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WHY DO 1,500 TELEMARERS LIVE NEAR JACKSON HOLE?

The answer goes beyond simply saying "it has great skiing." The area offers aesthetically nice lines for skiing that appeal to our mountaineering blood in the same way that we are attracted to certain climbing routes up rock faces and big mountains. My recent drive-and-ski-'til-you-drop trip to Grand Targhee and Jackson Hole (plus a day at Alta on the way to the Salt Lake airport) was an inspiring introduction to how good resort skiing can be. Jackson Hole's 4,000 vertical feet are spread over long protruding ridges, deep bowls and many chutes. Our group of seven was fortunate to have SMSer (and now Jackson local) Marcia Male as our guide. It seemed like every time we started down one of the standard runs, Marcia would find a variation down an obscure trail leading to a hidden bowl, lost tree run or cache of wild snow.

The backcountry skiing sounds awesome, especially off Teton Pass (30 minutes from the lifts) but don't even think of it without avy beacons, shovels and probe poles. An ideal trip includes some time cross country skiing the tracks and a day or more of downhill at Grand Targhee following a storm (1 hour from Jackson). "The Ghee", as the locals call it, is on the west side of the Tetons and typically gets incredible dumps of powder when the jet stream brings in a moist new cold front—there's a reason the bar is named "Snorkels". Just be aware of the area boundaries where the sign reads "Skiing Beyond this Point can Lead to Loss of Life and/or Skiing Privileges" and that's serious when you lose your skiing privileges.

To sum up, if you like adventure skiing, Jackson Hole is hard to beat; and if you like straight forward yo-yo skiing, go to Vail. Also, don't be pin-head proud. Crack out your alpine skis when the soft snow goes south and turns to moguls (our situation). It's too big and steep of a mountain for tele boards unless you are really good, really strong and/or really stupid. We skied more than 14,000 vertical feet of moguls alone on one day. The other option is to stay on the right half of the mountain which is intermediate.

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Mar 16-17	Rock Creek Mosquito Flts Yurt	Reiner Stenzel, Owen Maloy
Mar 22-25	White Mountains Ski Tour	Tom Marsh, Paulette Woodward
Mar 23-24	Mt. Baldy	Mark Goebel, Paul Harris
Mar 30-31	Onion Valley-Sardine Canyon	Reiner Stenzel, Howard Schultz
Apr 13-14	Pear Lake, Sequoia N.P.	Ken Deemer, Mark Goebel
April 20-21	Ski Mountaineers Peak	Gerry Holleman, Paul Harris
May 4-5	Mammoth Lakes Touring	Mark Goebel, Andy Fried
May 4-5	Elderberry Can, Mt. Tom	Ken Deemer, Reiner Stenzel
May 11-12	Hilton Lakes Ski Camp	Keith Martin, Owen Maloy
May 18-19	Mtrs Route Gully, Mt. Whitney	Reiner Stenzel, Howard Schultz
May 25-27	Horton Lakes Ski Camp	Keith Martin, Tom Marsh
May 25-27	Mt. Lassen	Reiner Stenzel, TBA
Jun 1-2	Rock Creek Ski Camp	Pete Matulavich, Reiner Stenzel

UPCOMING MUGELNOOS PROGRAMS

- March 19 "Ski Mountaineering in the Northern Selkirks" Don Pies
- April 16 "Skiing the Sierra High Route" Mark Goebel
- May 21 "Loco Motion" A 1995 Banff Film Festival finalist- skiing and boarding the backcountry at Rodgers Pass, B.C.; plus avalanches and much more.

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The SMS has missed Marcia Male's fun trips, slide shows and Mugelnoos articles. That doesn't have to stop since a vacation to the area has much the spirit of our trips, and with Marcia's help, you'll leave with the same burning muscles and good memories the SMS traditionally indulges in. Our group was basically a bunch of good 'ole boy resort skiers from the South Bay—we left with a thirst for snow beyond the groomed boundaries.

Marcia Male, P.O. Box 566, Moose, Wyoming 83012 (307) 739-9548

GETTING THERE:

Direct flights from L.A. are hard to find under \$400 round-trip. The locals save money by piecing together their own trips with limited time offer deals for flight legs through Salt Lake. Special rates for L.A./Salt Lake can run around \$100 round-trip on Delta which can be worked with Salt Lake/Jackson legs at \$150 to \$200 or with Salt Lake/Idaho Falls legs at less than \$100 round-trip. We flew to Salt Lake and drove 5-6 hours to Jackson Hole at the risk of getting stranded on snow covered roads. Airlines often have two-for-the-price-of-one companion fares for a limited number of seats.

