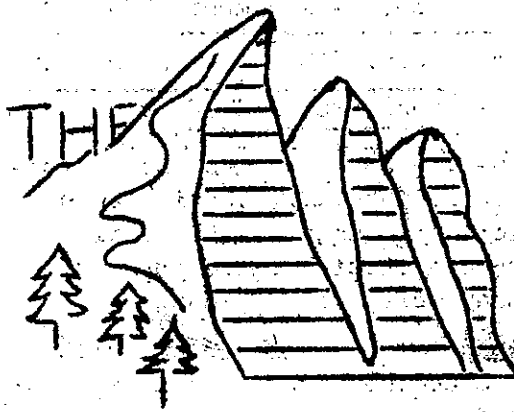


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FALL RITUAL: ENTER THE SKI MOUNTAINEERS

May thru October, the Rock Climbing Section handles Mugelnoos programming. The Ski Mountaineers enter the picture November, and continue thru April. The traditional November program was slides and films of last year's ski-mountaineer tours, by Cliff Cameron. RCS members are encouraged to continue attending Mugelnoos meetings as programs will continue to be of interest to both sections.

The RCS continues its activities during winter months with climbs and practice sessions. The Ski Mountaineers will have many one day beginners ski tours as soon as adequate local snow permits. Those interested in joining SMS on a scheduled overnight Sierra tour should receive an equipment checkout (1/2 hr prior to any Mugelnoos meeting), and appear on a local checkout tour to determine applicant's ability and condition. SMS ski tours can be fairly strenuous, and entail skiing with packs in varying snow conditions. This is alpine skiing, not Nordic. Applicants are required to know how to ski alpine downhill (SMS does not teach skiing).

R.C.S. ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICER'S SLATE

Ron Master was elected new 1979 chairman of the RCS. Sharing duties with Master are Frances Cholewa as Vice-Chair, Jim Sharpsteen as Secretary-Treasurer. The slate ran unopposed.

In one of its first moves, the new governing body convinced Andy Fried to remain 'in harness' as the Safety Committee chair. However, the Training Committee chair remains open, as well as the places on both committees. Persons interested are encouraged to contact Fried or Master.

John Ripley continues as RCS Historian.

Master cited the problem of senior members leaving the organization, which is expected to create a leader-shortage. As an example, he cited the loss of both Mendenhalls, and Al Fowler. One of the new management committee's priorities will be to screen leaders, and encourage certified leaders to assume a more active role. In addition, Master and company want to entice more new members to complete trip-leader's training so as to qualify for such slots.

One of the major hurdles in acquiring new members who in turn can move into leader's roles has been knocked down. The old stipulation that all members had to hold a valid First Aid card, and be CPR-certified, has been declared 'unconstitutional'. Master & company therefore expect many more climbers to become RCS members, offsetting last year's dismal acceptance of only 3 new members. It will be interesting to see if the hoped for resurgence of RCS members materializes. Financially, Master disclosed that RCS 'broke even' last year.

Following persons were dropped from RCS rolls due to lack of participation, or other:

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|-------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bauer, Steve | Dee, Diana | Katz, Steve | Parker, _____ |
| Bradford, Jack | Fowler, Al | Kinney, Jeff | Wilts, Janet |
| Brandsma, Maynard | Gnagy, Rich | Kropf, _____ | Wulf, Carl |
| Butler, Jim & Pat | Hornby, Dave | LeBreque, Dick | Young, Doug |

PETER HABELER TO LECTURE HERE MAY 18-19

Habeler, who with Reinhold Messner topped Everest sans oxygen and Sherpa support, will appear in L.A. with his Hidden-Peak & Everest lecture, courtesy of the Sierra Club's national mountaineering committee. See story inside.

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CALENDAR

11 25/26 RCS (T) Joshua Tree Nat'l. Mon-
 ument, Yount & Tidball
 11 25/26 Baldy Ski Hut closed
 12 03/04 Baldy Ski Hut, Wedberg hosts
 12 09/10 Baldy Ski Hut, Len Bayless host
 12 10 RCS (T) Stony Point Class, May-
 nard Brandsma
 12 13 SPS Banquet, Dee in Pamirs
 12 16/17 Baldy Ski Hut, Virgil Bayless
 12 19 Mugelnoos Meeting 7:30pm DWP,
 (eqpt checkout 7pm) R. Shepherd

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Good weather, good food, and good climb-
 ing saw a good turnout for this years
 RCS Picnic at Big Rock - Lake Perris.
 40 members and guests signed the regis-
 ter but many more were present.

