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SKI MOUNTAINEERS CENTRAL COMMITTEE ELECTION

The following candidates have been nominated for the SMS Central Committee:

Kathy Crandall	Mark Goebel	Owen Maloy	R. J. Secor
Andy Fried	June Lane	Mary Omberg	Jackie Van Dalsen

All SMS members should have received ballots with this issue, and those who don't should send a SASE to SMS Elections Committee, c/o John Wedberg, 1374 Stradella Road, L.A. 90024. Completed ballots must be returned to John Wedberg by April 17. RJS

AND NOW FOR EQUAL TIME

ELECTION TIME! Ballots for the first "legal" election by mail for Central Committee members of the Ski Mountaineers Section are being mailed out with this issue of Mugelnoos, providing an opportunity for all members to express their approval or disapproval of the methods by which the SMS has been operated during the past year. Any SMS member who did not receive a ballot with his Mugelnoos or needs additional ballots for family members should contact John Wedberg, 1374 Stradella Road, L.A. 90024, ph. 472-6768 (before 8 PM) right away. BL

STONEY POINT

Last month's issue contained an article on the status of Stoney Point and the efforts being made for its purchase by the City of Los Angeles for conversion into a City Park for recreational purposes, including climbing. Councilman Hal Bernson, whose district includes Stoney Point, has sponsored a bill, calling for such purchase, which is to be voted on at the March 30 meeting of the City Council. Club members and other interested people are urged to write as many Council members as possible in support of this bill, stressing the desirability of such a park, and that no City funds are needed for the purchase, as State bond and "Quimby" funds, already on hand, are sufficient. Refer to Council File No. CF-76-4723. The address is 200 N. Spring St, City Hall, LA 90012. Members by District No, name and Room No. are: (1) Bob Ronka, Rm 290; (2) Joel Wachs, Rm M39; (3) Mrs. Joy Picus, Rm 281; (4) John Ferraro, Rm M30; (5) Zev Yaroslavsky, Rm 239; (6) Mrs. Pat Russell, Rm 260; (7) Ernani Bernardi, Rm 240; (8) Robert Farrell, Rm 380; (9) Gilbert Lindsay, Rm 230; (10) Dave Cunningham, Rm 237; (11) Marvin Braude, Rm 275; (12) Hal Bernson, Rm 236; (13) Peggy Stevenson, Rm 317; (14) Arthur Snyder, Rm 333; (15) John Gibson, Rm 375. TJ

CHAPTER APPROVES NEW SMS SAFETY POLICY

The Angeles Chapter Safety Committee approved the new SMS safety policy on March 2, 1981, and it is now in force. Copies will be sent to all leaders and to anyone else who asks for one. Send SASE to Owen Maloy, 4591 Green Tree Lane, Irvine 92715. The reason for this new policy is that the SMS has always operated under its own rules which were consistent with those of the Chapter, particularly with regard to leadership training. The new policy represents an agreement between the Chapter and the SMS that SMS training is reasonable so long as leaders are in fact adequately trained in First Aid, navigation and snow safety. Under this policy, all SMS ski tours, hard or easy, are rated 'T', and are led by leaders holding the SMS 'T' rating. All ski tour leaders must also hold an Angeles Chapter 'I' rating (or better). Exceptions can be made for out-of-town leaders. To obtain the 'T' rating, a new leader must have First Aid, navigation and ski-touring skill and experience equivalent to the Sierra Club Ski Mountaineering Test. This is essentially the same policy adopted by the section on January 17, 1940, when the SM Test was adopted as the criterion for Big Badge membership. Until 1954, only Big Badge members were considered qualified leaders. Since then the same standards have been observed, but less formally. The new policy merely clarifies how these standards are to be applied and made consistent with the Chapter's standards for First Aid and navigation training. (Continued on page three.)

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month, 7:30 pm, Dept of Water & Power
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free. Program, refreshments, conversa-
tion. Climbers, skiers, guests welcome!

