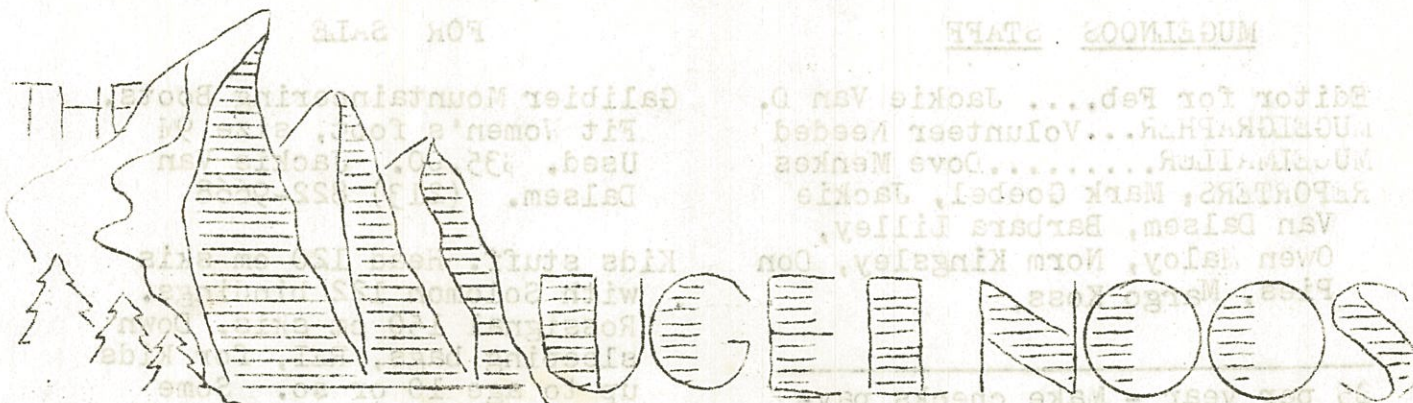


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SKI SEASON LOOKING GOOD

With recent local and Sierra snow, the skiing season is off to a fast stride. The recent storm, however, was so fierce, that the Pear Lake trip had to be cancelled, on Forest Service advice, with a refund, of course. Mark Goebel and Kathy Crandall held the annual local training camp at San Jacinto last weekend with a record turnout. We may have some new members!

John Wedberg is hosting Baldy Hut Feb 19-21 (3 day weekend) so give him a call. He was up there last weekend and he skied from the road. All we need now is a little bit more consolidation. Baldy will again be hosted by SMS members, R.J. Secor and John Wedberg, on February 26-27. Looks like a good year at the hut -- fully equipped and comfy.

Jean Francois Haas, our resident Frenchman, will be leading his experience trip March 5-6 to San Jacinto from the west (Humber Park). The snow should remain skiable til then and attempts to climb Marion, Jean, and San Jac are in the plans. This will be an overnigher.

Andy Fried and Mary Gygax are holding their annual Southern Sierran Tour March 12-13. It was great last year and there wasn't even as much snow as there is now. Send these leaders SASE's or give them a call. Most of these tours are open to nordic as well as Alpine.

An alternative to the Mar 5-6 local trip is a Mammoth area tour led by Rick Campbell. Jumping ahead, the April Pear Lake 3 day trip is booked. March meeting will host Walt Boge and Ed Unge presenting their slides of a 1982 XC tour of Sweden.

JVD

MAMMOTH CHECK-OUT

The SMS Mammoth checkout was a great success. Eleven people day-skied Duck Pass, or to be precise the slightly higher col half a mile northeast of it (a better pass for skiers, by the way --more gradual on both sides. The people listed below qualified for SMS membership and for almost any SMS tour by skiing to the pass from Tamarack Lodge in four hours skiing time (at least seven miles each way and 2200 feet of gain.) and skiing down without incident in difficult snow -- everything from powder to frozen corn and breakable crust in one gully. Note that Bill Osssofsky, age 12, is Sy's son. Bill did fine; his main complaint was that he couldn't hot--dog the mountain because he was wearing mountaineering boots.

