

THE **MUGELNOOS**

BULLETIN — STARTING IN JANUARY, MUGELMEETS WILL REVERT TO THEIR ORIGINAL DATES OF THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES SAID AT PRESS TIME.

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SNOW ON THE ROCKS — Bill Oliver climbs toward the Mugelnoos camera in this shot from a recent Palisades V-Notch climb, to remind us that Mugelneese of both the rock and snow persuasions are rejoining forces this month. --Photo by A. Smrz

HELP WANTED!
RCS TRIP LEADERS NEEDED FOR 1988!

ALL SIERRA CLUB-RATED/RCS SAFETY Committee-Approved Leaders will be receiving a letter from the Chair soon soliciting trip leaders and assistant leaders for the 1988 climbing season. Your enthusiastic cooperation is requested. Don't give the Chair a bad time on her first venture into politics in over thirty years. When she calls to beg you to lead or assist a trip or two, **VOLUNTEER**. The date(s) and location will be mainly up to you. So, please be thinking about when and what you'd like to lead between January and June 1988!

DO

Yosemite Valley October 10-12,
Leaders- Day 1, Frank Meyers,
 Nick Clinch
Day 2- Ruth Carter, Tom Jenkins
Day 3- Cancelled

Nick went home ill on day 1; that night the rangers notified my wife and I that her mother had died. We left; I turned the paperwork over to Leonard Hall, who found Ruth and thence Tom to fill in. The climbs went better than the leader arrangements. Church Bowl, where Roy Bishop and I climbed, and Glacier Point Apron saw the action on Day 1. Day 2 saw Gerry Cox and guest Jim Fogle do the Snake Dike. The Apron saw the most climbing again: Ruth with Bruce Orenstein and Newell Ackerson and Tom with Stephen Dawson and Bob Landry. Leonard and guests Miles McQueen and Dean Tutterow reached a new high on the Royal Arches route - Leonard has half of that wired now. There were 14 participants; each day saw 11 climbers out.

-FM

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SUBSCRIPTIONS: Renewals due.
 See corrected notice:
 Col. 2, infra.

MEETINGS: RCS/SMS meet third
 Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.,
 Griffith Park Ranger Aud.,
 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., LA.

C A L E N D A R

Nov. 22 -CANCELLED-(No Leaders)
 Nov. 27-29.....Joshua Tree
 (Sheep Pass 1&4), Mundwiler/Koss
 Dec. 3--climbing course meets--
 Dec. 5,6...SMS Leader Training,
 Mammoth, Crandall/Maloy
 Dec. 6....Stony Point, Training

MEETINGS CHANGE NIGHT

Mugelmeets will go back to
 the third Tuesday of each
 month in January, informed
 sources (park rangers) said
 at press time.

Thanksgiving Feast

Dick and Margo will host the annual
 RCS Turkey Feed on Saturday Nov. 28
 at Joshua Tree. Margo and LeRoy
 will bring the turkey (on time this
 time). Others should bring their
 favorite goodies to share. Dallas
 RCS will be at Joshua Tree that
 weekend and has been invited to
 share camp and feast.

Abandon your tent for the luxury
 of a van! 1977 VW van w/ bed,
 table. Excellent mech. cond. Call
 LeRoy (213) 227-4973 or 222-0319.

Guides Meeting

The next meeting of the California
 Mountain Guides will be Feb. 2-4 at
 Joshua Tree. For further info:
 P.O. Box 694, Bishop, CA 93514

HONOREE SOUGHT

The highly coveted Charles
 Foster Kane chair on the
 Mugelnoos Editorial Board is
 not being sat upon at the nonce,
 and some lucky ass will get to
 fill it if they act soon.

No particular duties accompany
 the honor, but it carries loads
 of prestige and the privilege
 of editing the November issue of
 Mugelnoos.

Literacy is not required, but
 candidates should be able to
 paste typed matter onto blank
 paper both right-side-up and
 top-to-top.

RCS membership of any kind is
 preferred, but SMS applicants
 won't be discriminated against.
 Any Sierra Club member is eligible
 for the post, in fact, as are all
 nonmembers.

Persons with proper qualifica-
 tions should contact Mike Jelf
 at (213) 326-3430, or write to
 him at 1819 W. 254th St., Lomita,
 California 90717.

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Submit typed copy so early it
 reaches the month's editor well
 before deadline date.

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 Two matter, which is 3 1/4 inches
wide.

Photos are also welcomed, but
 have early deadlines to permit
 halftoning.

MUGELNOOS RENEWAL NOTICE!