CALENDAR

- Mar 21-22, Sat-Sun. Horton Lakes ski tour
Osofsky/Maloy
- Mar 21-22, Sat-Sun. Fossil Falls bus trip
climb. Campbell/Burdett
- Mar 28, Sat. Big Rock. Yount/Mundwiler
- Mar 28-29, Sat-Sun. Big Pine Creek ski
tour. Goebel/Cameron
- Apr 4-5, Sat-Sun. White Mtn ski tour
Maloy/Duryea/Yamagata
- Apr 3-5, Sat-Sun. Joshua Tree. Crandall/
Cole
- Apr 11-12, Sat-Sun. San Gorgonio ski tour
Wilkie/Boge
- Apr 15-19, Wed-Sun. Ionian Basin ski tour
Maloy/Feldmann/Yamagata
- Apr 17-19, Fri-Sun. Joshua Tree. Stevens/
Perkins
- Apr 21, Tue. Mugelnoos Meeting: Hosted
by SMS
- Apr 25-26, Sat-Sun. Pear Lake ski tour
Goebel/Fried
- May 2-3, Sat-Sun. Tahquitz. Russ/Tidball
- May 2-3, Sat-Sun. San Joaquin Mt/Glass Mt
ski tour. Crandall/Yamagata
- May 9, Sat. Pacifico. Big wall workshop
Pies & RCS Safety C'ee
- May 10, Sun. Pacifico. Safety Test. Pies
& RCS Safety C'ee
- May 9-10, Sat-Sun. Onion Valley ski tour
Feldmann/Maloy
- May 16-17, Sat-Sun. Sabrina Basin ski
tour. Goebel/Crandall

JOSHUA TREE CLIMBS IN APRIL

Kathy Crandall & Mark Cole will lead the
Apr 3-5 climb, switching with Greg Stevens
& Dave Perkins, who'll now lead the Easter
trip Apr 17-19. Sheep Pass Cpg Site 6 is
reserved for Apr 3-5. Indian Cove Cpg Site
1 is reserved for Apr 17-19. Greg knows
the climbing at Indian Cove and is an-
xious to introduce people to it. The
stream in Rattlesnake Creek & canyon
should be running and that, with the foli-
age, should make it a great family week-
end. KC

PEAR LAKE HUT TOUR, APR 25-26

We have been able to secure a limited num-
ber of spaces in the hut for this trip. For
a reservation, send \$3 (nonrefundable) to
Mark Goebel, 1632 Barry Ave, LA 90025 along
with the other usual info. Others who wish
to snow camp are of course welcome. MG

BIG ROCK, MAR 28

This is a large granite face offering many
fine routes, mainly friction, of various
degrees of difficulty. It is near the east-
ern end of mile-long Perris Dam, which con-
tains the waters of Lake Perris, a few mile
SE of Riverside. Take Rte 395 south out of
Riverside for a few miles. Turn east on the
Ramona Expressway. 2-3 miles and 2-3 traf-
fic lights later, turn left on the road
(well marked) to Lake Perris State Park.
At the toll gate (it used to be \$1.50 per
car) ask for directions to the Big Rock
parking area. The road runs along the foot
of the dam - about a mile. A trail leads
around the dam, over a shoulder and back
down to lake level at the Rock. To get to
Rte 395 at Riverside, take Rte 60 (Pomona
Fwy) straight thru Riverside (60 becomes
395). From Orange Co, Long Beach, San Pedro
and South Bay areas, take Rte 91 (Riverside
Fwy) but turn off about 8 miles short of
Riverside, south onto Van Buren Blvd, which
intersects 395 just north of Ramona Express
way. This saves 8-10 miles. EY

CLIMBING IN PERU

Scott Bailey plans to climb, between mid-
May & mid-June, in Peru - aiming for Huas-
caran. He has contacts who are savvy about
making arrangements. Anyone interested
call Scott at (213) 832-6131. SB

LOCAL MOUNTAINS HAVE THEIR TURN

So. California's own "miracle" in the form
of 3 to 5 feet of new snow in early March
has now assured good ski touring on Baldy
and San Jacinto into early April at least
and San Gorgonio for much longer. Call John
Wedberg (eves before 8 ap) for latest snow
condition of Baldy. Altho the San Antonio
Hut is still closed due to the forest fire,
weekend tours can still be made by staying
at Harwood Lodge. BL

WANTED

Skis. 170-175-180 cm. Alpine w/o bindings.
John Wedberg (213) 472-6768 (before 8 pm)

FOR SALE

One pair Trappeur "Nanda Devi" expedition
double boots. Size 10.
One pair Rossignol "Classique Two" skis
(170 cm length) w/ Silvretta "Model 300"
alpine touring bindings.
All aqipment like new. Prices negotiable.
Call or write: Bill Krause, 321 S Charvers
Ave, W Covina 91791 (714) 621-7587.

