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SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

The adventure hiking club for intermediate and advanced hikers
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I am getting this newsletter out early since I will be going on the Usumacinta River rafting trip to see the Mayan ruins (mentioned in the last newsletter). Joining me will be clubmembers (and organizer) Ron Jones and Robin Tucker plus six nonmembers. Labor Day will also be spent in Mexico relaxing by the blue Pacific with Ron and Leora and friends. Labor Day is traditionally the end of summer and so we shall start the new hiking season. I had a struggle with this schedule because I wanted to put so much in it and there weren't enough weekends to accommodate me! Backpackers will be estatic with backpacks to Rabbit Peak and Rockhouse canyon. Carcampers will be wonderous with plenty of carcamping. DPS has two weekends of list finish hikes and parties AND yes, I have my CANOE TRIP in October!!! I had to postpone the Havasupai trip until the spring and Carey's Castle will be in January or February. I am also thinking of joining SD Mountain Rescue. This will busy me the second weekend of every month, I am told. (I'll try to get another leader to fill this gap). I hope to see more participants this year. I try everything I know to get you people out. Please join us! One last and important note, I have printed a GRAND CANYON RAFT TRIP that Carl Johnson is putting together privately. This trip is open to everyone.

New members

Membership renewals keep coming in and we have three new members, Ann Nelson, David Kaplan and Donna Simons. Ann and David are married and recently climbed Mt Rainier for the third time (with nonrenewed member Judy Richardson). They went up the Emmons glacier in clear, calm weather and spent two hours at the summit. Donna Simons, from Oceanside, climbs DPS desert peaks and enjoys hot springs. Welcome! We have 65 members.

AWARDS

There are no new award winners this month. Once again, for our new members, the mini-macho (fem. machette) is awarded when 50 of the 107 peaks on the SDPC list are climbed. The macho is for 100 peaks. The mega-macho is for all 107 peaks (ie. "list finish").

HIKER OF THE MONTH

The hiker of the month for September is Ron Jones. Ron lives up in Fullerton where he edits the DPS newsletter, Desert Sage, solicites advertising for the entire LA Sierra Club chapter; leads HPS, DPS and SPS trips, is past chair of all three sections, leads a yearly Hawaiian vacation, and puts together fantastic trips like the Mayan ruin raft trip. He was responsible for the 8 "burro bake and poetry contests" in past years. He and his wife, Leora, now run a yearly chili cookoff (6 clubmembers went last year. We had 50 people and 11 recipes). A sing-along now replaces the poetry contest. Ron is the one strong hiker I know that keeps a good balance between doing 10-14 hour deathmarches and doing relaxing trips. He, more than anyone, has made me realize that the purpose in peakbagging is not in the goal of summiting, but in hiking beautiful scenery with good friends and having a great time! That is the REAL goal. Thanks, Ron!!!

The hiker of the month of October is a shared award: Bob Pinsker and Laurie Jenkins. Both are getting the award for the same reason; ie. attaining mini-macho and mini-machette status in stylish fashion. Bob's adventures were detailed in issue 8. Laurie's adventures are about the same as Bob's, except she didn't have as many "misadventures" as Bob did. Where possible she would ride her mountain bike to the approach, stash her bike, and bag the peak. Well done, both of you!!

MEMBERSHIP

Single and family membership is still available at the bargain price of \$9, good until June 1993. Send money to Paul Freiman, club treasurer, 4421 Maryland St, San Diego, CA 92116-3902. (619) 692-1367. Make cks out to Paul.

WEEKEND CALENDAR

I want to thank Dennis Richards, Al Holden and Jim Sugg for filling up the summer months with great hikes while I took a rest from leadership. Jim is still leading his usual outstanding array of Wednesday in the Wilderness hikes for Walkabout. Call Jim for his latest location at 224-7895. Dennis wants to rest now from leadership and Al is getting married Aug 29, then on to his two month honeymoon travels around the U.S. in his new motorhome. Al promises to join me for some leads when he gets back. Al leads great local crosscountry routes.

Sept 12 Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride and hike. Join Terry Flood in his
Sat annual full moon 20 mile bike ride and hike in Borrego Springs.
He has a full trip every year so call him now! 729-8221.

Sept 19-20 SD orienteering. This popular two day meet will be located at
Weekend Doane Valley in Palomar Mtn area. Bill Gookin 578-9456.

