

## SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

The adventure hiking club for serious hikers  
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Well, I did it, got MARRIED!!! Yap. Thank you everyone for wishing Vicki and me well. Gotta tell you about the honeymoon. My dad and stepmother gave us a week in a Flagstaff timeshare. We went to the Grand Canyon, Sedona and visited exciting Indian ruins. Tuesday a pregnant cat that was living beneath the condo started begging for food. Thursday at 9pm she delivered four kittens on our doorstep. We knew they were trapping the cats, so... yes, we brought the cat and kittens home. They are 6 weeks old now and a true treasure. Married one week with a new house, new carpeting and five NONhousetrained cats (plus the dog and cat we already had).

The RAFT trip was the BEST EVER!!!! A full trip of twenty-four adventurers challenged the upper Kern over two class 4 and several class 3 rapids. Robin Tucker did an outstanding job of organizing the event as co-leader. I wanted to reach out to the San Diego Hiking Club (to which Robin is a leader) and several of the participants were from this group. Elden Kidd and his family were our river guides. Elden guided on the Mexican Mayan ruin trip several of us took last August. I will organize a Hoover Dam (Black Canyon) canoe and hot springs soak trip in October. This will be my fourth annual canoe trip and it fills up quickly every time. Let me know if you want to go and I will put you on a preferential list. The trip is scheduled for October 2-3. No prepay at this time, I just would like to know the interest so I can estimate the amount of craft to rent. Please let me know if anyone wants to open the canoe trip to kids (8+ with good swimming skills).

**July 11 Get-together!!!!** 3-8 pm. Vicki and I want to show off the new house and let the members of the club meet each other. So..... we are having a POTLUCK!

Give me a ring and let me know you are coming. I hope everyone in the club can come (Please, please, please, please, please!!!!!!) 583-0266.

### TRIPS

The trips that I will be leading this summer will not be unduly stressful so I expect to see a lot of clubmates on the hikes. Mark these trips on your calendar.

**DUES DUE, DUES DUE, DUES DUE** We have started the third year of the club. In this time Paul has lead an average of at least two hikes per month, two canoe trips, two raft trips, Carl Johnson's Baja trips, Sierra Club trips that are lead by members, orienteering meets and SO MUCH MORE! If you joined after January and paid \$15, then your membership is good until June 1994. If you paid \$9 before January, then you owe \$9 to be paid up until June 1994!!!! The dues are designed to cover the expenses of mailings. I hope you enjoy the newsletter. Paul Cavataio-Freiman 4868 Austin Dr, SD 92115-3518. (619)692-1367.

### Hiker of the Month

**MAY:** The HOTM goes to Victoria Cavataio-Freiman. Hey, it's the least I could do! She marries me, she gets the HOTM.

**JUNE:** The HOTM goes to Robin Tucker for her sensational organizational skills on the raft trip AND for falling overboard on EVERY trip she took down the river AND for being the most enthusiastic adventurer of the weekend.

**JULY:** This weekend (June 19-22) clubmates Mark Adrian, Terry Flood, Fred Bright, Dennis Richards, and Paul and Vicki Freiman (plus 3 nonmembers) are climbing South Guardian Angel to celebrate San Diegoan's Russell Glavis and Suzanne Booker DPS List Finish!!! "Angel" is in Zion and to get to it involves wading through a slot canyon, climbing over a waterfall, and crawling through the 'slime traverse'. Clubmates Dave Jurasevich and Les Hill (AKA the Rock Doctor) are leading what many consider one of the finest hikes in the USA, and yes, THE WORLD!!!!!! Dave, who was the best man at my wedding, is also the editor of the DPS Peaks Guide. He will be the HOTM winner for July for writing the best trip sheet I have ever seen. I have reprinted (in reduced form) the first of four pages on page ~~4~~3 of this newsletter.

### Hiker of the Month continued

August: Richard Carey Celebrates Paul's Birthday on the Summit of Denali (AKA Mt McKinley)!!! Actually, I'll bet Richard didn't even remember that June 1 was my B-D, but he did all of us proud that day. If you remember, Mr Carey was the HOTM for February for finishing the DPS list. In January he took the HOTM pole to the summit of Orizaba (Mexican volcano, third highest peak in North America). He now plans to bag Aconcagua (highest in South America) in December with Dave Jurasevich and others. (Guess who is going to get it in December again?!)

