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## NEXT MEETING

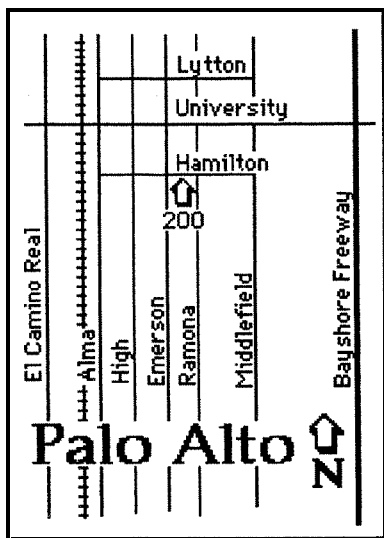
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** The Pacific Mountaineer  
200 Hamilton Ave.  
Palo Alto

**Program** Spring is the time when young hearts turn to thoughts of love and certain backcountry funhogs dream of skiing peaks. The Cascade volcanos provide a beautiful and challenging setting for indulging this passion. Join Butch Suits for a slide show highlighting several volcanic explorations - a scenic tour around Crater Lake, ski descents of Mt. Lassen and South Sister, and ski-mountaineering on the glaciers of Mt. Garibaldi northernmost of the Cascades summits.

Members are invited to join officers for dinner prior to the meeting. We'll dine at the Good Barth Restaurant on University Avenue in Palo Alto at 6 p.m. Open discussion on first aid card reimbursement or topic of choice.



## E-mail on Everest

**H**ERE'S A NEW stupid altitude trick sending e-mail. According to Compaq Computer Corp., three of its LTE Elite notebook computers are going along with the Americans on Everest 9.5 Expedition.

In addition to recording the team's ascent and the environmental impact of climbing teams on the mountain, a Compaq spokeswoman said, the laptops will be used in higher camps to communicate with basecamp via wireless modem.

Compaq said the climbing team "requested the LTE Elites as their notebook of choice," which may very well be true. But we suspect that what the climbing team really wanted was a generous cash stipend, and agreed to haul the notebooks along to give their sponsor a publicity hook.

Anyone who has ever had a camera or headlamp battery fizzle out in the chill air of high altitude might wonder how the machines will function at the 26,000-foot South Col. Compaq said the computers have not been weather-proofed, but were tried out in an altitude chamber.

"One of the stresses that is placed on a notebook computer is taking it from a warm, cozy house to your car and throwing it in your trunk," a Compaq spokeswoman was quoted as saying. "That very quick change in temperature can stress and test the durability of the unit." Compared to that, presumably, the 35-below temperatures of the South Col will be a picnic.

This being the mid-1990s, there's of course an Internet angle. Weekly updates of the climber's progress will be posted on Compaq's World Wide Web home page for net surfers to check out (<http://www.compaq.com>.)

Will this expedition set the altitude record for personal computing? It remains to be seen. Chris Bonington (or, more likely, a long-suffering Sherpa) hauled a solar-powered Apple IIc and a printer up to Camp II in the Western Cwm in 1985. The Compaqs will have to make it to the foot of the Lhotse face to break the record.

## PCS membership dues going up; now will be \$12 a year

**A**T THE April meeting I gave a treasurer's report detailing the Section's current financial situation and where we were headed in the future. The bottom line is that due to rising newsletter costs (postage/printing) and spending on projector equipment and other miscellaneous expenses, I predict the PCS will run out of money by the year 1999.

To avoid this calamity, a majority of the members present at the meeting voted to increase the subscription fee to \$12 a year beginning January 1, 1996. Anyone renewing or joining from that date on will pay the new fee.

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# OFFICIAL PCS TRIPS

## SOUTH FORK OF THE MERCED

May 5-6

Class 1

Leader: Noreen Ford

(510) 2478705, ext. 39 - Leave voicemail

This easy backpack is 5.5 miles each way. It is famous for beautiful wildflowers and has an old gold mine in the area. There will be many opportunities to swim if the water is warm enough. Bring shoes for wading during the hike.

## CHERRY CREEK CANYON

May 27-29

Class 2 plus some scrambling

Leader: Kai Wiedman

(415) 347-5234

Topos: Kibble Lake, Cherry Lake

"Granite boulders, slabs, talus and sand, spawned from soaring Yosemite-like cliffs and buttresses, broken from sensuously curving arches and exfoliating aprons, make Cherry Creek Canyon the most exciting chasm north of Yosemite National Park," says guidebook author Ben Schiffrin. Swimwear optional.