Of all the day's notable climbs, Dick
 Mundwiler's completion of Northwest Pas-
 sage seemed to stand out among personal
 bests.

Others herded children along the beach,
 and one member even went water skiing.

This year, the RCS furnished refresh-
 ments: some 360 gallons of beer and soft
 drinks for every one's enjoyment. Altho-
 ugh some of the Clubs biggest consumers
 did not attend this year, not a drop
 was wasted.

Thanks to everyone who came and made
 this year's picnic such a success (AC)

CARLSON HANGS IT UP?

For Sale: Rock Climbing Equipment (Hard-
 ware) (714) 521-7952

OTHER FOR SALE:

1 pr. X-C Trac Rallye 190cm, fishscale
 base, Troll binding VG cond. 480-4287
 1 pr. Godille 190cm wood alpine skis, \$20
 Silvretta binding, VG cond. 790-4275
 Chouinard Baltoro pack \$25 Xlnt 790-4275

MUGELNOOS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

SMS & RCS volunteers are badly needed for the following:

- 1) MUGELMAILER: Phil Bruce will step down, soon. The job involves keeping accounts, handling subscriptions, mailing the Noos. A commercial firm produces the labels. See Phil for details.
- 2) MUGELGRAPHER: Chapter Office says we'll get better service if someone will come in one hour each month to run the mimeograph. They're overloaded, and desperately need help here. No experience required; just someone once a month to mimeo.
- 3) EDITORS: as of now, there are still opening for 1979 editors. If you've ever dreamed of a journalism career, jump at this! Sept & Oct '79 are available.
4. SUGGESTIONS: Mugelnoos welcomes member ideas for improvement. Let us know when you do/don't like something. Current question: should we change to offset format to avoid dependence on volunteer printing? Costs would increase, news would be less current. What say ye?

MONEY: pay your subscriptions (due last month) and send in contributions. We're lo-
sing money for the second straight year and must increase prices next year. Help us
 this year by paying your subscription on time.

Contact Mugelnoos Chair John Ripley, 5912 El Rancho Dr, Whittier 90606, 692-5050 to
 volunteer for above. Money should go to Phil Bruce. (John Ripley)

SKI MOUNTAINEERS CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting held on Oct. 25: officers present were C. Cameron, J. Wedberg, D. Mantle &
 B. Lilley. Old Business: Plan to form 'wilderness Skiing Section' dropped due to lack
 of interest by Snow Touring Committee. New Business: Active committee chairmen will
 be: Mugelnoos - John Ripley; Projection: John Wedberg. The spring ski touring schedule
 was planned (it appears elsewhere in this edition). Mugelnoos Programs tentatively
 were set as follows:

- Nov. 21 - Alpine ski touring (slides, possibly movie)
- Dec. 19 - Himalayan Trek by Dale Van Dalsem (slides)
- Jan. 16 - Sierra in a "Normal" winter - Birds Eye View (movie)
- Feb. 20 - Climbing in the Cascades by Cuno Ranschau (slides)
- Mar. 20 - Peak Bagging in Colorado (slides)
- Apr. 17 - Ascent of Noshaq, Afganistan, by Mark Goebel (slides)

(The 'Host' listed in the schedule for that date can be contacted re final arrangement)

SMS/RCS members having new addresses/phone numbers are urged to send this information
 to Mugelnoos editor, as well as to The Mugelmailer Phil Bruce, for publication.

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AN ALASKA STORY FROM YOUR EDITOR

Returning to the lush, green beauty of Juneau, Alaska, from the "white wilderness", I stole glances up majestic snow-capped Mt. Roberts as I lugged my huge blue pack across the channel to Bruce Botelho's new home in Douglas. There, my 8-yr. old daughter pranced about wearing one very delicate, fancy ladies black high-heeled shoe. "Who's the dressy doll that left a shoe at your place, Bruce?". The assistant Atty. General for the state of Alaska replied, "No doll. Found that shoe atop Mt. Roberts". "C'mon Bruce - you found a shoe like that atop a 3,666 ft. alpine climb?"

Bruce nodded, reached over and handed me a fancy engraved invitation. "That's where I found the shoe". It read: The Society for the Save The Raisins Foundation cordially invites you to its Last Annual Cocktail Benefit, Saturday, August 19, 1978 at seven-thirty in the evening above Tree Line on Mount Roberts, Juneau, Alaska. (RSVP) Formal Dress.

Hiking back off Mt. Roberts 1am after the party, Bruce found the shoe on the icefield below summit's saddle. Some mystery lady made it across the icefield, down slippery grass and scree, through soaked rain-forest trail, with only one shoe? I thought any lady that can descend 3666 feet on one high heel would be worthy of my friend Bruce.

