

## San Diego Peaks Club

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Welcome to the San Diego Peaks Club (SDPC), a club dedicated to hiking the mountains of San Diego county. My vision of the SDPC is to be an information service to bond the better hikers of San Diego together. One way to disseminate information is to let you know what other good trips are happening. Another way is to describe hiking routes. The SDPC will not sponsor any meetings or hikes, but will allow the casual structure of private hikes to prevail. Things like, "Jim is leading a hike up McGinty on Apr 10", or "Jan is looking for someone to do Eagle Pk with" or "Carol and Shawn are doing the Appalachian Trail in June, anyone with info please contact" are some of the ways that we will try to get hikers together. The Sierra Club (SC) is a fine organization with many good leaders, but because of their policies and because of the way they treat their leaders, they lose a lot of the good strong leaders. They lost two more in April and I hope to encourage them to lead hikes with less restrictions. (PLEASE NOTE: The hikes I've printed below may or may not be private hikes. Some are with other hiking organizations and their restrictions apply.)

### Jim Sugg hikes 224-7895      Wednesdays

May 1 Oakzanita Pk- Al Holden will lead  
8 Blue Angel Pk, Smuggler's Cave & Valley of the Moon  
15 Poway and Ramona Lakes  
22 Corte Madera Mtn  
29 Iron Mtn area (P)

### Terri Astle 571-0471 & Terri Sutor

May 18 Yucaipa ridge (San Gorgonio area) (Sunrise to Sunset)  
Jul 4-8 San Gorgonio ridge backpack

### Desert Peak Section call Paul Freiman 692-1367

May 4-5 Inyo and Keynot  
4-5 Sheep and Martinez  
25-27 Telescope, Bennett, Rodgers (Death Valley)  
Jun 15-16 Boundary & Montgomery (White Mtns) (tough)  
27-Jul 1 White Mtn traverse (very tough)

### About the Peaks

The word "benchmark" (BM) is frequently seen in the SD Peaks List. This is done for accuracy. For instance, did you realize that Rosa "Pt", Cuyapaibe "Mtn", Bernard and Berdoo "Mtns" and many, many others on the HPS and DPS lists are nothing more than benchmarks! Look on the USGS topo maps and you will not see "Pt" by Rosa, or "Mtn" by Cuyapaibe. Instead they are only BMs and someone has inferred the name "point" or "mountain"

on them.

### Membership

Charter membership will be given to all who join the SDPC between now and June 1992. Six newsletters per year (bimonthly) will be mailed. The cost of membership, \$6.00, will basically cover postage and materials. Memberships will run from June to June.

Come on, hikers of San Diego, let's group together!

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Late entry:

/ Carl Johnson hikes 448-8542

May 11 Three Sisters waterfall (Cuyamaca area) Very near full

May 25-27 Mission San Pedro Martir 32 mi backpack-Very strenuous

This should be a trip to remember. Wonderful. In Baja.

July 9-13 Picacho del Diablo-another beauty, but I consider it the most strenuous trip I've been on (from Campo Noche to the peak, but if you are in shape, ~~xxxx~~ don't miss it).



## SAN DIEGO PEAKS LIST

Original June 1987 by Hannah North and Russ Weber  
Revised March 1991 by Paul Freiman

### History of the SDPL

In June 1987 Hannah North and Russ Weber (aka Amentia Allegro and Rass Webo) compiled a list of peaks in San Diego County. They did this by combining an extensive knowledge of the county and sitting down at a map of the Cleveland National Forest. They both climbed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the peaks before moving away a year later. I have now climbed every peak and benchmark on the list (except for 10) and eliminated insignificant climbs and areas of trespassing. I have deleted 35 peaks and added about 20 peaks. Preparing this list has been very enjoyable and I get all a tingle just thinking about the possibility of climbing these peaks again. My favorite peaks are called 'emblem peaks' and are marked by an asterisk (\*). There are 14 emblem peaks.

Whenever visiting a peak part of your '10 essentials' should be a pencil, paper and register can.

"Never let them say it  
say it to your shame  
that a benchmark went untrodde  
and without your date and name."

Wes Shelberg

This list is challenging, not because most hikes are especially hard, but because you will need good map reading skills. This said, please don't hesitate to call me if you would like information on how to approach a climb (619-692-1367). Drive ups do not count! Hiking and mountain biking do count.

I would like to thank Wes Shelberg, Al Holden and Jim Sugg for being terrific hiking buddies while I was preparing this list, and to Terri Sutor for introducing me to the HPS. Lastly, I want to thank Linny Sarnecki for allowing me to use her spiffy word processor to prepare this manuscript.

