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**AVERAGE RCSer CLIMBS 7.6!**

By popular request, the secretary/treasurer has again compiled a statistical study of the RCS for the past season (1978-79). Number of members for full year: 52 (Present membership stands at 51). Number of climbing days: 67. Distribution of climbing days and (member) climbers:

0-6	6-6	12-0	18-3
1-3	7-1	13-0	19-2
2-4	8-1	14-2	20-0
3-3	9-3	15-0	21-3
4-6	10-1	16-1	28-1
5-3	11-2	17-0	

Average member's climbing days: 7.6 (5.8 last year).

The results are similar to last year, with one surprising difference; the absence of a significant bulge at four climbs (ed. note: this sentence makes an interesting pun). See MUGELNOOS No. 553 (16 Jan 79) if you are interested in further comparisons.

As for honors for most climbs, they read as follows: First Place, LeRoy Russ (28) Second, Dick DeRusha, Andy Fried, Ron Master (21 each); Third, Frances Cholewa, Mark Cole (19 each); Fourth, Dick Mundwiler, Jim Sharpsteen, Fred Wing (18 each); Fifth, Larry Tidball (16). JS

**A BLURB FOR OUR COMPETITION**

For a ski mountaineering saga read Sports Illustrated, November 19, 1979. Under the column "Yesterday", there is an account of Fridtjof Nansen's 150 mile ski trip to enter a ski jumping contest in Norway in 1884. Nansen later gained fame as a polar explorer (and as a statesman; he won the Nobel Peace prize in 1922, ed. note)

The December 10th issue, page 31 of Sports Illustrated, recounts the life of Herman "Jackrabbit" Smith-Johannsen, the world's oldest skier who still does ski mountaineering at the age of 104!

To quote Smith-Johannsen: "Skiing's gotten to be a money making racket. Nothing but high priced equipment, pretty clothes, lazy people. No one ever climbs a hill on skis anymore. They ride up. Same with cross-country skiing. These little bitty narrow skis, why you can't ski anywhere unless someone's already made a trail for you! Nobody knows how to bushwack anymore!" ED

**NO MORE RV PARKING AT MAMMOTH**

The Forest Service has announced that, although the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area parking lot has been available for RV parking in recent years, such parking will not be available this winter. Overnight use by RV's has hampered snow removal after storms, and has required drivers to contend with a steep, icy road, often under chain controls, in order to spend the night. It has also violated Forest Service regulations. This condition has been allowed to exist, and regulations have not been rigidly enforced, because there have been no alternatives within reasonable distance of Mammoth. With the conversion of Manzanita Park into an overnight facility, that alternative is now available.

Manzanita Park now has the capacity for up to 150 vehicles with winter-long snow removal and a variety of other services. Shady Rest (Forest Service) campground is open early and late in the season, but is closed when the snow deepens. Convict Lake (Forest Service) campground is open all winter. Although the road is not plowed it lies at a lower elevation, and is accessible some of the time. For current conditions, contact the Mammoth Visitor Center at 1-714-934-2505. (Inyo Reg 3 Jan 80)

**MECHANICAL MUNTER MONSTER**

Delrid has announced the availability of a new device, called a "Frog" Brake, which is designed for making a Munter Hitch for belaying. Two carabiners are used with the Frog, perhaps its main disadvantage. It is light weight (55Gm) anodized aluminum, with a large inner width which allows the Munter Hitch to reverse much more readily than on a standard carabiner. It appears to be strong enough for the purpose, but no test data is supplied. (ACC Gazette, Fall 1979). PS: It sells for \$9.98.

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CLIMB ALASKA JUNE 1980

Rock & Ice experience required. Glacier
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ested contact Scott Bailey, 4016 Miral-
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HELP NEEDED!

Those interested in serving on the Ski
Mountaineers' Election Committee are
asked to contact Cliff Cameron as soon as
possible. Nominations are also welcome;
call Cliff at 805-527-7995.

Next Issue: February 19, 1980
DEADLINE: Friday, Feb. 15.

MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of each
month, 7.30pm (7.00pm for Ski Mountaineer
equipment talk), IA Dept. of Water &
Power, 111 N. Hope St., Downtown IA.
Program, refreshments, climbers & skiers
and their guests all welcome!!!