Don Pies

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
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JULY 9-12, 1995

Ed Willis and I headed up I-5 from Sacramento to sample some of the Southern Cascades summer skiing. On reaching Mt. Shasta City, we visited the Fifth Season mountaineering shop and also visited all of the McCloud River Falls. We camped at McBride Springs USFS camp-ground,

and then, after breakfast in town, headed up to Bunny Flat to carry skis the short 4 mile to snowline. We used skins for a continuous ascent up Avalanche Gulch. After about 5 hours we reached

Lake Helen (10,400') where, except for the USFS ranger and volunteers, the area was deserted. They were cleaning up the solid waste left about the empty campsites, shoveling the waste into large plastic bags to be put into packs and skied down the mountain. This season, the USFS has initiated a voluntary waste packout system, where users pick up the disposal kits at the trailhead to be filled and then deposited into a specially designed bin on the return. The heavy use at Lake Helen would otherwise leave a quite polluted camp!

We talked with them, and I was reminded of a system used 20+ years ago in the Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club, where we would use a brown paper bag and plastic squares to be disposed of properly. This meant, of course, on a multi-day tour, we would have some extra fuel for the (cough) campfire!

We had an intermediate run back to

PSIA NORDIC EVENTS
Revised due to late arrival of snow

- Jan. 9, 10, 11 Fall Symposium at Mammoth, Truck & HB Clinics
- Jan 19 "Teaching Telet Alpine Skiers" Clinic at Mt. High
- Jan 20 "Level 1 Exam Prep" HB Clinic - Bear Mtn. "Progression Developer" HB Clinic
- Jan 21 "Level 2 Exam Prep" HB Clinic - Bear Mtn. "What Turn-When, Where & Why" Clinic
- Feb 8 "Tactical Skiing" Clinic at Snow-Crest
- Feb 10 "Level 1 Exam Prep" HB Clinic - Bear Mtn. "Ski Improvement" HB Clinic
- Feb 11 "Level 2 Exam Prep" HB Clinic - Bear Mtn. "Teaching Progression" HB Clinic

Must Pre-register - Contact PSIA (916) 587-7642 FAX (916) 587-4273

We hope to schedule more clinics as the demand arises and at other local ski areas, so please stay in touch. We also plan on doing track and skating clinics this season.

For an update, more information or any questions on local clinics - please call us:
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- **Mar 10 St. Patrick's Telemark & Fun Races**
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nearly the cars. The snow was a bit succupped and gullied, but I had encountered much worse in the past. The clouds kept the snow from becoming good corn until the bottom half of the run.

We camped above Lake Siskiyou on a forest road with an excellent view of Shasta. The next morning, after breakfast at Burger King, we went to Castle Crags State Park where we climbed Castle Dome (4,966'). The Castle Crags climber's guide declines to mention this class 3 route in the intent of not describing an "easy route" that inexperienced hikers might try and get hurt or killed. one climbs to a ledge on the south side, traverses right to a narrow gully and then up and right to an easy walk to the top.

Driving to Redding and visiting another mountaineering shop, we then drove up to the cold, nearly deserted campground at the southwest entrance to Lassen National Park. In the morning we drove to the Bum-pass Hell parking lot. I walked up the plowed road, which was still closed to through traffic, with its 15' high snowwalls. Starting up at the normal hiking trailhead, we carried skis up the almost clear trail. Ed reached the top about 1/2 hour ahead of me, and two downhillers began their runs, videotaping themselves. I had to bag the peak, and then, after hearing distant thunder and as to not keep Ed waiting, rushed to begin skiing. Clouds kept the snow from softening, and I had to kick-turn in places where a fall meant a possible long slide down! Lower down, Ed kept up his wonderful skiing. I traversed under a previously corniced ridge, and took one of the longest, fastest slides I ever experienced when I lost my edges. Mollified, I resorted to survival skiing, and chose to walk back down the highway. We had a quick bite in Chico and returned home.

Pete Yamagata



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Yosemite Campground Reservation Changes

The procedure for making reservations for family or group campsites in Yosemite National Park changed Jan. 15. In response to requests from the camping public throughout the country, the National Park Service has initiated many changes in the campsite reservation system for 1996. Currently, 14 National Park units, including Yosemite, are on the service-wide reservation system operated by DESTINET (formerly Mistix).

DESTINET will accept reservation requests four months in advance, for a one-month block, beginning on the 15th of each month. Thus for:

<u>Camping Arrival Date</u>	<u>First Day to Reserve</u>
All dates through 6/14/96	1/15/96
6/15/96 through 7/14/96	2/15/96
7/15/96 through 8/14/96	3/15/96
8/15/96 through 9/14/96	4/15/96
9/15/96 through 10/14/96	5/15/96
10/15/96 through 11/14/96	6/15/96

In addition, any unsold reservations for the three-month period prior to the open month will be for sale. There is a heavy demand for campsites from May 1 through Sept. 15. Reservations for this time should be made as early in the reservation period as possible.

