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1990-1991 SCHEDULE

SKI MOUNTAINEERS SECTION

Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club

Founded 1934

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SMS Outings Chair

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
Dec 1-2	Mammoth Condo Weekend/ Leader Training	Owen Maloy/Kathy Crandall
Dec 15	Local Introductory Tour	Marcia Male/Reiner Stenzel
Dec 29 - Jan 1	Ostrander Hut/Yosemite	Nancy Gordon/Tom Duryea
Jan 5	Local Introductory Tour	Walt Boge/Paul Harris
Jan 12	XC Downhill Clinic	Mark Goebel/Dick Smith
Jan 13	Local Introductory Tour	Greg Jordan/Pete Matulavich
Jan 19-20	Mt San Jacinto	Reiner Stenzel/Pete Matulavich
Jan 25-27	Ski Mtneers Training Camp/ Keller Hut	Anna Zordan/Mark Goebel
Feb 2-3	Mammoth Condo Weekend	Kathy Crandall/Owen Maloy
Feb 9-10	Snowshelter Course	Reiner Stenzel/Nancy Gordon
Feb 16-18	Pear Lake/Sequoia N.P.	Greg Jordan/Reiner Stenzel
Mar 2-3	Mt Baldy	Nancy Gordon/R J Secor
Mar 2-3	Nordic Holiday Races/ Yosemite	Gerry Holleman/Pat Holleman
Mar 9-10	Jump Turn Clinic	Craig Dostie/Dan Domancich
Mar 9-10	San Gorgonio	Greg Jordan/Pete Matulavich
Mar 16-17	Mt Gould/Onion Valley	Howard Schultz/Nancy Gordon
Mar 23-24	Mt Baldy	Kathy Crandall/John Wedberg
Mar 23-24	Duck Pass	Owen Maloy/Nancy Gordon
Mar 30-31	San Gorgonio	Marcia Male/Mark Goebel
Apr 5-8	Matterhorn Peak	Howard Schultz/Reiner Stenzel
Apr 6-7	Mt Baldy	Pete Matulavich/Don Pies
Apr 7-12	Pear Lake	Kathy Crandall/Paul Harris
Apr 13-14	Ski Mtneers Pk	Gerry Holleman/Paul Harris
Apr 20-21	Duck Pass	Marcia Male/Howard Schultz
Apr 27-28	Onion Valley	Kathy Crandall/Marcia Male
May 4-5	Lamarck Col	Eddie Nunez/Don Pies
May 11-12	Piute Pass	Owen Maloy/ Mike Layland
May 18-19	Mt Dana, Mt Gibbs	Eddie Nunez/Pete Matulavich
May 25-28	Mt Shasta	Howard Schultz/Kathy Crandall
June 1-2	Mt Conness	Reiner Stenzel/Howard Schultz

ROCK CREEK LODGE COURSES 1991:

Certified Avalanche Course with Norm Wilson , February 18-22.

Weekend Avalanche Course with John Moynier, March 8-10.

Advanced First Aid for Winter Mountaineering, March 3-8.

For Information call John Moynier at (619) 935-4559 or write him at PO Box 1348 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

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AVALANCHE



AVALANCHE BEACONS SAVE LIVES

The Kingsley's "Backcountry X-C Ski & Avalanche" class Jan. 25-27, March 22-24 will receive prototype production models of new Ramer AVA-LRT beacons to test under field simulated avalanche search conditions. Reports on the tests will be published in Mugelnoos. Openings in the classes exist.

26 Backshop Clinic: Ski Tuning
Inspection & Evaluation

Ski inspection and evaluation is the first important step in the tuning process:

1. Check the base from tip to tail for overall flatness (concavity or irregularities) using a true-bar. (See photo A.) Another method is to rub the ski base together. A "metallic" click indicates that the edges aren't sufficiently beveled or recessed from the base.

2. Hold the skis in the midsection (near boot mid-point mark) and squeeze them together to cancel out the camber. (See photo B.) The whole ski should come together at the same time and sound like a large book closing. Also, look at the "line of closure" over the ski length to determine straightness (bend, twist, or loss of camber).