Note: Laura Sefchik is also leading a similar trip this weekend. Phone her at (209) 3724101

## ALTA/SILLIMAN CAR CAMP

June 16-17

11,204 feet, class 1

Leaders: Cecil and Paul Magliocco

(408) 358-1168;

pmag@ix.netcom.com

Topo: Triple Divide

Our reservation confirmation for Dorst Campground in Sequoia says that our group campsite "will accommodate 50 people, 11 automobiles, or 7 busses." Bring the family for a fun time camping. There will be day hikes of Alta and/or Silliman on both Saturday and Sunday.

## RED AND WHITE

July 15-16

12,850 feet, class 3

Leader: Chris MacIntosh

(415) 325-7841

Topos: Mt. Abbot, Convict L. 7.5'

Norman Clyde described McGee Creek as a good approach to **this** peak, but given his reputation for toughness, that could mean anything! The Northeast Ridge is said to have less loose rock than other routes, helpful for a group ascent. This is a lovely area to visit. Besides a good peak and great views, we should **also** enjoy wildflowers and other Sierran delights. Snow/water conditions in July: anybody's guess at the time of writing.

## Trip leaders: Let us know if you got your summer permits

**I**F YOU signed up to lead a trip on the preliminary summer schedule, please let me know as soon as you can:

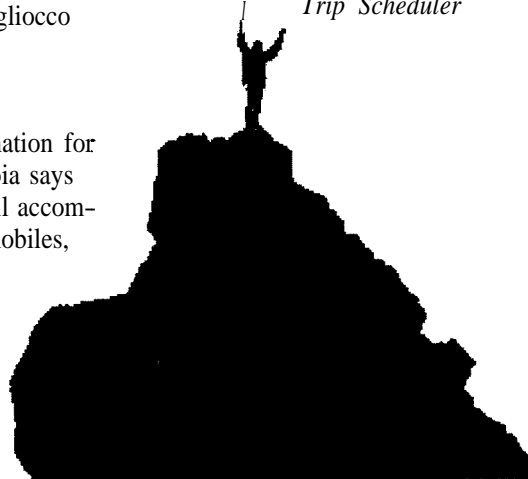
1) if you got turned down for a wilderness permit

2) if you did get issued a permit.

Send a trip description, too, so we can get it in the Scree!

Thanks,

-- Paul Magliocco  
Trip Scheduler



## Dues

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If you renew or join before that date, you will pay the old fee – \$10 a year. I will be happy to send out the spreadsheets I distributed at the meeting upon request and discuss the details of our financial picture with anyone. If you have comments or suggestions on ways to decrease our costs, I welcome the input. To reach me, see the back of your Scree.

– Phyllis Olrich

## Stipend to offset first aid expenses to be considered

**I**T WAS decided at last month's meeting to determine eligibility requirements for leaders who may request a 50 percent stipend to assist with payment of the American Red Cross First Aid Course. For the 1995 year, the First Aid Course is \$48, and half of that would be \$24. Who's eligible? Pick one. We'll officially vote at May's meeting.

1. Current leader status; has been a PCS leader for the past three years; has led three PCS trips in the last year; and will lead three PCS trips in the future; or

2. Current leader status; has been a PCS leader for the past two years; has led two PCS trips in the last year; and will lead two PCS trips in the future; or

3. Any person interested in becoming a leader or any past leader on an as *needed* basis. Need to be determined by the Mountaineering Committee; or

4. No stipend/no reimbursement.

The 50-percent stipend is not currently budgeted into the PCS treasury. If any one of items 1 - 3 were passed, alternative means of payment would have to be determined.

– Debbie Benhan

# YODELS

## ROYAL'S BACK

**M**ark your calenders: Royal Robbins has rescheduled his slide show for the June PCS meeting. Robbins had originally planned to give his show at the March meeting but was forced to cancel at the last mirmte due to illness.

The June meeting will be held at Western Mountaineering in the Town and Country Shopping Center of San Jose on Tuesday, June 13 at 8 p.m.

Entitled, "40 Years of Adventure Robbins' presentation looks back on his history-making first ascent of the Northwest Face of Half Dome and pioneering climbs on El Capitan including the Salathe and North American walls. Later, Robbins went on to become a top-flight whitewater kayaker, making many first descents of rivers.