A MESSAGE AND SOME FUN FROM RUTH MENDENHALL

Here's a letter I received:

Dear Fred,

George Wallerstein, a former member of the RCS & Ski Mtrs., sent me this cartoon with the request that I re-draw it (I did) and forward it to Mugelnoos.

Sounds as if conditions are as bad in Colorado as here.

It was great to see you at Mug. last month.




Ruth

R. Mendenhall 3/1/81

The conditions reflected in the cartoon may now be out of date, but here goes my feeble and unsteady attempt to reproduce the cartoon.

It was great for a lot of us seeing Ruth and John last month!

Submitted to Mugelnoos by George Wallerstein, who is spending a year in Boulder, Colorado, and says this cartoon reflects conditions in the Colorado Rockies. GW is a former member of the RCS and Ski Mountaineers.

R E N T A L S		
SKIS \$1.00 All Day	ICE SKATES \$2.00 All Day	CRAMPONS \$5.00 Here. \$10.00 at Depot Chair
		
"The price should reflect the interaction of supply and demand." M. Friedman.		
		WELCOME TO POWDER BASIN G.W.

SMS SAFETY POLICY (Continued from Page One)

What this means is that while a new leader will need to attend the Chapter's Leadership Training lectures, obtain First Aid and CPR cards, and pass a navigation checkout, the rest of the training is up to the Section. Normally an overnight snow camp leader must have an 'M' rating, which requires additional Chapter training, but the SMS has always been exempted because of the Section's higher standards for snow training. This exemption is now formal and permanent.

If there is rock or snow climbing incidental to a tour, the leader must be capable of leading such a climb, and the tour will be rated 'T/M' (Class 3) or 'T/E' (Class 4), as appropriate. These ratings only apply when participants are expected to really need ice axe, crampons and a rope for safety, not to the usual easy summit scramble.

There is a provision for technical climbing, jointly with RCS, under RCS rules, for those who want to do some serious winter mountaineering. When the SMS and RCS were young, many people who belonged to one section also belonged to the other. They skied in the winter and climbed in the summer, and didn't worry if things overlapped a bit.

The policy also recognizes the regular Angeles Chapter trip rating system and corresponding leadership ratings for non-skiing trips, if any.

On any trip, there is one principal leader who must have at least one assistant with the same rating. The principal leader has the sole authority to screen participants. The former "guest" policy, in which any qualified leader could bring any guest for whom he or she would accept responsibility, no longer applies. This practice is perfectly reasonable in the RCS, where people climb in ropes of two or three, but led to dissension in the SMS where an entire group skis together.

Leaders have complete authority to determine the equipment and skill requirements for the ski tours or other outings they lead. The policy states that Fourth Class skiing ability and the use of equipment designed for mountaineering should be required except for the easiest ski tours. It would be foolish to take someone who cannot even snowplow into the backcountry. The purpose of the Fourth Class test is "To determine the candidate's competence to engage in easy cross-country ski tours." The section runs checkout tours to assist leaders in screening participants. Checkout tours will include Third Class as well as Fourth Class testing, since Third Class skiing ability is required for leaders and possibly also for participants on more difficult trips.

There is no distinction in the rules between Nordic and Alpine equipment or technique, but it is required that leaders and participants be competent on each "substantially different" kind of equipment they use.

The policy incorporates very slightly modernized versions of the Sierra Club Ski Tests and the Ski Mountaineering Test, eliminating archaic wording, and providing for ways of passing the tests on tour rather than in a formal test requiring a preset course. Because the Sierra Club no longer has a Winter Sports Committee, the SMS is now the sole custodian of the tests within the Sierra Club.

It should be emphasized that this new written policy simply codifies existing SMS practices and makes them consistent with Angeles Chapter policy (and vice versa). It does not change the essential purpose of the section, namely, "to enjoy skiing in mountain wilderness with the comradeship and safety of a group." OM

BUTTERMILK COUNTRY SKI TOURS
February 14-15, 1981

Finally the Ski Mountaineers found a little snow. The idea of skiing the canyons west of Bishop didn't work out too well -- the road we tried was closed by snow several miles away from the interesting skiing. Abandoning that, we drove up Bishop Creek and found that the snow had melted so much that the rocks were showing. Finally, we simply skied to Lake Sabrina and toured the lake.

Having had enough of that, we went to Mammoth and explored the Sherwin Bowl area. We were accompanied by the youngest newly-qualified skier -- Billy Ossosky, age 10, using his brand-new Ramer bindings. Roy Arnold also passed the Fourth Class test in typical mountaineering snow (half-frozen Sierra cement). OM