The address of the Mugemailer
 shown in the "Final Notice" of the
 October Mugelnoos was incorrect!
 Pat Holleman lives in Manhattan
 Beach, not Redondo Beach. If you
 renewed and sent your check to
 Redondo, I may not have received
 it. If your renewal check has
 been received, your mailing label
 (printed and up to date for the
 Nov. 18 Mugelnoos meeting) will
 show "1988" (or 89,90, as the case
 may be) to indicate that your
 check got to the proper address.
 Incorrectly addressed renewals
 have been arriving, but contact me
 at (213) 374-4654 for questions.

To renew the Mugelnoos for 1988,
 send a check for \$7.00 written to
 "Mugelnoos" to the Mugemailer:
 Pat Holleman, 1838 6th St.,
 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

NEW RCS OFFICERS/PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

At the Oct 18th Annual RCS Business meeting, the 1987-88 RCS Officers elected by overwhelming majority vote were:

Chair.....Donna O'Shaughnessy
 Vice-Chair.....Claude Lane
 Secretary.....Mike Meyer
 Treasurer.....Mike Feldman

The appointed Committee Chairs and Representatives are:

Safety Committee.....Margo Koss
 Training Committee.....John Gonzales
 Chapter Safety Committee.....Larry Tidball
 Conservation.....Tom Jeter
 Council, RCS Newsletter.....Mike Jelf
 Historian.....John Ripley

All RCS members will shortly be receiving a ballot through the mail to vote on the proposed Bylaws changes which were voted on at the meeting. The proposed changes would (1) allow for the collection of an annual activity fee from each RCS member, and (2) separate the office of Secretary-Treasurer into two separate offices. The annual activity fee (if the proposed Bylaw change passes) will eliminate the need for the Trip Leaders to collect campsite fees from each climber on a trip. PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT IMMEDIATELY.

ON-GOING CRACK CLIMBING WORKSHOP

PROGRESS REPORT - OCTOBER 1987

Our six-month crack workshop got underway at Joshua Tree on Saturday October 3, with all 13 participants in attendance. After introductions and a kick-off meeting, we spent the day climbing the three major cracks at Conan's Corridor. All 13 participants successfully led Gem, a 5.8 vertical hand crack. Nine led Colorado Crack 5.9, and nine climbed Spiderman, a sustained 5.10a finger and hand crack. Several participants reported breakthroughs, thanks in part to the group energy and support. I am extremely pleased with our accomplishments on this first day.

Participants are: Tom Brogan, Ben Chapman, Dale Heuermann, Claude Lane, Pat Lysgaard, Mark Maier, Bob Oelsner, Deborah Rzonca, Greg Rzonca, Al Sanderson, Phil Thomas, Theresa Rutherford (Leader/Facilitator), and Jim Erb (Leader/Facilitator). Judged by the energy and interest demonstrated at the first session, this is an exceptional group, and I am sure we will exceed our stated goal of improving our crack climbing ability by at least two levels.

The framework of our six-month workshop is 48 of Joshua Tree's best crack climbs in the 5.8 through 5.10d range. The 48 climbs are divided into four groups of ascending difficulty called "Levels." Our goal is for most of the participants to lead six of the 12 climbs in Level 1, at which time we will turn our attention to Level 2, and so forth. As we meet the technical and physical challenges posed by increasingly difficult climbs, we expect our climbing ability to improve accordingly.

On Sunday, the day after our first workshop session, nine participants met at Jim and Theresa's home for a workout in their backyard climbing gymnasium and screening of contemporary climbing videos.

Jim Erb

SUICIDE ROCK, SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Keeping the tradition alive, this leader spent Saturday lazily lounging on this beautiful fall day. Meanwhile, eighteen climbers found their entertainment on the rock. Most ambitious were Jim Weger and Mike Loughman, some of the time accompanied by Harry Freimanis and Larry Tidball, as they did Nawab, The Plague, Hernia and Sword of Damocles. Scott Bailey did a nice lead on Surprise with Kris Hutchin and Ted Lewis following. The only unfortunate happening of the day was a 60-70 foot leader fall (a slider) on Clam Chowder when the leader (a veteran climber) missed a traverse to the left above the first belay bolts. In retrospect he emphasized the importance of staying on route.

On Sunday I left the lounging to Scott as I spent an enjoyable day climbing with Newell Ackerman and Bruce Orenstein. Tony Bird returned to seek glory on the pages of Mugelnoos, climbing Johnny Quest and Flakes of Wrath with Jim Weger and Rich Lake. Although I didn't see them, Emery Yount and John Moore signed in and out, staying long enough to climb Breeze.

-RC

13th ANNUAL L.A. SIERRA CLUB PHOTO EXHIBIT AND AUCTION:
Saturday, Dec. 12, 6-9 p.m., Los Angeles Photography Center,
412 S. Parkview St., Los Angeles. Admission and parking free.
Further information (213) 383-7342.

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