Sept 20 22nd Annual Julian Banjo, Fiddle, Mandolin and Guitar contest.
Sun 9am-5pm. \$6. Call 283-8380 or 633-1970.

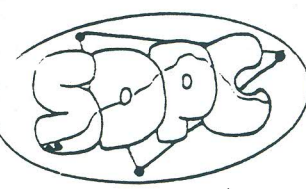
Sept 26 El Capitan Open Space Preserve hike. Carl Johnson is leading his
Sat annual strenuous dayhike. 12 miles, 3500 ft on trail. Enter early,
this is a Sierra Club hike and Carl has a limit of 12 hikers.
Cheryl K. assists (NOT!!!). Call 448-8542.

Sept 26-27 Hot Springs Mtn weekend at Los Coyote Indian Reservation. Join
Weekend me both days or just one day. We will stay overnight at Saddle
camp (see Afoot and Afield, p.86-88). If you recall issue 4 of
the newsletter, I asked Jerry Schad for his 5 favorite hikes
and this is one of them. On Sunday we will bag PIKE and CODY
by a route used by few hikers. Paul 692-1367.

Oct 3-4 Rabbit Peak backpack. Paul 692-1367. Very strenuous(see Schad,p.203)
Weekend 20 miles, 8300 feet. As if this hike isn't hard enough, I will
add 2000 feet per day if anyone wants to bag Zosel, Crab, Alice
and Ruth. We will camp by Villager Peak.

Oct 3-4 Octoberfest party and hike. Mt Baldy. Join the LA Sierra club HPS
weekend at Harwood Lodge by Baldy Village as they have serious fun and
dance the night away. Member Patty Kline will list finish on Mt
Harwood! Congrats, Patty! Call Paul if you are going or for more
info and I will try to coordinate wishes. The drive up to LA is
only two hours and there are easy and moderate hikes each day,
or you can relax at the lodge. 692-1367.

Oct 10-11 CANOE TRIP!!!! This is my favorite canoe trip. Enjoy three hot
weekend springs the first day (including a sauna cave and a hot waterfall)
Sunday we canoe 10 miles and are back at the cars by 3:30-4.
The trip starts at the bottom of Hoover Dam (Black Canyon).
We have reservations for seven canoes, 14-21 people, so this
trip is expected to fill up quickly. The cost includes four
meals (lunch and dinner on Sat, breakfast and lunch on Sun).
Beer, pop and fruit drinks are included. Meals are prepared by
by a chef so you get to relax. Meals are gourmet, none finer
anywhere! Dinner is steak, chicken or pasta in pesto sauce.
Let me know which one you wish to have. Outback Adventure Tours
wants \$229 to do this trip. HA! Yeh, right. The cost of my trip
is \$85. If you carpool you can keep the cost of travel to \$15.
Any questions? Call Paul 692-1367.



Oct 18 SD Orienteer at Laguna Meadows. Mt Laguna. Eric Lehtonen 484-4435
Sun or Bill Gookin 578-9456. Who can ask for anything better than
spending a fall day in the Lagunas!

Oct 24-25 John and Wendy McCully's DPS list finish!!!! Chuckwalla and Black
weekend Butte in Riverside county will be the scene of a blowout party.
I expect at least 100 of the most wonderful people that I have
known. Call Paul if you want to carpool to this event near Desert
Center. 692-1367. Easy-moderate.

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WEEKEND CALENDAR

Oct31-Nov 1 Another DPS LIST FINISH!!!! Club members Richard Carey and
Weekend Ken Olson, plus wildman Les Hill will finish the list on Mt
Tipton by Kingman, AZ. They are going to finish on Saturday,
Halloween, so bringing a costume will be mandatory! Clubmember
Dave Jurasevich is leading. Call Paul for carpool. 692-1367.
All SD desert rats should attend this celebration! Moderate.

Nov 7 SD Orienteer at Agua Dulce. Mt Laguna. MacInnis 453-9174 or Bill
Sat Gookin 578-9456.