A \$5 donation will be requested at the door to support the Climbers' Access Fund.

## PINNACLES QUAKE

We've often gotten a creepy feeling entering the caves at Pinnacles National Monnment. As anyone who's been there knows, they're not real caves but merely a dark passageway through some very big boulders piled into a narrow canyon.

Considering the proximity to Hollister, the self-proclaimed "Earthquake Capital of the World," we've often wondered what it would be like to be down in the caves during a temblor, as a zillion tons of rock groaned arid shifted above our cowering heads.

As it turns out, April 24 would have been the day to find out. A series of earthquakes – the largest registering 5.0 on

the Richter scale – rumbled through Pinnacles National Monument on that date.

Luckily, the biggest ones hit at 1:41 a.m., when even the most eager spelunker was home in bed. Another, registering 3.5, struck later that day at 2:22 p.m., but apparently no one was in the caves at the time.

"We felt pretty sharp impacts down here, but there was no damage," Gerry Reynolds, a park ranger at the national monument was quoted as saying. "I've lived in California all my life, and it's pretty amazing to feel the quakes like we did in two-hour intervals."

The quakes, felt in Monterey and San Benito cormties, were thought to have been along the San Andreas Fault. Ranger Reynolds said they were the talk of the day among cave explorers in the area.

No shit.

## SWEET REVENGE

**C**lip and save the following recipe from Backpacker Magazine for this summer, which promises to be one of the **all-time** mosquito feeding frenzies. It was the winner in last year's Mosquito Cook-Off, held at Crawley's Ridge State Park in

Walcott, Arkansas Larry Clifford, assistant superintendent, won first prize with his recipe for Mosquito Chunk Cookies. He also captured second prize for his Mosquito Supreme Pizza ("mosquitoes have a mild anchovy taste," he says). Actually, as Backpacker reported, Clifford was the only contestant.

Anyway:

Mosquito Chunk Cookies

1/4 cup molasses

1/4 cup dark brown sugar

1/4 cup freshly netted mosquitoes

("Mosquitoes **are** meat and can spoil," says Clifford.)

Bring ingredients to boil for 1-1/2 minutes, remove from heat, pour onto greased cookie sheet, let cool. When hardened, smash into chips and fold into your favorite cookie dough.

## THE LAST WORD

'Up there, between earth and sky, on vertical rock faces. we have participated in the most beautiful moments in the life of the mountain and, through the rope which joined us, there has grown between us that deep friendship which only the high places can give."

— *Gaston Rebuffat.*

## *A summary of current state of Sierra Club insurance regulations for trip leaders*

**H**ERE IS a summary on the state of Sierra Club insurance as I understand it. This is by no means comprehensive. For more complete information, see the references below.

As it relates to our group, liability insurance is automatically provided for approved leaders of official PCS trips while on the trips, excluding commuting to or from the trips. These are the trips listed in the "Official PCS Trips" section of the Scree.

Private trips listed in the "Private Trips" section of the Scree do not receive liability insurance. Trips that do not automatically receive liability insurance are defined in the insurance manual (reference 1 below) as "Climbs, hikes, and expeditions which require the use of ropes or any activities where pitons, jam nuts, runner bolts, ice axes, carabiners or belaying techniques are recommended."

Leaders for these trips may apply in advance to receive liability insurance (using reference 2 below). The insurance manual states "To conduct an activity/outing that may require the use of any of the items listed above, leaders must seek approval and certification from the Mountaineering Oversight Committee."

There is a \$10 fee per participant per day. The standard liability policy that the Sierra Club has is for \$1 million (per occurrence, not per person) with an umbrella policy that kicks in if the \$1,000,000 policy is exhausted. My understanding from the insurance manual is that the umbrella policy is \$20 million. Cathy Benton at the Sierra Club office in San Francisco said that the umbrella policy has never been used.

References:

1) "Insurance for the Sierra Club and Affiliated/Related Entities," dated July 1994, by the Sierra Club Department of Risk Management at

(415) 776-2211

2) "Sierra Club Application for Mountaineering Trip Certification." Contact Cathy Benton at (415) 923-5652 for an application or additional insurance information.

I will bring extra copies of the two references above to the May PCS meeting for anyone that wants them.

