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General Meeting

Date Tuesday, January 14

Time 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Where PCC
3921 E. Bayshore Road
Palo Alto, CA

Program Summiting Nepal's Mera Peak

Presenter Will Molland-Simms

Will Molland-Simms, a long-time Sierra Club member, will share a multi-media presentation about his one-month trip to Nepal in the spring of 2013. The presentation will begin with Will arriving in Kathmandu and then proceeding southwest into the wild jungles of Nepal, before heading into the high peaks of the Everest region and summiting Mera Peak at over 21,000 feet. The presentation will focus on the natural beauty and diversity that exists in Nepal as well as how to best organize and prepare for a trip of this nature. Come join Will on this beautiful pictorial trip to Asia.



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/28ng>

Editor's Notes

Debbie Bulger's exploration of San Francisco's high points is awesome! You should also know that Debbie is a recently published author.

As a fellow author, I want to let you know about her fun-to-read collection of biographical essays

that provides background to Debbie's passion for wilderness travel.

A sample essay is available on the website www.lostballoonpress.com

Also, here's the link to future proposed trips:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ar3ERRQWOQJPDfEF1V2t0LTJRaE5saXpNaFQ2c0IXb3c&usp=sharing>

Judy

Chair Column

Greetings, peak climbers. Here's wishing you all a great new year and many successful summits! In my last Chair Column I discussed the need for rejuvenating our membership and hinted at some initiatives this year's leadership team will be pursuing to that end.

I'll briefly describe here some of the things we're looking at in the training and recruitment. It turns out all of the chapter's activity sections are facing similar challenges in attracting and keeping members. We are discussing ways that the sections can cooperate in providing baseline skills training that applies to all our activities, where we would provide basic outdoors skills training that anyone interested in any of the activity sections might benefit from. This could expose us to, say, someone in the Backpacking Section in a way that might pique their interest in trying mountaineering and the PCS.

In addition to this basic training, we are discussing providing mountaineering skills-specific training modeled on what the SPS in the Los Angeles Chapter, the Colorado Mountain Club, and the Mountaineers are doing. We are in the research and evaluation phase of this. More details to come.

In January I will pull together our leadership team to form a marketing and promotion plan we have been lacking, like forever, giving our new marketing chair Joni something to do (smile).

Our February meeting will break from tradition and instead of a slideshow we will have a trip planning "general assembly" to sketch out a schedule for the spring, summer, and fall of 2014. My hope is that we will get wider participation in this process by doing it at our regular monthly meeting than at an extra meeting that would require more time out of everyone's busy schedules.

In the meantime, join us at the January 14th meeting to hear about Will Molland-Simms' adventures on Mera Peak in Nepal. It should be a fun evening.

Terry

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>

January 18 - Junipero Serra Peak
Leader: Lisa Barboza

PCS Trip Details

Junipero Serra Peak

Goals: Junipero Serra Peak, 5857'

Location: Santa Lucia Range, Ventana Wilderness

Date: January 18

Leader: Lisa Barboza

Co-Leader: Yoni Novat

Annual trip to climb Junipero Serra – 12 miles RT, 4000 feet gain. There will likely be snow at the summit for the last 300 feet, depending on

the season. This is a really fun hike, and is traditional. Meet at Carl's Jr. off of East Dunne Ave in Morgan Hill at 6:30 AM for carpool

Contact lisa.barbozaATgmail.com for details

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.

Jeff Davis Peak

Goals: Jeff Davis Peak, 9065'

Location: SE of Carson Pass

Dates: March 8-9, 2014

Leader: Terry Cline

Co-Leader: Lisa Barboza

Private Trip Details

Jeff Davis Peak, 2763m (9065ft), sits in the Mokelumne Wilderness above Charity Valley. This rarely climbed peak's politically incorrect name harks from the days when Confederate sympathizers populated the area in the 1800's.

Saturday we will ski, snowshoe, or hike, depending on snow conditions, up the West Fork of the Carson River in Hope Valley from Highway 88 at 7200ft elevation to a camp in upper Charity Valley; about 8.5 miles. Sunday we will climb Jeff Davis, which is straightforward until we reach the summit area. The summit is a volcanic plug split near its top by a class 4 chimney. We will then break camp and return to the cars. Snow camping and experience in over-snow travel, basic rock climbing, belaying and rappelling required. Depending on conditions, ice axe and crampons may be needed. Limit of six participants.

Leader: Terry Cline, [terry_cline AT yahoo.com](mailto:terry_cline@yahoo.com)

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Trip Report

Mt. Davidson, 938'

San Francisco, CA

December, 2013

By Debbie Bulger

Photos by Richard Stover

For two glorious days in December, Debbie Bulger and Richard Stover hiked the hills of San Francisco averaging about 10 or 11 miles a day and summiting the City highpoint, Mt Davidson at 938 feet.

We were in the City for a meeting and decided to stay a few more days. On December 13 we hiked from our B&B in Noe Valley to the Golden Gate Bridge. We hiked through the Presidio on the Ridge Trail admiring the more than one-hundred-year-old cypress and eucalyptus planted by the army troops that were billeted there. As we crested the rise we were greeted by the amazing art installation "Spire" erected by Andy Goldsworthy.



Further on we passed an overlook of a National Military Cemetery with views of the City below. Soon we joined the California Coastal Trail overlooking the Pacific. As we rounded a corner, the Golden Gate Bridge came into view from a perspective I had never experienced before. Usually I see this landmark from the east at Fort Mason or Crissy Field.

As we neared the bridge we passed (and explored) the historic batteries (sans guns) that protected the Golden Gate over the years. As it was getting late, we took the bus back to within a mile or so of our lodging.



The next day we decided to climb Mt. Davidson. This easy climb is not a wilderness experience, but the views are spectacular.

We started with a rustic stone stairway between two houses on Rockdale Street, took a wrong turn in the wild park and ended up on Molimo Street. So we entered the greenspace again at Myra. The property at the summit contains a gigantic cross erected in 1934 and is not owned by the City as the result of a lawsuit in 1997.



After descending by another route, we caught lunch at an Indian restaurant in the West Portal District. Ahh, the luxuries of city hiking. Then we clambered about the Edgehill Open Space area. Descending Edgehill to the north, we chanced upon the most elegant and gracious stairway in the City, the Pacheco Stairway. This beauty is flanked by curved benches and huge urns of flowers rising above Magellan Street like a mirage. We had no choice but to ascend.

The day was getting late, so we wended our way back to Noe Valley taking a route between Mt Sutro and Twin Peaks. As dusk approached, we climbed down the lovely Pemberton Stairway. It would be mostly down from there.

Best of all, the entire adventure was conducted without having to find a parking space or pay for parking a car. We took the bus from Santa Cruz to Diridon Station and Caltrain to San Francisco and walked only 3 interesting miles to our B&B.

Wilderness First Aid Course

Of interest to prospective leaders of PCS overnight trips or leaders who need to renew their wilderness first aid certification:

Bobbie Foster will be teaching the annual Loma Prieta Chapter sponsored Wilderness First Aid class on the weekend of February 8-9 at the Peninsula Conservation Center in Palo Alto. For details click here:

http://www.fostercalm.com/?page_id=22

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PCS Announcement Listserv

If you join the PCS Announcement Listserv you will receive announcements and updates of trips and meetings. Use the <http://lists.sierraclub.org/SCRIPTS/WA.EXE?A0=LOMAP-PCS-ANNOUNCE&X=&Y=> web 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.

Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Monday, January 27. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.