### Bits and Pieces

A rare opportunity exists to bring the magnificent 11,000 acre Rutherford Ranch into public ownership. Located in the Volcan Mountains just north of Julian, it is the location of Iron Side Spring, the Headwaters of the San Dieguito River. Six sensitive plant species and 39 sensitive or locally rare animal species occur within the Volcan Mountain area. Bald eagles and golden eagles breed on the mountain. Today the owner is in a financial position that forces him to sell the property. The San Dieguito River Park has established a new program for individuals who are interested in preserving this historic ranch in one piece. For more information, please contact Victoria Touchstone, environmental planner (619)595-5398 for the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (or 595-5601).

A funny thing happened on the South Guardian Angel trip. One of the guys bought two blocks of ice for anyone to use in their cooler so they would have cold drinks on the return from the canyon. He forgot about the ice. The COMPANY CAR now had an aquarium in the back. A suggestion to buy some fish was frowned upon.

Russell Glavis, who finished on South Guardian Angel (along with Suzanne Booker) bought a 4x4 truck when he embarked on the DPS list. It was driven mostly on DPS trips, not around town. It has 39,000 miles on it. Russell and Suzanne took only 1½ years to complete the 97 peaks on the list. That must be a record. It usually takes 4-10 years.

Mark Adrian only had two to go after the Zion trip and he and Dennis Richards were leaving immediately for Navajo Mtn in Utah. His list finish will be Spectre Mtn "sometime in August". Lovely. Joshua Tree in August!

That reminds me of San Diego Mountain Rescue. Next month (July 17-18) we get to simulate finding a downed plane in Anza-Borrego. That will probably mean hiking in 110+ degree heat. (And I'm actually looking forward to it!!!)

Next year Dave Jurasevich and I have an interest in leading a Zion Narrows trip the first week in July. I still want to go to Havasupai (Havasui Falls), but that will have to wait.

Vicki and I stopped off in Las Vegas on the way home from Zion and I am happy to report I walked away with \$140 won at blackjack.

Mark your calendars for Sunday Aug 22 and come to an orienteer that I will be running at UCSD. It's a great course for first-timers!!!!

Congratulations to Shane the dog. He hiked his 25th SDPC peak in May and becomes the first "Bowwow" award winner! Shane is the Phil Read family dog. Phil is one of the top bridge players in the country and is John Strauch's frequent partners.

Speaking of John Strauch, the club wishes him a Happy 50th B-D. John has an extra reason to feel old, he became a GRANDFATHER!

Ed Sutor finally bagged the "Big 4". Poor Ed needed those 4 peaks to finish the HPS list and he began trying to get them last September. Well, the area was under fire closure until Thanksgiving, then the rains and snows came. At last he was able to climb (and mountain bike) them. He didn't finish the list though cause they added a new peak, Helicopter Ridge, in the San Gabriels. Now he has had to cancel his list finish on July 3... because of snow!!! Stay tuned. Will Ed ever finish that blasted list!

On related news, Mark Adrian is finally admitting that the HPS has some nice peaks and is actually persuing the list! Oh, my!

More related news, Terri Astle, also has had to postpone her 2nd HPS list finish. She only has Helicopter Ridge and Buckhorn left to do. Terri, last month, celebrated her 70th B-D with a surprize party that Terri and Ed Sutor expertly set up. Terri founded the La Jolla Swim Club and is going back to that sport part-time (instead of 100% hiking it will be more 50-50).

OOPS! New info! The roads are open again and the list finishes of Ed Sutor and Terri Astle are back on for July 3 and 4!!!!

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# CLIMBING NEWS

**MOUNTAINEERING IN ZION**


**GUARDIAN ANGELS TO BE CLIMBED!**

**Z**ion National Park

Under hopefully sunny skies from June 19 through June 22, 1993, a fit group of fourteen climbers from Southern California are scheduled to mount an assault on the summits of the North and South Guardian Angels. The group, under the leadership of Dave Jurasevich and Les Hill, will meet at 7:30 AM (Utah Time) on Saturday, June 19th at the Wildcat Canyon Trailhead parking lot. The objective that day will be to scale the smooth sandstone walls of the North Guardian Angel and reach its summit by mid-afternoon. A leisurely downclimb and stroll back to the cars should put the climbers into the Lava Point Campground by Martini time late that same afternoon. The climb will be led by Les Hill, a veteran of the North Angel and all-around good chap.