Then there was the party itself. Juneau's climbers dream up incredible socials, and this was another of them. But, how to bring booze, wine, food, a bar, glasses, huge carpet, dishes, musical instruments up to the top of Mt. Roberts? Then, how did 80 people in formal attire manage to arrive on top for a party?

A day before the party, Bruce's house-mate (renter) alex ran his usual 5 miles up the north Douglas road. Clipping past the last house, he saw its owner again behind the huge telescope. This time he wasn't studying ships coming up Gastineau channel, he was peering skyward. Alex yelled, "what's fascinating you so up on Mt. Roberts?". The man yelled back, "Come see for yourself. If I told you, you wouldn't believe me". Alex halted, clambered the balcony and peered. He saw an Alouette helicopter with a piano slung underneath, trying to land it on top of Mt. Roberts. That's how all the party implements got up, and ultimately down.

Most guests, male and female, stuffed formal wear or reasonable facsimile into packs and hiked up. At the end of the 3600' climb, they changed into formal wear, partied, repacked the fancy duds for the hike down. Some wealthy types helo'd in. There was a drunken lady in evening dress up there, trying to dance with every male. Turned out she was off one of the visiting cruise ships. She somehow got on an airport bus, saw people in formal wear boarding a chopper and joined them unknowing she would wind up atop Mt. Roberts - she thought she'd be landed on her Princess cruiser.

Partying at 3,666' in Alaska means 2,000' above tree line, on snow, ice and rock with a gale blowing or a snow-storm. Luckily, this was one of the few nights that summer when things were quiet atop Roberts. We've heard of innovative mountaineer's parties. This Roberts bash certainly does credit to our colleagues of the far North.

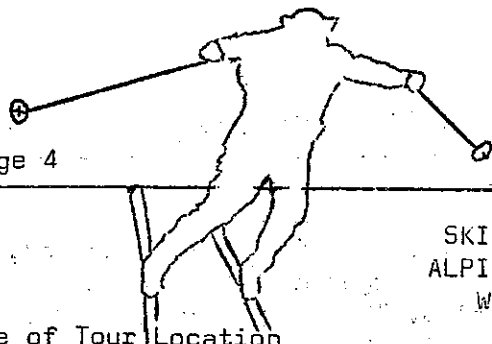
BALDY HUT REPORT

The San Antonio Ski Hut has "survived" another summer season, albeit a bit worse for wear and tear. Repairs were made after a couple more vandalism attacks, and wood was cut and stored which should be adequate for the coming winter. These actions and other chores were accomplished at the Fall work party in mid-October.

Looking ahead to another good spring skiing season on the mountain, the Ski Mountaineers Section has scheduled three tours at the Baldy Hut: one in Feb and two in March. As Mugelnoos readers are aware, we had excellent skiing on Baldy thru June this past season, and those who missed the fun and exhilaration of a good alpine ski tour combined with the convenience of staying with good companions at a high mountain hut should consider joining the SMS at Baldy in '79. Skiers who have not toured with the Section should receive a checkout prior to coming to Baldy. See the Chapter schedule booklet for checkout tours in Dec and Jan. (JW)

MORE ABOUT HABELER'S U.S. VISIT

S.C.M.C. has developed a lecture tour for Habeler, May '79. Beginning with New York, Peter will lecture in Burlington VT, Boston, Denver, Boulder, Boise, Salt Lake, L.A. San Francisco area, Palo Alto, Portland and Seattle. While here the 18-19, he'll (and wife Regina) stay with the Kingsley's, who might try to line up a few hours bouldering with the Habeler's between lectures in the San Gabriels. Habeler is considered by some to be superior to Messner in pure ability. Like Messner, he is a professional guide. Right now, he is lecturing in Austria, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and commanding \$1,000 fees. See, it pays to be one of the two world's greatest. All told 47 lectures at one grand - not bad. Now, if we could only get to finance the Club's Mtrng Committee -



