a rarity, and climbing 2 peaks even more so. I have to say, we were all happy and quite ravenous at camp, and slept well.

### **Day 3: Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Camp to Tinemaha (12,520), gain = 2000 feet, hike out, drive home**

If it's Sunday, it must be Tinemaha. We got moving at 6:15 AM, heading the large gully to the west of the peak. We found a snow freeway in the bottom of the gully that was just the right consistency, and not too steep, to quickly bring us to a rock-filled chute at the base of the peak. There are several prominent bumps on the ridgeline; the actual peak is the most northerly one. We scanned several possibilities and took the first likely looking

chute on the east side of the gully. With a party of 7 people, this ended up with a lot of loose rock, including the kind that you easily pull down on yourself. We then traversed north towards the summit block, arriving at 9:45 AM.



*Split Mt. from Tinemaha, showing Central Couloir (Not our chute)*

Again, we lounged around for 30 minutes. We decided to proceed down the west ridge for the descent. This proved to be the right route, avoiding almost all of the loose rock and depositing us gracefully at the top of a snow tongue that was perfect for a standing glissade. Following the excellent snow freeway in the bottom of the gully, we arrived at camp at 11:30 AM. Terry had already left, and we set off for the hike back to the trailhead at 12:30, arriving at the cars at 4:00 PM. We were all dog-tired and very hungry. Off we went down to the cars, and exchanged gear. Then, a long drive home, arriving at 1:00 AM.

A great trip, and my thanks to Terry for pushing the idea, and for all of Daryn's cool and calm while climbing. A great group, as well, and a good time was had by all.

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page.

#### 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: Climbing using hands for balance.

Class 3: Climbing requires the use of hands, maybe a rope.

Class 4: Requires rope belays.

Class 5: Technical rock climbing.

Trips may also be rated by level of exertion: easy, moderate, strenuous, or extreme