NEXT MEETING

FEB.19, 1991, GRIFFITH PARK
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PROGRAM WILL BE:

RICH HENKE - "SKI TOURING IN THE TETONS AND WIND RIVERS"

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Skis: Elan TM 462 Worldloppet Winner, waxless track/skating, 195cm brand-new in factory box, Norman (818) 790-4275

3. Press down on the ski with your foot and scan down its length to check for evenness of camber (See photo C.)

4. Examine the side profile of the ski, paying special attention to the edges, sidewalls, and top skin (See photo D.) Any gap, bend, break, or delamination would indicate a blown, broken, bent or separated edge, sidewall, or core damage. A bent ski would also be evident.

Your assessment of the ski condition will determine how to treat the ski. Usually 40-50 percent of the edge grip and 60 percent of the gliding properties are lost after approximately 5-10 days of skiing—depending on snow depth and condition. This results in decreased turning initiation, maneuverability and edgehold.

The following points identify tuning parameters and their effect on ski performance:

- Beveled or recessed edges: Ease of turn initiation. Allows skier to roll their edge onto the snow. Gliding is also greater because the edge is off the snow, minimizing drag.
• Side edge bevel: Increases edge hold and "bite."
• Edge polish: Eliminates striations which cause drag.
• Edge sharpness: Controls edging ability.
• Base finish (structure):Efficiency of gliding according to structure pattern which is determined by snow temp and condition.
• Wax: Improved gliding and turning. Also, protection against gouges and

GOODBYE TO GEORGE SHINNO

George Shinno, long time member of the Ski Mountaineers, died late October at his home on Micheltorena Street in L.A.'s Silver Lake area.

George took a bad fall at Alta, Utah during a late March ski trip. He hit his head in that Fall and was unconscious. After two days in that state, a craniotomy was performed with no appreciable results. Two days later, a second operation was also unsuccessful. George went deeper into a vegetative state. The months passed, with George in a seeming coma, and his face and body becoming ever more rigid.

In October, son John decided the case was hopeless. George was brought home, where in a few days death mercifully overtook him. Three years earlier, at roughly the same time, George's wife Marjorie passed away from cancer, also at home after George had her brought home from the hospital and its artificial life-support systems.

George came to the Sierra Club through his son, John. As a teenage backpacker and peak-bagger, John prevailed upon "Dad" to join him on hikes. George caught the 'bug' and became an active SPS'er and SMS'er. He served as chair of the SPS, and held every known office in the SMS. He was drafted into the national Mountaineering Committee in the early sixties, where he took over the rescue sub-committee. His famous 'rescue cards' were distributed not only Club-wide, but nation-wide and beyond.

One could write reams about George: the tough years of youth, the internment years in Manzanar and Nebraska, and persecution upon return. Raising a family, taking up skiing, life as a respected architect, ad infin. Mainly what we remember though is a kind, soft-spoken, thoughtful man. A real gentleman, self-effacing yet always ready and willing to serve; always generous of his time to help friends, and the Club. As son John, Barbara Lilley, Wedberg and many of his buddies from past agree, in a sense George died "on the slopes" which is how he wanted it all along. (RJS, BL,JS, JW et al)

OH BARF! BALDY BIFFY BUFFETED BADLY -

The first week in Nov the winds on Baldy were whipping about, and one prodigious gust gripped the Hut outhouse, lifted it from its foundation and hurled it down the slope. It lay in four pieces, the farthest (the roof) about 300 feet down the gully immediately below the Hut.

On Nov 11 a group from the Alpine Ski Mountaineering Committee collected the sections and hauled them back up to the hole. The following weekend a hastily organized work party headed by Walt Davie was successful in erecting the frame and reattaching the roof. The biffy was then useable again, albeit a bit drafty. Much of the redwood siding was splintered and had to be abandoned, and the roof lacked its aluminum covering so it was not waterproof.

Davie and crew bolted a long 2 X 4 (pirated from the 10-foot ladder) to the structure and into the stump immediately above, thus bracing the crapper firmly to prevent recurrence of the mishap. On subsequent weekends various building materials, tools and supplies were packed up the hill and the carpenters and artisans completed the job before the first serious snow flew.