Non-racers are needed to serve as time
keepers, gate keepers, starters, etc. for
the Baldy Bowl Ski Races, Mar 1-2.
Call RJ Secor (213-795-5520) or Owen
Maloy (714-551-5495).

CALENDAR

Jan 19-20 Ski Tour, Mammoth Secor
Jan 26-27 Ski Tour, Pear Lake Cameron
Jan 27 Rock Climb, Rubidoux Master
Feb 9 Rock Climb, Stony Point Fried
Feb 10 Local Intro Ski Tour Lieberman
Feb 16-17 Ski Tour, Baldy Hut Wedberg
Feb 19 MUGELNOOS MEETING Cameron
Feb 24 Rock Climb, Stony Point Russ
Feb 24 Local Intro Ski Tour\* Shinno
Mar 1-2 Baldy Bowl Ski Races Secor
\*Walt Davie will be out of town Feb 24.
George Shinno will take call re this tour.

RCS MEMBERS AND APPROVED NON-MEMBERS:
The Training Committee members will be
contacting you for your assistance and
participation in the 1980 Training Class.
Your cooperation will be appreciated. AF
& LR
Going to Mexico City in the near future?
Please contact RJ Secor (213-795-5520) &
take along a wedding present to deliver
to his honorary brother. The cargo is
legal & this request is sincere.

SAFETY TEST DATE SET

For those patient individuals who were
subject to the various logistical problems
of the 1979 Safety Test, the next test
has been set for Sunday, March 16. Snow
and gas lines permitting, the test will
be held at Pacifico. Reservations
required. Phone Don Pies at 213-374-
5745 by March 9. DP

RCS STUDENTS
The Fossil Falls trip (3/8&3/9) will be
a mandatory bus trip. The cost is \$19.00
per seat. Address checks to RCS and send
to me by February 29: LeRoy Russ
5830 Benner St.#207
IA 90042
MUGELNOOS) 213-258-1546

NEW ADDRESS

Bill Stauffer, 7414 Flight Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045 213-641-8201
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Frances Cholewa, 44 Park Avenue
Venice, CA 90291 213-399-6450

FOR SALE
130cm childrens Bonna skis, 55mm wide,\$10.
Childs ski-poles 110cm "Jofa", new \$3.
135 cm alu-racing poles, alpine, adult,\$10.
Heavy wool knicker sox, size 10-11, new\$2.
Childs lug soled Klettershoes \$5.
Call Norman Kingsley for more info: 790-
4275. (NK says he is 29 years old)

SMS ELECTION RESULTS

47 people cast ballots.
Results: YES NO
1. New text for Section IVA
(officers; election) to structure
the elections process more
definitively. 35 10
2. Revised wording of Section VA
(meetings) to permit petitions to
bring issues to a written vote of
membership. 35 10
3. Revised Section IVD1c
(Outings & Safety Coordinator)
defines duties more clearly. 39 6
4. Revised Section IVD3 (general
responsibilities of Central
Committee) Clarifies role with
respect to outings planning. 38 7
5. New Section IVD1e (membership
chairman) defines new, optional
role. 36 9
Two ballots were disqualified due to ir-
regularities. Their inclusion would not
have altered the results significantly. I&RB

KUDOS

Lloyd & Rosie Balsam for their work on the
recent Ski Mountaineers' election . . .
John Mendehall on his recent election
as Chairman of American Alpine Club Cascade
Section . . . LeRoy Russ for submitting
a MUGELNOOS report with no spelling errors.

WHAT WOULD "JACKRABBIT" SAY?

Mammoth Heli-Ski offers a unique oppor-
tunity for Alpine & Nordic skiers to try
some never before skied runs on Southern
Mono county slopes. The new helicopter
skiing service will utilize the French
built Alouette II helicopter capable of
carrying five skiers, a guide and pilot.
The service is home based in the Sherwin
Plaza complex and will have their landing
site near the Sierra Meadows Ski Touring
Center. For Info call 714-934-4494.

The cost is \$155 per full day including
lunch flown to you on the mountain;10,000
vertical feet are guaranteed for a full
day price. Half day will cost \$82.50, &
5,000 vertical feet is guaranteed.

Planned ski runs include the back side
of McGee Mountain, Hanging Valley, Sherwin
Bowl, San Joaquin & Mono Craters. BL