Gregory Jordan, Martha Solman, Michael Wilder, Paul Kenworthy, Bill Osssofsky, Steven Matthews, Barbara Matthews, John Rlumthal, Andrew Lovell.

STONEY PT. MAKEUP

RCS students and instructors: The rained-out Stoney Pt. climb has been rescheduled for March 12 at Stoney Pt.

MK

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MUGELNOOS MEETING: Third Tues.  
 of each month, 7:30 pm, Dept of  
 Water and Power Cafeteria (Orange  
 Rm) or Auditorium, 111 N. Hope,  
 downtown L.A. Parking free. Pro-  
 gram, conversation -- climbers,  
 skiers, & guests all welcome!

C A L E N D A RSki Mountaineers

2/26-27 Baldy Hut; Secor  
 3/5-6 San Jac; Jean F. Haas  
 3/12-13 So. Sierra; Fried  
 3/19-20 Baldy Races; Wilkie  
 3/5-6 Twin Lakes; Campbell  
 March 15 Mugelnoos Meeting  
 XC skiing in Sweden - Boge and  
 Unge

Rock Climbing Section

Big Wall Workshop: Location -  
 Stoney Pt. Time - Sat Apr  
 19, 9:00. RCS members and  
 signed-off proficiency card  
 holders only. No reservations  
 required. See March Mugelnoos  
 for more details.

D.P.

March 12 Practice climb,  
 Stoney Pt. Training committee  
 (re-schedule of rained-out  
 climb)

March 12 Stoney Pt: For those  
 who still need a bucket test  
 make-up. 8:30 am in advance,  
 you MUST contact Kent Withers  
 or Paul Harris. Harris' new  
 phone as of Feb 17 is: (213)  
 452-0676.

Snow report for Palms Springs  
 Aerial Tram: (619) 325-4227

FOR SALE

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 Fit Women's foot, size 9M  
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 Dalsem. (213) 822-9668

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 with Solomon 122 bindings.  
 Rossignal 150 cm skis. Down  
 sleeping bags, REI, for kids  
 up to age 10 or so. Some  
 nice boots, lug soles, some  
 new never used, others, good  
 shape. Small sizes up to  
 men's 7. John Wedberg. Call  
 before 8 PM. 472-6768

Lowe Trek I-Pack \$85. Call Jim  
 794-0702. Please leave message.

Jans Sport internal frame pack.  
 Used. \$35. Call Jackie Van  
 Dalsem: 822-9668

Wanted

Ramer Bindings, used. Call Shaun  
 Murphy, 893-5983. Also skins.

Everest Film to Screen

"Everest: The North Wall", a  
 short feature length professional  
 film with Lou Whittaker, narrated  
 by Robert Redford, will be presen-  
 ted by Big Lou in person on April  
 29, 7pm at Saxon Auditorium, Pasa-  
 dena City College, Colorado Bl., &  
 Hill.

The film describes the recent  
 tragic climb of Everests north sidd  
 from the Chinese side. Whittaker  
 will be on hand before and after  
 the film with comments about the  
 climb. Tickets are available by  
 mail prior to the show. Send check  
 or money order for \$4.00 along  
 with ASASE to Bannister, 1562 No.  
 Los Robles, Pasadena 91104. Cut  
 off date Apr 15. After that, tick-  
 ets will be sold at the box office  
 for \$5.00.

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SMS ELECTIONS

Ballots will be mailed to all  
 members with the March Mugel-  
 noos. Candidates may be nom-  
 inated by written communication  
 with the elctions Committee or  
 from the floor at the Feb. Mugel-  
 noos meeting. Election Committee  
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SIERRA CLUB MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

The Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee is an enigma to many members within the Club. Originally set to provide a forum for climbing group/sections within the club, it has developed into the only national advocate of mountaineering within the Club. It is literally the only remaining voice the Clubs mountaineering community has to make its presence felt at the national Council and Board of Directors level. With the recent rapid growth of membership of the Sierra Club, a number of major Club leaders have tended to downgrade the climbing sections, believing the latter are a tiny minority among a huge membership supposedly totally devoted only to political and environmental issues. Therefore, the national mountaineering committee has had to reassert the "mountain" heritage of the Club in order to keep those activities from being "written off".