The spring was vandalized, which cut the flow of water thru the kitchen down to a trickle. On Nov 24 the site was restored and the water flow returned to its normal robust volume. Thus, our beloved San Antonio Ski Hutte stands ready to welcome visitors for yet another season. For up-to-date info on the snow conditions on Baldy, availability of the Hut, etc, call John Wedberg at (213) 472-6768 before 8 PM, or (213) 205-4938 days. (JW)

Backcountry Tour Leadership Clinics 1991

PSIA-W Nordic will once again be offering clinics for Backcountry Tour Leadership this year, in preparation for a certification program to be instituted next season. These clinics are designed to introduce and refine the skills and techniques needed to be a competent and qualified ski tour leader. Participants need not be active nordic ski instructors or guides, we also welcome all PSIA-W members who wish to improve their backcountry skiing skills. John Moynier, Chief Guide at Rock Creek Lodge and past Nordic Chief Examiner, will be the instructor for these courses.

The emphasis on these two day/one night clinics will be *safe travel and leadership skills in a backcountry skiing (off-piste) situation*. Topics will include: avalanche hazard evaluation, navigation, leadership skills, equipment, backcountry ski techniques, winter survival and backcountry first aid. These clinics will be treated as Pre-Courses for the anticipated Backcountry Tour Leader certification and a certificate valid for two years will be presented upon completing the course. These clinics will also satisfy the avalanche requirement for nordic certification.

There will be two of these courses presented this winter. The first will be at Yosemite: Monday and Tuesday, February 4 and 5, 1991. The second will be at Rock Creek Lodge: Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26, 1991. Both courses will be in the field the entire period and will use

hut facilities for overnight accommodations. Participants are encouraged to snowcamp Monday night. The cost for these courses will be \$80 and includes dinner and breakfast, hut fees, and instruction. Participants must provide their own skis, boots, poles, skins, shovel, avalanche beacon, pack, overnight camping gear and lunches. The courses begin at 9:00 am Monday morning, at the Yosemite Nordic Center and the Rock Creek Lodge Sno-Park area (East Fork campground), respectively.

PSIA-W Backcountry Tour Leadership Clinics

Yosemite: Feb. 4-5

Rock Creek: Feb 25-26

\$80

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The S.M.S. applauds the lofty generosity of Andy and Diann Fried, who once again came through in noble fashion to host the annual Planning session & Potluck Dinner, Oct. 13. For many years now, Andy and Diann have shared their stately home for that evening. The SMS is indebted to the Frieds: we're grateful. Deo Gratias!

Many SMS'ers have received cards, letters from members Scott, and Kris Hutchins Bailey, now residing in Anchorage, Alaska. They're enjoying the superb skiing there, & much else.

Beaufort scale of wind force

			Speed (miles per hour)
0	Calm	Smoke rises vertically	Less than 1
1	Light air	Smoke drifts	1-3
2	Light breeze	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle	4-7
3	Gentle breeze	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion	8-12
4	Moderate breeze	Small branches are moved	13-18
5	Fresh breeze	Small trees in leaf begin to sway. Unpleasant	19-24
6	Strong breeze	Large branches in motion. Umbrellas used with difficulty	25-31
7	Moderate gale	Whole trees in motion	32-38
8	Fresh gale	Generally impedes progress	39-46
9	Strong gale	Slates and tiles removed	47-54
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11	Storm	Widespread damage	64-75
12	Hurricane	General devastation	Above 75

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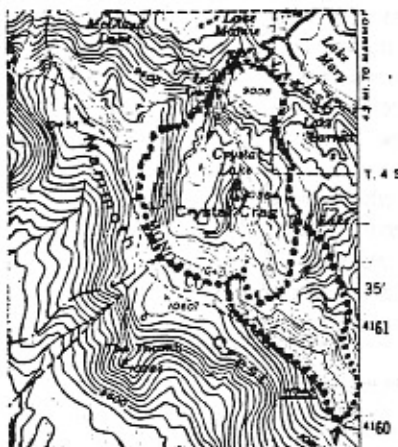
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