Yosemite reservation campgrounds include: Lower and Upper River, and Lower, Upper and North Pines located in Yosemite Valley, and Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat and half of Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds on Hwy. 120. The group campsites in Yosemite Valley, Hodgdon Meadow and Tuolumne Meadows are also reserved using the same system. Yosemite Valley reservation campgrounds have a seven-day camping limit during the busy season, while the campgrounds outside the Valley have a 14-day limit.

Telephone reservations for Yosemite campgrounds are made by calling (800) 436-1275 in the U.S. and Canada. To make reservations for all other parks, call (800) 365-2267. For international callers, the direct-dial number is (619) 452-8787. Hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Oct. 1 to Feb. 29. From March 1 to Sept. 30, the hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends, Pacific time. Reservations may also be made by writing: DESTINET, 9450 Carroll Park Dr., San Diego, CA 92121.

Best of Banff Film Festival

Brad Rassler of Spontaneous Combustion Creations has announced that Wilson's Eastside Sports will host the Best of Banff Festival of Mountain Films Saturday, March 30, at 7 p.m., at the Bishop Union High School. The three-hour festival will feature the world's best films profiling climbing, skiing, hang gliding, kayaking and mountain culture.

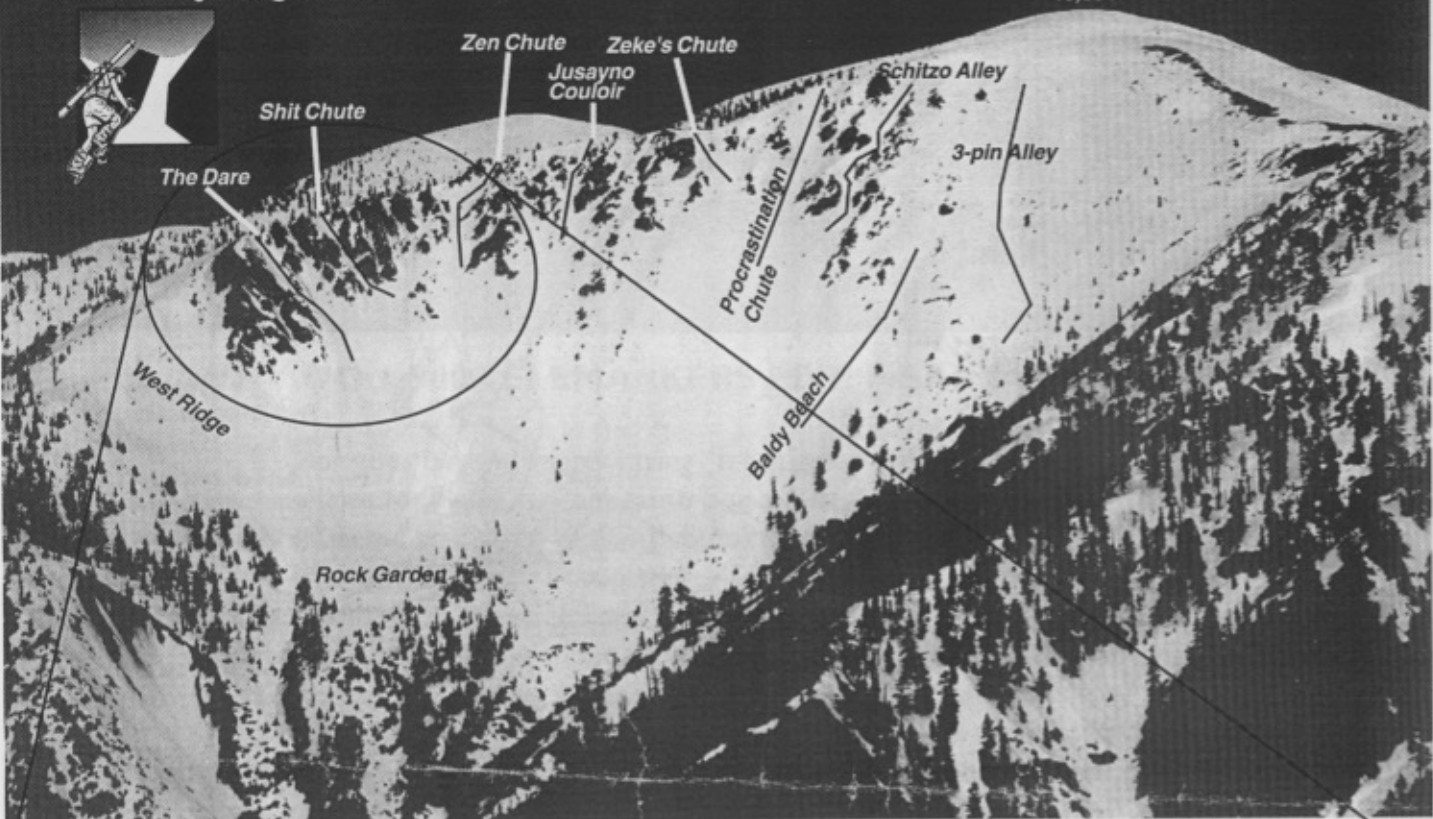
"Last year's festival was a highlight of the year," recalls James Wilson, owner of Wilson's Eastside Sports. "People came into the store for months after the festival just to say 'thanks.'"

