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#### PALISADE GLACIER SKI TOUR -- March 22-23

Between snow flurries a group of 6 Ski Mountaineers recently enjoyed challenging skiing below the terminal moraine of the Palisade Glacier.

On Saturday, while winds whipped new snow through the north fork of Big Pine Canyon, and an avalanche roared down the north wall of Mt. Alice, Sam R., Sue S., Peter B., Jacques B., Adrian A. and Mark G. skied up to Third Lake and established camp among the snowy peaks. During the late afternoon we tested the new snow left behind by the departing storm and checked out the route to the Glacier. The snow was rated heavy but skiable.

On Sunday the weather was clear and warm, and all hands zigzagged their way up to about 12,000' before tearing up the slopes on the descent. Sam Roberts was the star of the day by racing downhill in a series of giant GS turns, and from Crested Butte, Co., Sue Simmons descended with sweeping telemark turns on her 3-pins.

Challenging would describe the skiing from camp back to the cars, with many quick turns between the trees. As we started down, clouds were forming over the crest and they quickly moved eastward. First came the wind, and then new snow cleaning away our tracks from the slopes. A fitting end to a fine tour in a grand place. MG

#### SAN GORGONIO TOUR -- March 29-30

On Saturday morning seven skiers left the junction of the Poopout Hill and Jenks Lake roads. The road was blocked by a locked gate and snow. By noon the group arrived at South Fork Meadows for lunch after traveling most of the way on skis. Four skiers planned to stay only one day, so they spent the afternoon trying to ski very unconsolidated snow on Christmas Tree Hill before returning. The rest of us proceeded to Dry Lake where we made camp.

In the late afternoon we found excellent spring snow on the west face of Fish Creek Mountain above the lake and the rest of the day was spent tracking up that snow.

After a cold night, 8° F, we headed west through crusty and unconsolidated snow toward Mt. Charlton. The sky was partly overcast with a cool wind, so we were concerned if the skiing would be any good. However, after leaving our packs the sun started to warm the snow as we started up the west chute on Mt. Charlton.

When we reached the top, we found a large cornice and a very cold wind. However, in the chute we found excellent spring skiing if we were careful in the shaded areas.

After two excellent runs down the chute, we picked up our packs and carefully skied down toward Christmas Tree Hill. We found the worst skiing of the whole trip at Christmas Tree Hill. It was crusty powder and cement in the sun.

From South Fork Meadows we made a fast trip out on a well covered trail and road. We were able to ski within a half mile of our car.

On this trip we found some of the best skiing, and some of worst, I have ever seen in this area. However, the few areas with bad conditions were fun since they made one keep alert. The snow in the area is very deep, up to the ski trail markers near Mt. Charlton, so skiing should be good until late spring. BF

#### EQUAL TIME FOR R.J.

I would like to respond to Barbara Lilley's comments that appeared in the March issue of the Mugelnoos.

Barbara states that the author of the new by-laws neglected to submit a copy to the Angeles Chapter Council. I am uncertain whether the author did in fact submit the new by-laws to the Council. However, after perusing the numerous Section documents that are in my custody as acting Secretary, I have failed to locate anything in black & white that states that the by-laws must be approved by the Council. These documents were given to me by the former Secretary; perhaps she forgot to include them with the rest of the Section's archives. It would be appreciated if someone would advise the Secretary on the proper procedure. (Ed.: Excomm must approve, but has delegated it to the Council. Contact John Ripley.) Continued on page 3.

