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THE SIERRA CLUB SKI MOUNTAINEERING SECTION (SMS) CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF SKIING 1934-1994

**KICK OFF THE 94 SMS SKI SEASON AT OUR ANNUAL PRE SKI POTLUCK
DINNER, SKI SWAP AND TRIP PLANNING MEETING.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 1994 5:00- 9:00 PM

CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE OF ALL THAT Skiing, climbing, & camping gear that's ready to find a new home. Just in time to outfit yourself for the season. SO! Don't forget to bring cash and checks. Good deals have been found. Like the Hickory skis and bamboo poles I picked up last year; very trendy on the slopes. We've seen lots of great gear get recycled into new happy homes for another season of ski duty; so dig deep and don't come empty handed.

**Where: at the home of Dana Pearce & Ronette Youmans
12012 Herbert St.
Mar Vista near West L.A.**

Directions: 405 freeway to Venice Blvd. (just south of the 10 fwy)
Venice Blvd. (west 2 miles) to Inglewood Blvd. (left)
Inglewood Blvd. (1/2 mile) to Herbert St. (right)
Second house from the corner on the south side.
If by chance you can't find it, Call (310 390-6416)

What to bring: A-F Salad G-Q Main Course R-Z Dessert

Drinks are Available or bring your favorite

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NEXT MEETING

NOV. 17 1994 7:30 PM GRIFFITH PARK RANGER STATION AUDITORIUM 4730 CRYSTAL SPRINGS DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA.

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UPCOMING TRIPS:

Date	Location	Leaders / Program
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TO BE ANNOUNCED

SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKERS:

TUES. NOV 15 Skiing across the Alps: A twist on the classic European Haute Route including 11 Summits and the differences between European and American hut systems. Marcia Male spent much of last winter researching and skiing the huts of North America and Europe, join her for an enjoyable slide presentation. Guests and newcomers welcome. 7:30 Griffith Park Ranger Station.

December no meeting- We've all gone Skiing.

Tues Jan 17 The "E" word of Back Country Skiing, Craig Dostie will speak and show slides on aspects of ski mountaineering and some of the Hot back country ski routes in the Western United States. Don't miss this opportunity to ask the editor of "Coulour" Magazine questions about equipment and locations. 7:30 PM Griffith Park Ranger Station.

Tues. Feb 21 No Skis But Plenty of Snow; Climbing Mt. McKinley, Alaska Photographer Ed Nunez will speak and show slides of his recent spring mountaineering expedition on Denali, North America's highest Peak.

Tues. March 21 A ski Traverse of the Northern Selkirk Mountains. Mark Goebel shows slides of his spring 94 ski traverse of the Northern Selkirks in British Columbia. Now is the time to begin planning your spring trip.

Tues. April 21 Tentative: Celebrating SMS's 60th Anniversary Old Videos/ Movies/ and open slide night (Bring your 10 best ski/snow slides, prints or videos to show).

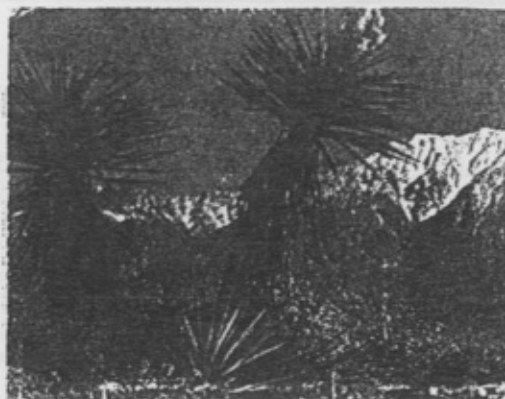
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PRIVATE TRIP REPORT



SNOWCREEK - 1994

BY ALVIN WALTER

There are those skiers in our group who feel compelled to live on the edge - testing their skills and equipment to the limit. Snowcreek - the North Headwall Face of Mt. San Jacinto at 10,800 feet - offers that challenge. The date was set in the SMS calendar and the few potentially interested parties had agreed on a meeting time and place. One other person - Russ Haswell showed up. A brief phone call confirmed that two others were literally blown away by the weather which was less than ideal with strong gusty winds and new snowfall above 8,000. That contrasted with the cream corn spring conditions expected at this time of year.

Russ was up for at least going for the top. The new falling snow - light dry powder - limited visibility to about 100 feet. A compass and 20+ previous ascents - including 2 up Snowcreek - were essential in getting to the top. Once there, the temptation to pursue the descent grew stronger. There had been a solid base with two to four inches of new powder on the way up with a tunnel of visibility (perhaps 1,000 vertical feet) down Snowcreek further tempting us with a first (?) powder descent. All rocks were covered right from the top where the year previous I had been mocked by clucking calls from my peers for opting not to go. My confidence on telegear in the steps had improved substantially and Russ on randonee gear that he used to wisk blissfully down the Dare at Baldy Bowl set the stage. We took the plunge - trading off the lead so that each could get first tracks in the virgin powder that lay below. The powder depth grew quickly as we descended. Within the upper 1,000 feet, I noticed cracks radiating out from the tips of my skis and decided the potential for setting off an avalanche was growing too extreme - Russ agreed. We doffed skis and began our crawl back up. Self arrest poles were needed with every waist deep step. At the top again, I breathed a sigh of relief and let out a whoop that signified a thrilling personal accomplishment.

Russ and I then enjoyed a powder descent down and out the gentler east facing slope without seeing a soul the whole time. We had heard rumors that someone had fallen and later confirmed with the Forest Service that a member of a climbing party preparing for an Everest climb had in fact died that day after a fall in Snowcreek far below us.

Perhaps the others who didn't show were psychic and perhaps we were pushing the edge - either way, both of us had an adrenalin pumping day and are looking forward to a top to bottom descent in creamy corn next year.

Help Name a Peak for Castillo

An effort is now underway to name a peak for Ferdinand Castillo, the well-known gatekeeper at Tioga Pass who died this past December.

The Public can help by sending letters in support of the idea or any anecdotes, photos, or newspaper articles about Castillo to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names at 745 Dutton Ave., San Leandro, CA. 94577 or to 565 63rd Street, Oakland, Ca. 94609. A fax can be sent to (303) 226-5674.

For more information call (510) 568-3610, (415) 744-2471 or (510) 653-3128.

Letters, articles and photos should be sent by Oct. 15 in order to be included in the packet to be sent to the USGS naming board.

Mammoth Mountain changes for 94

Chair 16 was replaced this summer with a high-speed quad. Skiers starting from warming hut 2 should spend a lot less time waiting in line to get to the upper part of the mountain. Over at main lodge a second chair was added next to chair 11, 11b now serves the same runs as 11 but should reduce time spent in line. Ticket prices haven't come down any except for teenagers. One new twist this year, if you buy lift tickets for Saturday & Sunday and turn the ticket in before noon Sunday you can get a \$10 refund.

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