All proceeds will benefit the Inyo Council for the Arts' Millpond Festival. For more information, call 873-7520.

A Guide to Mt. San Antonio's finest downhill runs.

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Baldy's Summit
10,064'



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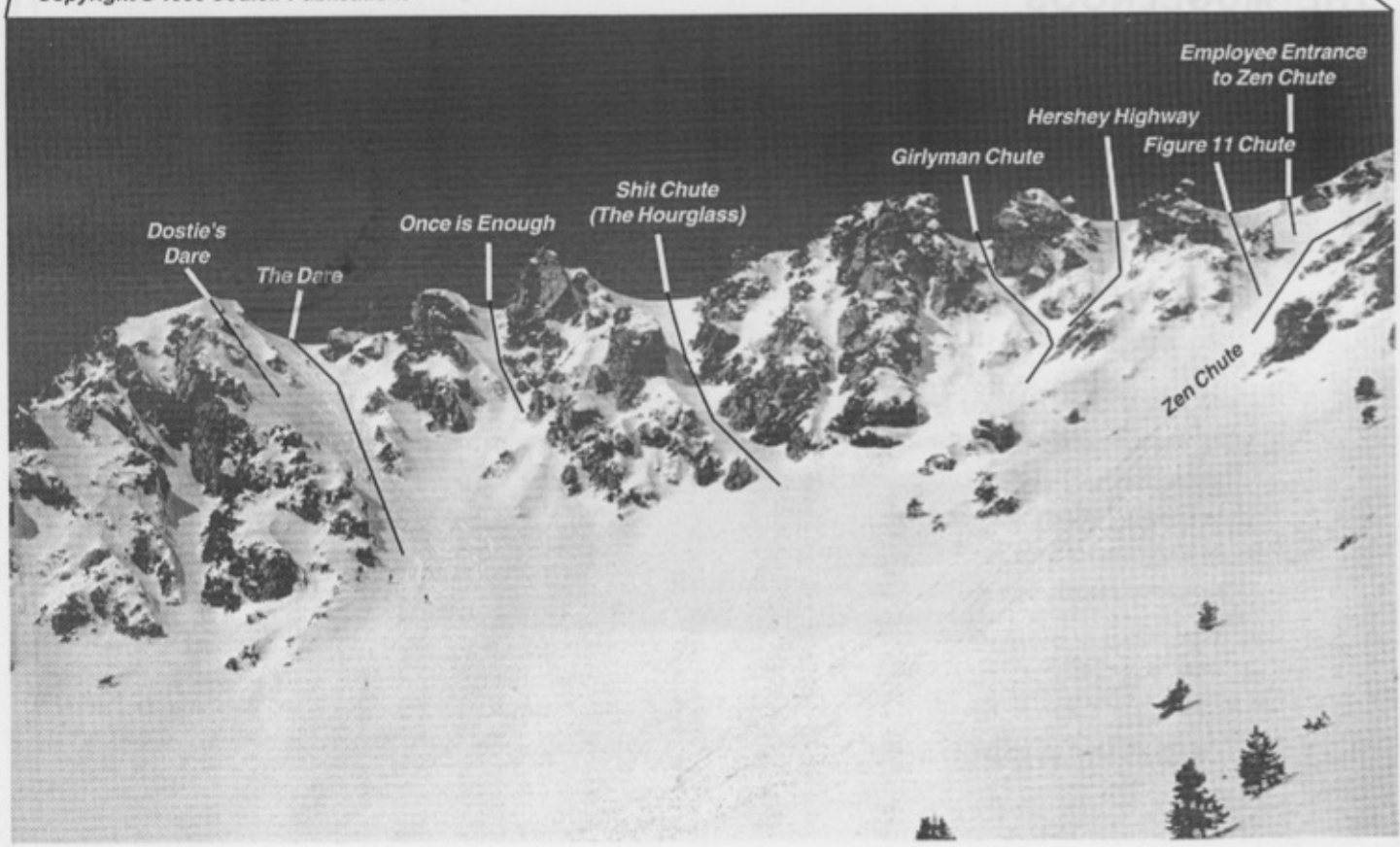
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The Dare

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