Paul Freiman

### MAPS

Map coordinates are based on: 'Cleveland National Forest-1985' map. Topos are 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  minute unless identified to be 15 minute. Completion of this list will be dependent on your skill at map reading (orienteering).

1. Pendleton/ Temecula area
  1. Margarita Peak 3185 feet D5 Margarita Peak
  2. Margarita Lookout 3065 D5 Margarita Peak
2. Rancho Bernardo/ Mira Mesa
  1. Bernardo Mtn 1150 G8 Climb from the East
  2. Battle Mtn 803 G8 The mtn with the cross
  3. Black Mtn 1563 G9 Dirt rd to top-Schad
3. Palomar area
  1. Agua Tibia Mtn 4779 H5 Vail Lake- Schad,LPS
  2. Eagle Crag 5077 H5 Vail Lake- HPS
  3. Palomar High Pt 6140 J6 Palomar Observ.-HPS,Schad
  4. Boucher Hill L.O. 5438 H6 HPS,Schad,enjoy Palomar!
  5. Black Mtn (Ramona) 4051 J7 Rd to top
4. Central county
  1. Fortuna Mtn 1292 G10 La Mesa-Schad
  2. Cowles Mtn 1586 G10 La Mesa-Schad
  3. Woodson Mtn L.O. 2894 H8 San Pasqual-Schad
  4. Iron Mtn 2696 H9 careful of private property
  - \* 5. El Cajon Mtn 3675 J9 El Cajon
  - \* 6. Eagle Peak 3226 K9 Cuyamaca(15')
  7. Viejas Mtn 4187 K10 Cuyamaca(15')-Schad
5. Southwest county
  1. Bell Bluff 3409 K10 Cuyamaca(15')
  2. McGinty Mtn 2183 J11 Dulzura-on Nature Conserv
  - \* 3. Lawson Peak 3660 K11 Barrett Lk -Schad
  4. Gaskill Peak 3836 K11 Barrett Lk,Potrero(15')
  5. Lyons Peak L.O. 3738 J11 Dulzura-Schad)
  6. Donohoe Mtn 2046 J12 get on way down from Otay
  7. Otay Mtn 3566 J12 Schad,mountain bike rd.
  8. Potrero Mtn 3344 K12 Potrero(15')-brushy
  9. Tecate Peak L.O. 3885 K12 Potrero(15')-Schad
6. Southeast county
  1. Long Valley Peak 4909 L10 Cuyamaca(15')
  2. Buckman Mtn 4641 L10 Cuyamaca(15')
  - \* 3. Corte Madera 4657 L10 Cuyamaca(15')-Schad
  4. Los Pinos Mtn L.O. 4805 L11 active lookout in summer
  - \*\*5. Morena Butte 3919 L11 Potrero(15")-my favorite



7. Cuyamaca State Park
  1. Middle Peak 5883 feet L9 Cuyamaca Pk-HPS, Schad
  2. Cuyamaca Peak 6512 L9 Cuyamaca Peak-HPS, Schad
  3. Japacha Peak 5825 L9 Cuyamaca Pk-formerly HPS
  4. Stonewall Peak 5730 L9 Cuyamaca Pk-HPS, Schad
  - \* 5. Oakzanita Peak 5054 L9 Cuyamaca Pk-HPS, Schad
8. Lagunas
  1. Chariot Mtn 4680 M8 Julian, Ca-Schad
  2. Roost BM 4351 M9 Monument
  3. Oriflamme Mtn 4611 L9 Monument-Schad
  4. Pine Mtn 5640+ M9 Monument
  5. Garnet Mtn 5640 M9 Monument-HPS
  6. Garnet Peak 5740 M9 Monument-HPS, Schad
  7. Monument Peak 6271 M9 Monument-HPS
  8. Wooded Hill 6160 M10 Mt Laguna-nature trail
  9. Sheephead Mtn 5783 M10 Mt Laguna-HPS
  10. Manza BM 5556 M10 Mt Laguna-very brushy
  11. Cuyapaibe Mtn 6378 M10 Mt Laguna-HPS
  12. Guatay Mtn 4885 L10 Cuyamaca(15')
9. Warner Springs area
  1. Comb's Peak 6193 L5 Bucksnot-HPS
  2. Hot Springs Mtn 6533 L6 Hot Spr Mtn-LO is not pk, HPS
  3. Pike BM 5571 M6 Borrego Palm Cyn
  4. Cody BM 5586 M6 Borrego Palm Cyn
10. Sheep Canyon Natural Preserve (Coyote Cyn)
  - \* 1. Collins BM 4559 L5 Bucksnot, Collins Valley
  2. Knob BM 3431 L5 Bucksnot Mtn
  3. Elder BM 3433 M5 Collins Valley, Hot Spr.
  4. Palms BM 3121 M5 Collins Valley-very nice
  5. "Square Top" 4649 M5 Hot Spr, Collins, see Schad
  6. Coyote Mtn 3192 Clark Lk-Schad
11. Around Montezuma's Grade (Ranchita to Borrego)
  1. Ysidro Mtn 6147 M6 Borrego Palm Cyn-HPS
  - \* 2. The Thimble 5779 M7 Tubb Cyn
  3. Hob BM 4853 M6 Borrego Palm Cyn
  4. White BM 5326 M6 not shown on topo, Tubb
  5. Goat BM 4232 M6 Tubb Cyn
  6. Bonny BM 4574 M7 Tubb Cyn
  7. Kay BM 3587 M6 Borrego Palm Cyn
  8. Ode BM 1510 M6 Borrego Palm Cyn
  9. Webo BM 4173 M7 Tubb Cyn
  10. Ted BM 2369 M7 Tubb Cyn
  11. Wee BM 4068 M6 Tubb Cyn
  12. Rass BM 1877 M6 Tubb Cyn
  - \* 13. Pinyon Ridge(Wilson) 4573 M6 Tubb Cyn-Schad
  14. Indianhead 3960 M6 Borrego Palm Cyn-DPS