Membership on the Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee is open to any person that has served as an officer of a climbing or skiing section/group. Since the current Committee chair (Norman Kingsley) resides in the Angeles Chapter area, meetings are held at Angeles Chapter headquarters. Next meeting: April 30, 0930. Current officers of the SPS, SMS, STC, RCS are urged to attend.

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NEW RCS PROFICIENCY RATINGS

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RCS Proficiency Rating renewal/new roster

Proficiency cards expire March 31. Have you got your 4 climbs, Mugelnoos subscription and Sierra Club membership? For the new roster, please send changes of name, address, etc., to Margo Koss, 5830 Benner St., #207, L.A. 90042, before Apr 1.

MK

NEW SKI LAWS FOR IRANIANS

Muslim law says it is improper for men and women to ski together, the Office of Iranian Tourism decreed last spring, according to Geo Magazine. Consequently separate hours have been set aside for male and female skiing at two Iranian resorts north of Tehran. Women are already required to include shoulder length veils in their skiing attire on the slopes. Disobedience is regarded as nothing short of a counterrevolutionary act.

BL

NEW SPEED SKIING RECORD

Two new world speed skiing records were set April 25 for the first time ever in the United States at Velocity Peak outside of Silverton, Colorado during the 1982 Camel International Speed Skiing Championship. Austrian Franz Weber, men's division, broke the record with a speed of 203.160 KPH (126.238 MPH), and American Marti Kuntz from Telluride, Colorado, set a new record for women at 179.104 KPH (111.29 MPH).

BL

SAUDAN ON HIDDEN PEAK  
ANOTHER FIRST FOR SAUDAN

Sylvain Saudan, the King of the super-steep, has added to his list of unprecedented descents. He became the first person ever to ski at an elevation above 8,000 meters when he conquered Pakistan's Hidden Peak (8,068 meters, about 26,470 feet) in the Himalayas.

For the record, Sylvain skied more than 9,000 vertical feet on a slope that was a virtually constant 55-degree pitch, which is...

SAUDAN, continued.

about as steep as a slope can be and still hold snow. His descent would be a considerable achievement in the best of circumstances, but at 24,000 feet -- where the lack of oxygen weakens body and mind, and where snow conditions range from deplorable to impossible--that's well, incredible.

Just climbing the peak is a great accomplishment, In 30 previous attempts, only five expeditions reached the summit. Saudan's group set up base camp at 5,200 meters on July 2, but bad weather delayed the final assault for three weeks.

Saudan and four others reached the summit at 4 pm on July 27. The wind was fierce, and the temperature was -35 C. With boots frozen, his energy sapped by the climb, and his mind and coordination dulled by a lack of oxygen, it took Saudan one hour to get his skis and boots on. Then the real challenge began.

"The hardest thing is to make that first turn," Saudan says..... Because he did not begin his descent until 5pm, Saudan had only two hours of daylight, and he was forced to bivouac at the 7,500 meter level...."My goal is to ski from the top of Everest", he said of his next challenge.

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AVALANCHE SAFETY HINTS

In each of the Spring issues of the mugelnoos, Mark Goebel will be presenting a series of articles on Avalanche Safety Hints. Mark gave a presentation last Sunday in Tamarack Valley at the base of San Jacinto to a group of enthusiasts at the Ski Clinic. Due to lack of space, this editor cannot fit in the entire content of the series, except for one sobering statistic: most avalanches are caused by people. In the next issue you will be reading about how to travel in avalanche territory, and what to do if there is an accident. The best advice Mark gave was to avoid them entirely -- go to a hot springs instead. Other nature always wins.

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