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C A L E N D A R

Apr 19-20 (SMS) Morrison Cyn	Ossofsky
Apr 19-20 (RCS) Tahquitz	Yount
Apr 26-27 (SMS) Mineral King	Goebel
May 3-4 (SMS) Thompson Ridge	Lilley
May 3-4 (RCS) Joshua Tree	Mundwiler
May 10-11 (SMS) Morgan Creek	Roberts
May 17-18 (SMS) Basin Mtn	Maloy
May 23-26 (SMS) Mt Shasta	Goebel
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Anyone finding two Bonatti Ultralite bi-  
ners with nail polish on the lettering  
and the inside of the gate, at Fossil  
Falls, please call Bill Leventhal (213)  
888-9029. They may also be with RCS train-  
ing gear. (Ed. and RCS Equipt Ch: I have  
one Bonatti 2000/600, not marked "Ultra-  
lite", but with coloring in letters and  
gate. Call me at (213) 476-4398. FW)

PINNACLES--Apr 5-6: After four leaders  
phased out For good reasons), our esteem-  
ed member, Nick Clinch, emerged as the  
leader of this illfated trip. He reports  
that only two RCS climbers showed up- Fr  
night, that it was then raining hard and  
so continued Sat, so he called off the  
"climb" at noon. I guess this lovely area  
is now just too far. FW

BUS TO TUOLOMNE, LABOR DAY

Based on the success of the recent Fossil  
Falls bus trip, consideration is being  
given to running a charter to the Tuolomne  
Climb. Price will be about \$40.00, but we  
will need nearly 40 riders. Non-climbers  
would be welcome, with stops arranged in  
Yosemite Valley, if desired. Another poss-  
ibility, if we cant get 40, is to block  
space on the West LA charterer for back-  
packers, to the same destination. That  
price is \$45.00 (Greyhound costs a little  
more). Sleep on the way up, enjoy the warm  
afterglow of a beautiful weekend coming  
back, and save gas! If interested, contact  
LeRoy Russ or Jim Sharpsteen. JS

MEMORIAL DAY YOSEMITE TRIP: No group site  
is available. Leader Len Hall will try to  
reserve some sites in Upper Pine Campground  
and that bulletin board is the message cen-  
ter; but--all climbers are on their own.

OUR CHAIR TAKES A TRIP

As some of you already know, RCS CH Frances  
Cholewa is staying in Bishop for a while,  
but expects to be in close touch and to be  
down often - and soon. Her present address  
is with friends at 587 N 3d St, Sp 31, Bis-  
hop, CA 93514, but she may soon have a place  
of her own.

CARPOOLING

With the price of gas, climb participants  
should contact the leader for driver and  
rider information, as well as letting them  
know you are coming. Let's help our leaders.  
We need them. No leaders, no trips! Sierra  
Club #223 suggests .05/mile.

FOSSIL FALLS SLIDES

The Desert Committee is collecting slides  
of the Fossil Falls area. Individuals with  
slides of this area and willing to share  
them, should contact Jim Dodson, 43730  
Higbee, Lancaster, CA 93534.

AAC AWARDS

AT its annual meeting in December, the Am-  
erican Alpine Club awarded Honorary Member-  
ships to our own Nick Clinch, our own hon-  
orary Royal Robbins, as well as Yvon Chou-  
inard and, posthumously, Willi Unsoeld, who  
moved us so with his description of the  
death of his daughter, and whose own death  
saddened us all. His award was received by  
Jolene Unsoeld. Her AAC membership is an-  
nounced in the March AAC News (Ruth D. Men-  
denhall editor), as well as that of Vivian  
Margaret Mendenhall, Ruth's and John's  
daughter.

"CAMPFIRE NOTES" (continued from page 4)

- Randy Sheaff -- A climbing suitcase
- Virgil Shields -- Early returns
- Larry Tidball -- Salami cutting lessons
- Fred Wing -- Charles Atlas in a three  
piece suit (Ed.: I have one suit, but  
can't meet the Atlas part.)
- Emory Yount -- A model for student clim-  
bers.
- All Students -- Welcome and come out  
regularly.