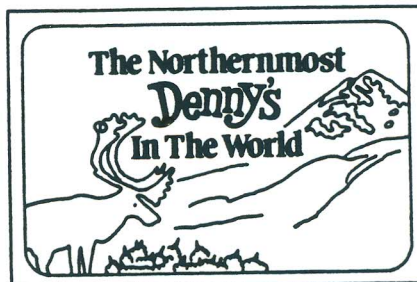
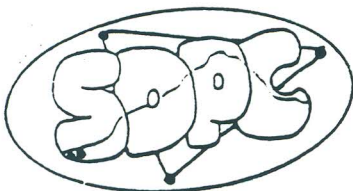
Nov 14-15 Rockhouse Canyon backpack. Hot weather came before Steve Spiller
Weekend could finish hiking all the trips in Jerry Schad's book, "Afoot
and Afield in San Diego", so this will be the last trip he needs.
He will then join club member John Strauch, who completed this
feat a year or so ago. (Schad,p.196-198). 25 miles, 4000 feet.
Paul 692-1367. Strenuous.

Nov 21-22 Borrego Mt, West and East Butte (Schad,pp.224-225) and Palm
(Schad,pp.211-213). Join me on a couple of easy-moderate hikes
that most everyone can do. Of the hikes in Jerry's book, West
Butte is one of my top 10 favorites. It's not hard, just fun.
I hope to get Jerry Martin and Ranchita Ted to repeat the hike
around the calcite mine. A beautiful, beautiful trip. Two emblem
peaks this weekend!

Dec 5-6 Jerry Schad is putting together a Split Mtn, Fish Creek hike up
June wash (see pp.246-247) for early December. 18 mi dayhike.
See the Nov Sierra Club Hi-Sierran for more details. I know I'm
going on this one! *Hike starts at 5 am for a 10 am finish. Car camp. More
info plus phone numbers next issue.*

BITS AND PIECES

Wes Shelberg is having a GRAND time visiting Alaska and other points north.
He drove up via Lassen and Shasta to Seattle, toured the Alaskan North Slope,
ate dinner at the northernmost Denny's in the world (which was his real
reason for doing this trip), and is coming back via Yellowstone and Mt
Rainier. What a trip!



Fairbanks, Alaska

visited by: Wes S. date: 17 July 92

Jay Friedman has moved to San Luis Obispo.

Bert Ton circled and climbed Mt Shasta over Memorial weekend to complete
the 13 peaks over 14,000 feet in California. His son, Johnny, has done 10
of the peaks.

People have been asking the whereabouts of Ken Sauder. He is married now
to Nancy Houser and living in Pt Loma.

TRIP REPORTS

Al has had 8-10 hikers on his series of Monday hikes. His backpacks went
very well and he has attained his Sierra Club intermediate rating now.

Aug 1-2 I said that Trail Forks Springs was my favorite camp in Gorgonio,
so I went on the trip (Dennis Richards leading, Scott Garnet asst).
Eleven hikers enjoyed thunderstorms from 10 am till 3:30 pm on
Saturday. We climbed 4500 feet in 7-8 miles and stayed at 10400
feet. Sunday we descended 12-13 miles to Angeles Oaks (aka Camp
Angeles). Everyone had a good time.

GRAND CANYON RIVER RAFT TRIP, SUMMER 1993

Due to national Sierra Club rules, officially sponsored trips using outside, commercial river outfitters are not possible, for those that are interested, I am organizing an unofficial trip for the summer of 1993.

The following is brief information about the trip:

Aug 13-24, 1993

Fri.-Tue.

Grand Canyon Raft Trip

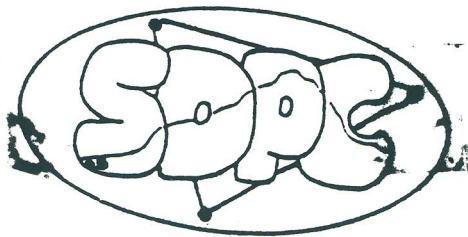
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Leader: Carl Johnson