After a night of fine dining and socializing at Lava Point Campground, the group will drive next morning to the trailhead for the South Guardian Angel, there to begin the incredible "obstacle course" route to the South Angel. The first day will be a tame backpack of three miles up an ever-narrowing, red rock canyon to The Subway, a high-walled camp spot that will serve as base camp for the South Angel climb. Although daytime temperatures will be high, the canyon will offer good shade trees and a clear, cold stream to refresh any weary hikers.

Arriving at The Subway by noon will leave plenty of time for setting up camp, exploring or just plain kickin' back and enjoying this beautiful spot for the rest of



**DPS LIST FINISH**

**SAN DIEGO COUPLE FINISH DPS PEAKS LIST**

**H**istory will be made on Monday, June 21, 1993 when Russell Glavis and Suzanne Booker of San Diego set foot on the summit of the South Guardian Angel in Zion Nat'l Park. They will be completing the coveted Peaks List of the Sierra Club's Desert Peaks Section, joining a select fraternity of other crusty, old desert rats who have done likewise. In addition, it will be the first time that the South Angel has seen a double list finish in the history of the DPS. When asked for her comments on this momentous event, Suzanne replied, "Piece of cake". Russell could not be reached for comments.

Close friends report that he is sequestered in an unknown location, taking cold showers to prepare for the chilly water pitches of the South Angel.

**INSIDE THIS EDITION**

- ① Guardian Angels to be Climbed!
- ② Local Couple to Finish DPS List
- ③ An Interview with the Leaders
- ④ Who's Who on This Trip
- ⑤ What Was I Supposed To Bring?

**SDPC Peaks Climbed by Shane the Dog**

1	04/14/85	Lawson Pk
2	05/27/85	Comb's Peak
3	01/20/87	Tecate Pk
4	03/27/87	Otay Mtn
5	04/24/87	Mt Woodson 2x
6	02/12/88	Blue Angles Pk
7	08/21/88	Garnet Mtn
8	08/21/88	Garnet Pk
9	11/13/88	Corte Madera Mtn
10	05/29/89	Fortuna Mtn 2x
11	11/24/90	Palomar High Pt
12	08/11/91	Sheephead Mtn
13	10/14/91	El Cajon Mtn
14	11/11/91	Iron Mtn
15	12/14/91	Guatay Mtn
16	01/22/92	Bell Bluff
17	02/29/92	Black Mtn (Ramona)
18	04/04/92	Eagle Pk
19	05/25/92	Buckman BM
20	11/11/92	Viejas Mtn 2x
21	02/15/93	Cowles Mtn
22	03/20/93	Black Mtn (Penasquitos)
23	04/03/93	Wooded Hill
24	04/03/93	Monument Peak
25	05/15/93	Cuyapaibe Mtn

WEEKEND CALENDAR

Al Holden has ended his SC Monday hikes for the summer. Jim Sugg runs his Wednesday wilderness walkabouts all year. Jim's number is 224-7895.