12. Along S-2 (Scissor's Crossing to Ocotillo)
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|--------------------------|-------|---|
| * 1. Grapevine Mtn       | 3955  | M8 Earthquake Valley                    |
| 2. Sentenac Mtn          | 3068  | M8 Earthquake Valley                    |
| 3. Granite Mtn           | 5633  | M8 Julian, Earthquake Valley-HPS, Schad |
| 4. Sunset (Yak)          | 3657  | M8 Whale Pk-Schad                       |
| 5. Pinyon Mtn            | 4440  | N8 Whale Pk-Schad                       |
| 6. Whale Peak            | 5349  | N8 Whale Pk-Schad, HPS                  |
| 7. Ghost Mtn             | 3360+ | N8 Earthquake Valley-Schad              |
| 8. Stage BM              | 2816  | N9 Agua Caliente Spr, Ca                |
| 9. Coyote Mtns (Mine Pk) | 1850  | Sweeney Pass-Schad                      |
13. Carrizo Gorge area and McCain Valley
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|------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jacumba Mtn   | 4513 | O11 Jacumba-DPS          |
| 2. Red Top       | 4467 | N9 Agua Caliente Spr, Ca |
| 3. Sombrero Peak | 4229 | N10 Sombrero Pk-DPS      |
| 4. Tule Mtn      | 4347 | N11 Jacumba, Ca          |
| 5. Gasp BM       | 3223 | Jacumba, Ca              |
| 6. Groan BM      | 2732 | Jacumba, Ca              |
| * 7. Puff BM     | 2716 | Jacumba, Ca              |
| 8. Grunt BM      | 2144 | Sweeney Pass, Ca         |
| 9. Moan BM       | 2939 | Sweeney Pass             |
| 10. Windy BM     | 2442 | Sweeney Pass             |
14. Santa Rosa Ridge
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| 1. Dawn's Peak   | 6582  | Clark Lk NE-Schad  |
| 2. Rabbit Peak   | 6623  | Rabbit Pk-DPS, HPS, Schad: Rabbit and Dawn's are honorary pks as they reside in Riverside. |
| 3. Ruth BM       | 5070  | Rabbit Pk-toughest on list   |
| 4. Villager Peak | 5756  | Rabbit Pk-HPS, Schad   |
| 5. Zosel BM      | 4853  | Rabbit Pk  |
| 6. Crab BM       | 4485  | Rabbit Pk  |
| 7. Alice BM      | 3594  | Rabbit Pk  |
| 8. Rosa Point    | 5038  | Font's Point-DPS, HPS  |
| 9. "Mile High"   | 5360  | Font's Pt, Rabbit-see Schad  |
| 10. "Pyramid"    | 3480+ | Font's Pt-see Schad  |
| 11. Font's Point | 1294  | Font's Pt-Schad  |
15. Ocotillo Wells
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|-----------------------------|------|-------------------|
| * 1. Borrego Mtn West Butte | 1207 | Borrego Mtn-Schad |
| 2. Borrego Mtn East Butte   | 1196 | Borrego Mtn       |

Note: "Pyramid", "Mile High" and "Square Top" are 3 peaks mentioned in Jerry Schad's book, "Afoot and Afield in San Diego County", and nowhere else. The reference "Schad" refers to this book (1986 edition). "DPS" refers to Desert Peak Section and "HPS" refers to Hundred Peaks Section of the Angeles Chapter (LA) of the Sierra Club. LPS refers to Lower Peak Section.

Good luck and good hiking!

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