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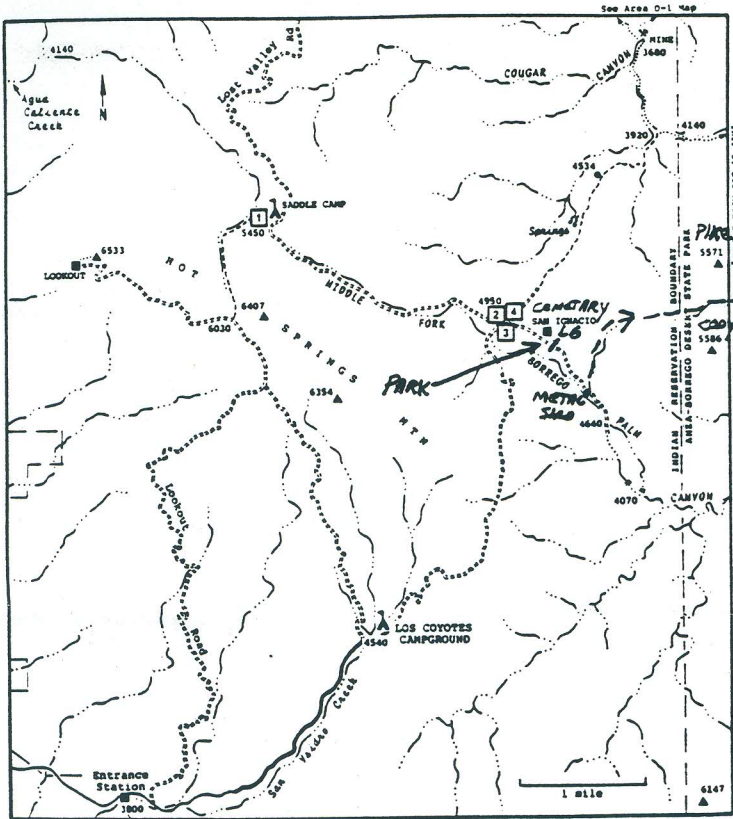
Start planning for the summer of 1993! A 12 day oar raft trip (you paddle rafts and kayaks also possible, no motors!) from Lee's Ferry to Diamond Creek (below Lava Falls), 226 miles. This is a fantastic, possibly, once in a lifetime experience that is being organized in an effort to get together with other people from the San Diego area who love the Grand Canyon, river-rafting, wilderness, camping, and adventure, to car pool and get as low a rate as possible. No rafting experience is necessary. Early reservations are absolutely necessary - some trips are already full. Cost- only for expenses, about \$1700.00 including transportation from San Diego, deluxe food, equipment, etc., etc. Call the leader or send a SASE for more information. 2076 Ventana Way, El Cajon, 92020-1043

(ed. The \$1700 is a fantastic price and should be your only costs. Driving costs to the trailhead and return is included in this price! Other outfitters charge \$2300 sans transportation. Besides, Carl only leads GREAT trips, everyone knows that!!! An important note: Carl cannot LOCK IN a certain number of reservations with the company, Diamond River Adventures, so people throughout the world are vying for the same 18 spaces. SO HURRY! It is a \$150 deposit, only \$20 nonrefundable.)



PIKE and CODY

See p.86 of Schad's, "Afoot and Afield...", for info on driving to the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation in Warner Springs. From the entrance gate drive about 6 miles to intersection of roads and turn right (south), past the cemetery to a locked gate. Plenty of parking here. Hiking: Continue on the road (south), past the gate (it's ok, hikers are permitted as far as the shed, just don't snoop at the Indian structures) to the metal shed. Enter the creek bed on the left and follow the ducked route upstream. You will get to a saddle, then descend to a point south of Pike and north of Cody. Pike is straight forward, but you will have to fight some brush to bag Cody.