SKI MOUNTAINEERS SECTION
ALPINE SKI TOURING SCHEDULE
Winter - Spring 1979

| Date of Tour | Location | For Information Contact |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 01 15 79 | Local Introductory Tour | George Shinno (213)664-1534 |
| 01 20 79 | Introductory Tour, Mammoth/June Mtn area | Barbara Lilley (213)886-4154 |
| 01 27/28 79 | Pear Lake Ski Hut (backpack) | Doug Mantle (213)822-2408 |
| (Alt 02 3/4 | | |
| 02 04 79 | Local Introductory Tour | Izzy Lieberman(213)391-6076 |
| 02 10/11 79 | Mt. San Antonio Ski Hut (backpack) | John Wedberg (213)472-6768 |
| 02 25 79 | Local Introductory Tour | Freeman Allen (714)624-5823 |
| 03 3/4 79 | Mt. San Antonio Ski Hut (backpack) | John Wedberg (213) 472-6768 |
| 03 11 79 | Local Introductory Tour | Walter Boge (213)781-4576 |
| 03 17/18 79 | Mt. Mary Auston/Black Mtn (joint w/SPS) (backpack/peak climb) | Doug Mantle (213) 822-2408 |
| 03 24/25 | Mt. San Antonio Ski Hut (backpack) | John Wedberg (213)472-6768 |
| 04 7/8 79 | San Gorgonio (backpack) | George Shinno (213)664-1534 |
| 04 21/22 79 | Sardine Cyn/Little Onyon Valley (car camp) | Barbara Lilley (213)886-4154 |
| 04 28/29 79 | Pear Lake Ski Hut (if avail.)backpack | Cliff Cameron (213)787-9830 |
| 05 12/13 79 | Inconsolable Range (joint w/SPS (backpack/peak climb) | Mary Omberg (213) 336-0442 |
| 05 19/20 79 | Mt. Dana/Mammoth skiing (car Camp) | George Shinno (213)664-1534 |
| 05 26/28 | Ritter Range (backpack) | Cliff Cameron (213)787-9830 |
| 06 2/3 79 | Rock Creek (backpack) | John Wedberg (213) 472-6768 |
| 06 9/10 79 | "Bonus" tour, if/where conditions permit | Barbara Lilley (213)886-4154 (BL) |

GOEBEL CROSS-COUNTRY'S ALPINE STYLE

The Winter months with snow are on the way. For you wilderness skiers looking for new, challenging excitement, I'd like to pass on some hints. (Note: for those who are firmly entrenched with alpine skis and old habits, this article is not for you.)

In the manner that climbers are pushing new limits with the aid of lightweight tools, the backcountry skier can now find freedom and downhill skiing capability with recently developed, alpine oriented, nordic gear and techniques. (Also great for making long, or short, approaches to winter climbs).

The traditional wood or fiberglass nordic ski without metal edges or sidecut; pin bindings and lightweight boots has often been described in these pages as unsuitable or unsafe for mountain use. Someone even said they aren't fun. For those that have not actually tried the arrangement, I can only say, "You don't know what it's all about".

The narrow, nordic ski, allows skiers to place more weight and thus edging power along the full length of the edge. The skis are lightweight, and thus very maneuverable. Because the foot is not clamped down, there is little chance for 'twisting' injuries. The lightness of the gear conserves energy, and allows longer distances to be covered in shorter periods of time.

Some of the newer products have been designed specifically for mountain use. Modern plastics make skis strong and durable, yet lightweight (4-lb 10-oz for 205cm), and they have sidecut, even full length metal edges. Lug-soled boots for pin-bindings, with heel locators to prevent sideways heel slippage, even low-cut shoes can be used.

For downhill, nordic skiing techniques, I refer you to a new and complete book entitled, "Cross Country Downhill and Other Nordic Mountain Skiing Techniques", by Steve Barnett. (Ed.'s note: Barnett is scheduled to lecture at REI either mid-Dec. or Jan.) Published by Pacific Search Press in Seattle, price is \$6.95 retail but I understand you can buy it from N. Kingsley for \$5.95. The book is loaded with descriptive photographs, and clear explanations of many different maneuvers such as tele-mark and open turns. For practice, try a downhill ski resort with gentle slopes like Sequoia-Wolverton, Badger Pass, or June Mtn.

So, with some practice, you can ski and explore where ever you like. When downhill terrain comes along, just carve those S-turns as tight or large as you desire. Total freedom is there, and you'll be limited only by your mind. (MG)
(Kingsley's note: Goebel's right. I'm selling these books into Canada, Australia, New Zealand at rapid clip. I'll pass them along to readers as long as I still have stocks)

MAMMOTH MTN SKI RATES APPROVED

Inyo Nat'l Forest confirmed new rates for Mammoth Mtn Ski area have been approved as follows: Adult all day \$13; child all day \$6.50; adult half day \$8; child half day \$4; ski school group all day \$14; group half day \$10; child all day \$14; child half day \$10; first timers \$14; private ski school lessons, \$24 per hour.

Mammoth rates are still less than other major California ski rates, namely those at Heavenly Valley and Squaw Valley. (BL from Inyo Register, Oct. 19, '78)