Missing names: You didnt qualify! IR

RAY BEAL

The Editor personally acknowledges the loss  
(months ago) of our companion Ray Beal. I a  
and his other friends knew and enjoyed  
his skills as a climber and his ideas. It  
will impossible to replace him. FW

EQUAL TIME (continued from page 1)

Miss Lilley states that there was no advance notice in the MUGELNOOS regarding the nominations at the February meeting. As I recall, I placed such an announcement in the January MUGELNOOS. Members may wonder why there is an announcement in the current Chapter schedule regarding SMS elections at the April meeting. At the time of the schedule deadline, I was uncertain as to whether the new by-laws would be approved by the membership. As a political scientist I am well aware of the difficulty in predicting political behavior.

Our former Secretary further states that "a legal election can still be held at that time under present by-laws." If Miss Lilley is present at the April meeting, with a court injunction and a Los Angeles County Marshal, then I see no way that such an action can be prevented. However, should an election as stipulated under the 1972 by-laws be held at the April meeting, I insist that it be conducted according to those by-laws. Part IV, Section A, Sentence 2 states that the members present "shall cast their votes by secret ballot." To the best of my memory, I cannot recall a SMS election being held by a secret ballot. The elections that I attended reminded me of my election as President of my eighth grade home room.

(Under the "requirements for membership" in the 1972 by-laws, it states that members "must display an attitude of harmony and cooperation with other members of the Section." I certainly hope no one enforces this by-law in the future; if anyone does, we have lost half of the active membership. Maybe this wouldn't be such a bad idea after all . . .)

Under these circumstances, I see two choices before Miss Lilley:

(1) Get a court injunction, and stop the election by mail.

or

(2) Pound sand. RJS

(Ed.: We publish the news; we don't explain it.)

A LOVELY DAY AT THE ROCK

It was a cold and cloudy morning. The valley below was covered with snow. At 5 AM, it was a perfect day for a climb as three intrepid RCSers -- Tom Jeter, Virgil Shields and Paul Morill -- headed off to climb the Trough. The ice which coated the expanse of the route varied from thin ver-glas to thick water-ice and even contained overhanging sections. After a full day of climbing only three pitches, having their photographs taken by a National Geographic photographer, having set their first-ever pitons and ice screws, and Virgil Shields' setting of a personal record of four hours belaying from the same belay ledge, they retreated to the more relaxed climate of Suicide, only to find that RCS leaders Dave Perkins and Larry Tidball had cancelled the climb and retreated to the soft security of warmer climates. A warm Sunday morning saw Jeter, Shields and Greg Stevens (who had arrived the previous night, just in time to prevent a mysterious marauder from stealing a bag of cookies from Virgil Shield's pack), climbing Euphoria (5.6,A2) at Suicide, while Paul Morrill and two friends, Donna and Neal Montgomery, attempted the Green Arches (5.8, A2) at Tahquitz. After ascending to the top of Paisano Pinnacle, with Greg making a valiant attempt to make an A2 route, A3 or A4, storm clouds moved in and quickly filled the valley. As Tahquitz faded in and out behind the clouds and mist which had obscured our view of all but our immediate surroundings, we exited Paisano Pinnacle in the most improbable manner by way of Superfly (5.8?), as Greg Stevens leaped across the intervening chasm and deposited himself chigger-like on slight depressions on the opposite wall. His two companions followed with considerable hesitation. All three then proceeded to kick steps through the snow with their EB's over the top of Suicide. And after two rappels intermixed with down-climbing the Garbage Gulch (5.1), they reached the base of their climb not long after the moon had risen. VS

KERN RIVER SKI TOUR -- March 15-16

This tour took place in the beautiful Quaking Aspen area which has abundant flat and rolling terrain. Generally speaking, it is therefore best suited for Nordic type touring.

As we started out for the Needles Saturday morning, the clouds closed in and visibility became poor. We therefore changed the objective, returned to the car and drove a couple of miles south where the weather was sunny, and did a leisurely tour along the road to Dome Rock. We were rewarded -- for putting up with snowmobilers on the unplowed road -- with a magnificent view of the Kern River Valley.