Los Coyotes Indian Reservation

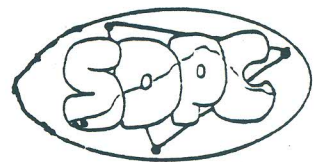
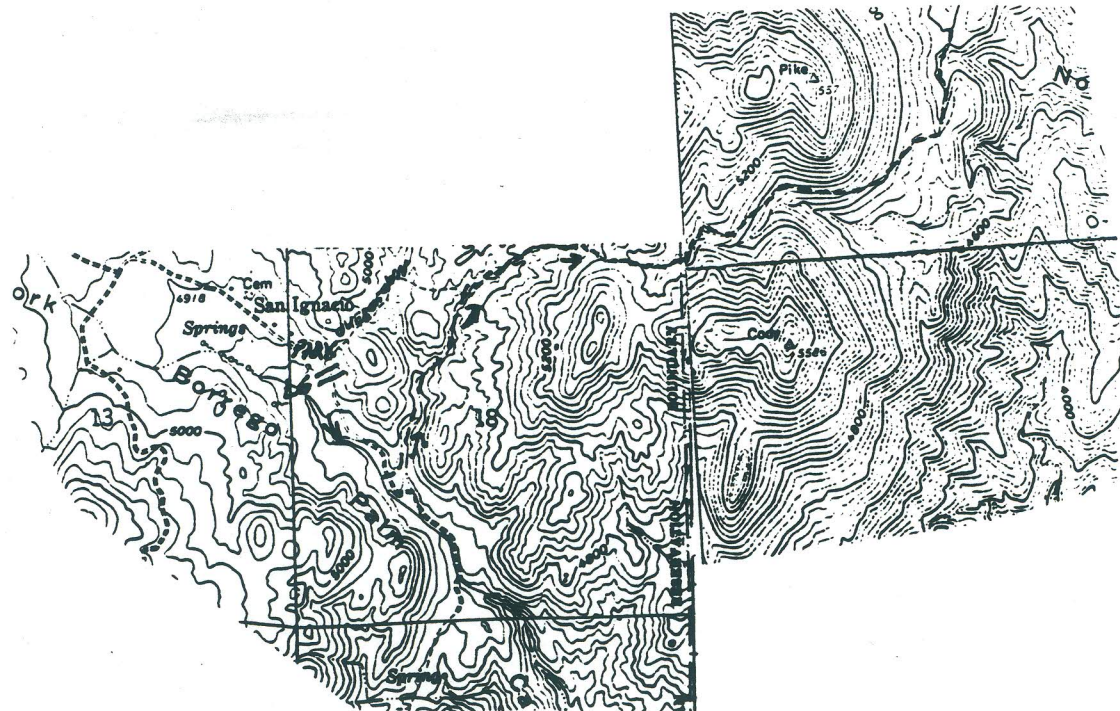
"Afoot and Afield in San Diego County" by Jerry Schad
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by Jerry Van Amerongen



Paul forgot his mantra.





World
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If you are an adventurous hiker and High Pointer, you may want to expand your DREAMS and your horizons and join the newly created World High Points Club.

1. The purpose of the WHPC is to provide a forum for people with similar interests and ambitions to share their knowledge, and to provide a means of getting together for High Point (HP) expeditions and meetings.

2. A newsletter is being published four times per year (Feb, May, Aug, Nov). The membership fee is \$20.00 per calendar year. For this, you will receive all the back issues of that calendar year if you join in mid-year. Those who join in 1992 will also receive a free copy of our first issue of 91 Nov.

3. The newsletter will include: 1) information about several types of High Points throughout the World (explained later), 2) data on each member and their future plans so that you can arrange for partners to accompany you on your adventures, and 3) articles submitted members.

4. Types of High Points:

1) the Country High Points of the World: The HP of every country. At the present time, there are about 224 countries, but their number changes unpredictably. Included here are also the HPs of the 7 Continents. A few people have already succeeded in the 7 Continental HPs, but no one has yet accomplished nor attempted the Country HPs of the World. Will you be the first? If the preceding is too costly, or too time consuming, or beyond your skills, then you may want to try:

2) the State or Provincial HPs of any (or several) countries. For example the 50 State HPs of USA, the 12 Provincial HPs of Canada (My wife and I are working on this. We have already attempted 11 provinces out of 12 and only have the HP of British Columbia to try), or the 5 State HPs of Australia, etc.

If this this requires too much traveling for you, then you can try:

3) the County HPs of a state/province. Sound easy?? Maybe!!

Some of these HPs will be easy, several moderate, and a few difficult. All will require considerable research to find out where each HP is located (this is where members can cooperate and share their knowledge), what is the easiest, or the most difficult, or the best, or the most scenic routes to the HP summit. Some will have jungles, or desserts, or crevassed glaciers, or cliffs, exotic towns, etc, to make your HP journey more challenging and interesting for you. All will take you to exciting places.

When you undertake a HP project, you donot choose which hill/mountain you want to climb. Your destination is already predetermined by the political boundary of the country, state, or county AND the topography. This is what makes the HP Project so challenging.

If you plan to join this unique World High Point Club, then please enclose at least the following information about yourself:

- Name, address, telephone,
- Birth year, occupation, other interests,
- Past trekking and climbing experiences, skill level, future plans.
- HP and other accomplishments (successful and unsuccessful),
- Any other information or special skills that you want to share.
- Articles of your HP adventures (past and FUTURE) for publication in the letter.

Hope to hear from you. Cliff Holtz