AND B-D PARTY

- July 3-4 Ed Sutor's HPS List Finish<sup>n</sup> and Terri Astle's 2x HPS List Finish. Terri and Ed Sutor 455-0786/ Terri Astle 571-0471. Join Ed and Terri as they party down! Each deserves warm cogratulations on his/her achievement. They will finish on an LA mountain. It shouldn't take long to get there.
- July 9-13 or 14 Picacho del Diablo. Baja. "Very strenuous, class 3-4, moderate paced, must be in excellent hiking condition before the hike, be able to pack light, sixth time, wonderful, isolated peak (north and south for those interested). The weather in July is really not too hot. We will lv SD around noontime and drive to the plateau for the first night, spend two nights at Campo Noche, and return to the trailhead Tuesday for those needing to get home. For those wanting a more leisurely return with a stop at Meling ranch, we will return Wednesday. If you are interested send a nonreturnable (unless canceled) donation of \$10 in order to reserve a spot and see who's really serious.
- July 10 Middle Peak-Sill Hill loop. Cuyamacas. Paul 583-0266. This is a hot time of year, so we can stay in the shade of the trees most of the way and visit a waterfall for comfort. 8-10 mi, 1400' gain. See Schad for more details. 1 hr drive to trailhead and 4-5 hr hike at a comfortable pace. Leave Msn Valley at 7:30.
- July 11 **POTLUCK** at Paul and Vicki's. Our house is located in the State College area. Take I-8 to Fairmount, then south in the right lane to Montezuma. Up Montezuma toward SDSU to the first right on Collwood. South on Collwood two lights and make a left (54th). Go north on 54th two blocks and make a left (Collier). Go two blocks and make a right (Austin Dr). We are at the end of the street- 4868 Austin. 583-0266. Give us a call and come on over. I am really looking forward to seeing my clubmates!!!!!!!
- July 17-18 San Gorgonio Backpack with Dennis Richards. 462-3643. "Join us on this strenuous exploratory backpack. Early Saturday we will drive up to our trailhead at Momyer (Mo-my-er) Creek and pack 7½ mi to Saxton Camp. Early Sunday we will hike to 10,806' Carlton Peak before returning to camp and packing out. Permit does not allow for a campfire. For info call betwixt 7-9pm weekdays." See the Hi-Sierran for more info.
- July 24 SD Orienteer at Pt Loma Seaview Park. Sunset Cliffs. Call Bill Gookin for details 578-9456.
- July 24 Clubmates Malcolm Fitzurka and Susan Chance get MARRIED! Congrats!
- July 31 Sill Hill Waterfall, Cuyamaca . Carl Johnson 448-8542. "3/4 day hike, moderate pace, could be hot, a somewhat hard to find beautiful little falls on the east side of Cuyamaca Peak, about 9 miles RT with Middle Peak." See Hi-Sierran.
- Aug 1-7 Big Pine Mule Trip. Carol Murdock 463-1279. Pat Granger asst. "Base camp at 5th Lake under the backdrop of the Sierra Nevada Palisades area. Mules carry gear, hikers carry only daypacks." \$75 and provide own food. See Hi-Sierran.
- Aug 21-28 High Sierra/2nd Annual Women Only Mule Trip. Terri Sutor 455-0786/ Jan Craven asst 455-9229. "The starting point for this trip is the Lake Sabrina area of the Sierra's, west of Bishop. We will hike approx 7 miles, 2000' gain to Hungry Packer Lake where camp will be set up for the week." Mules carry gear, hikers carry daypacks. \$60 and own food. From base we will dayhike, fish, or just enjoy the beautiful scenery.

# CALENDAR

Aug 20-30 Fri-Mon Sierra Tarahumara (Copper Canyon). Carl Johnson 448-8542.

strenuous adventurers, less strenuous adventurers, two groups part of the time. Take the bus from Tijuana or fly to Los Mochis, take the famous train to Bahuichivo-Cerocahui and Urique, train to Divisadero, train to Creel-Batopilas-Satevo, and return by train to Los Mochis-Tijuana. All of the accommodations are good, but rustic, with side trips for the strenuous adventures, very rustic. This a chance to go to this area with someone who might not otherwise want to go because they think it would be too difficult. I feel comfortable with the area and know enough local people to see some sights that most people would never have a chance to see. Nancy would be doing the less strenuous activities. August, in my opinion is the best time to see this area, everything is green, rivers are running, afternoons are cooled by thundershowers, and there are not as many tourists. At this time, this trip will not be a backpack unless there is sufficient interest. The cost for the entire trip, bus, air, lodging(some shared rooms), train, food(some self prepared), basically your expenses, everything kept to a minimum, 11 days, about \$500 to \$800 each depending on how many side trips are taken and how many baskets are bought. If you are interested send me a \$25.00 nonreturnable(unless I cancel the trip) donation to reserve a spot and to see who is really serious.

**September-October, 1993,tentative, Sierra Juarez, Rancho San Luis, weekend car camp to the sierra and to see mi amigo Chato. CARL**

Aug 22 Sun Orienteer, UCSD E of Supercomputer Bldg. Paul is organizing this "O". This is an excellent "beginners" area. Come on out people! 583-0266. Starts at 10 am.

Oct 2-3 CANOE TRIP- HOOVER DAM-Black Canyon-Colorado River. Paul 583-0266. 4th Annual. The first day we only go 3 miles in the canoes, but we get to visit 3 hot springs and a sauna cave and just have a relaxing time. Sunday we canoe 10 miles to Willow Beach and return to the cars about 3pm. This should get us into San Diego about 9pm. I will be negotiating with river guide Elden to provide 4 meals while we are on the river. He can also provide transportation for 15 from SD, if you prefer not to drive. Costs will be about \$100 per person. Children (8+) may be accepted on an individual basis. Let me know your likes/dislikes and they may get accommodated. Gold Strike Casino is only a couple miles from our meeting place, so you can have the option of spending Friday night there. We have the late launch, so you don't have to be ready until 8:30 am Saturday morning.

## CALVIN & HOBBS by BILL WATTERSON