Saturday night car/snow camp was made near the Ponderosa Lodge at the end of the plowed road.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny and we headed for the Needles. The view north from the rim of the valley was great as we made our way to the base of the Needles. Unfortunately, time did not permit climbing up to the . . . (Continued on page 4)

## Kern River Ski Tour (continued from page 3)

Forest Service lookout tower on top.

The trip back was made somewhat difficult as the snow had started freezing on the downhill run back to the car.

Although we had a small group, the participants agreed that it was a fine trip which will no doubt be repeated.

Although there is an abundance of gentle terrain in this area, the trip to the Needles requires intermediate or better skiing ability including downhill regardless of the type of skis that are used. WB

BALDY FORMULA STILL WORKS

The time-tested combination of Mt. San Antonio's steep, south-facing slopes, February snowfall and March sunshine was found to be still valid on the scheduled Alpine tour to the Baldy Hut March 15-16. As usual, this event was sparsely attended. Only 7 participants showed, and two of those for one of the two days (although we were graced by the presence of the annual BMTC ice ax hordes, whose leaders chose the dangerous Baldy Bowl for their practice sessions when the Angeles Crest Hwy was washed out, preventing them from using their normal areas).

Four to five runs on Baldy's primo granulated corn were enjoyed on Sun, the Sat schedule being abbreviated when a whiteout closed in and the group returned to the Hut to await the whims of the weather after only one run down from the Devil's Backbone. Just before sunset the sky cleared and a second run down the west-facing chute in back of the Hut, salvaging Sat's calendar.

It remains a mystery to this reporter why our San Antonio Ski Hut stays aloof from the majority of the Ski Mountaineers. It's a far better facility in every way than, say, the grimy Pear Lake Hut (our john is outside and our fresh spring water inside, for example!). Sun's skiing was confined to the acrea of smooth spring corn below the Devil's Backbone, where finer recreation cannot be had! Polishing off the weekend, a final super run was done on that same steep chute in back of the Hut. Four skiers serpentineing down the picture-perfect granulated surface brought the weekend to a close, and kicked off our 1980 season with the first spring tour of the year.

There were some other great tours to Baldy during March and April not on the SMS schedule, which were enjoyed by unfortunately only a scant few. If we had more die-hards around (like Ron Milnarik season before last), there would be skiers on Baldy's perfect corn in May and June this year! JW

"CAMPFIRE NOTES" (Of One Who's Seen Too Many Rocks!)

Mindy Bagdon	-- A four climbs a year model
Leonard Bayless	-- Welcome back
Dave Burdett	-- A return to Fossil Falls and wine-making
Jim Campbell	-- A trip to "The Balls"
Ruth Carter	-- An executive mobile home
Frances Cholewa	-- A match for Kathy
Mark Cole	-- Ageless wunderkind
Kathy Crandall	-- A match for Frances
Dick DeRusha	-- Lifetime Sierra Club membership
Bob D'Evelyn	-- A lost rope and an apology from an S&R team
Jim Erb	-- Lead a trip for <u>us</u> !
Al Fowler	-- Four trips this year?
Andy Fried	-- A trip and partner that goes
John Halcomb	-- Is this guy a ghost?
Leonard Hall	-- Royal Arches with Dick Olson this year
Paul Harris	-- A climbing painting
Jim Hoste	-- Same as Al Fowler
Glenn Kaplan	-- Andy needs you
Stan Klein	-- Tollhouse Rock and no long falls
Ron Master	-- Beer distributor
Randy McDonald	-- Talks too much
John Moore	-- " " " too
Dick Mundwiler	-- Campfire arguments
Dave Perkins	-- An address and telephone number
Don Pies	-- A return to long climbs
John Ripley	-- A walking memory bank
LeRoy Russ	-- ? (If he doesnt know, I wont try! Ed.)
Tim Ryan	-- May the <u>little one(s)</u> be strong hiker(s)
Jim Sharpsteen	-- One more year as Secretary

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