*Paul Magliocco*

## *Slide show for new members, aspiring peak baggers*

**H**AVE YOU wanted to know how to become a peak bagger but didn't know how to get started? Have you summited some peaks, and, eager to climb more, were not sure about the next step? Have you often wondered if you needed ropes and "those pitons and hammers" to get to the top of a mountain?

You are invited to attend a new member slide show that will help you choose the best mountain to climb for your ability and interest. Please come...and see the gentle slopes up and those knife-edge ridges!

When: Tuesday, June 6, 8 to 9 p.m.

Where: Peter Maxwell/Anouchka Gaillard's home, 1417 Kitimat Place, Sunnyvale

Contact: Debbie Benham PCS Chair, (415) 964-0558

Directions: From Highway 8.5, take the Fremont Avenue exit. Go toward Sunnyvale and after 1/4 mile turn right at the next light (Mary). Turn right at the next light (Cascade). Turn left almost immediately onto Kitimat. 1417 is the third house on the right.

## **TRIP REPORTS**

### *Climbing Mexico's Picacho Grande: The Teapot Route*

**I**N QUEST del Diablo, Joe Stephens and I crossed the border at Tijuana about 8 a.m. Friday morning and headed to Ensenada and then on to the Observatorio Road, identified by the "Rancho Meling" sign. It took us about tres horas to drive in the dirt road - we had no trouble crossing the rivers in my 2WD truck - all the way to our parking spot more than a mile further in the road than the normal "trailhead," which was barely marked by a duck.

Senor John McCully had described parking just beyond the log across the road, but the log now seems to be gone or is much farther down the road. We had a good place to park and were a short distance from the trail, which parallels the road for the first mile or more.

We picked up the trail - faint at times but generally well-ducked - to Blue Bottle Saddle, where we camped. We had a nice campsite at the saddle and could look at our route up the peak for the next day.

We had packed in water for dinner and breakfast. Saturday we left camp at 530 a.m. and headed to Cedaroak Camp, spotting a few big horn sheep and filling two water bottles each there at the stream. Three might have been better - we were pretty thirsty by the time we got back to the stream. We only had a few nettles and a little brush to deal with since we soon crossed from Cedaroak Camp into Boulder Wash.

A few hundred feet up this wash we spotted the Teapot, a prominent bulging rock high on the ridge to the left which has a "nose" giving the impression of a spout. We turned left into the gully that follows up and behind the Teapot, as described in

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John Robinson's "Camping and Climbing in Baja," p. 8.5 (presently out of print).

The route goes straight up the gully and crosses the ridge. As we went up, we sometimes exited right onto somewhat exposed but not very difficult slabs. From the notch above the Teapot, we contoured over to the 8-foot tree snag which Robinson describes, going low where the climbing became difficult and it cost us some time.

On the way back we found a mucho better route that stays 50 to over 100 feet above the prominent snag. We picked up ducks just above the snag, climbed up the ridge briefly and then bushwhacked down into Slot Wash, where we followed the normal route, taking the freeway off-ramp over to Wall Street and up to the summit - well-ducked and easy to follow with two pairs of eyes.

We were on the summit before noon and hadn't been moving particularly fast, with the rough terrain and various breaks.

Thanks again to Joe for navigating. On the way back we generally retraced our steps. As we dropped down to Boulder Wash from the Teapot, when the gully was steep we tended to exit right - more into brush rather than left onto the slabs, following a few duckshere.

We finally reached the stream again and loaded up on lemonade. The grind back up to Blue Bottle Saddle went methodically - I was very grateful that I was only carrying a daypack.

We were back at our campsite at 7 p.m. and began hiking out a little later. Camping again at the saddle would have been the sensible thing to do, but we were hoping to be back in San Diego the next day for Joe's 1:30 p.m. flight to San Jose.

Darkness fell and we ended up camping again about an hour from the truck and were soon out the next morning - missing Joe's flight, however.

We liked this route since it avoids carrying a full pack into

Canon del Diablo and bypasses the nettles and brush between Cedaroak Camp and Campo Noche.

Leaving LA between 5 and 6 a.m., climbers will have time for the drive and the hike in to the first night's camp, enjoying the scenery and watching out for potholes on Baja Highway 1 and the hungry, extrovert & burro on the Observatorio Road, who had his head all the way in the car from the

driver's window to the passenger's seat, going for apples, gear shifts, and open soft drinks!

Camping at Blue Bottle again the second night still allows one to get back home at a decent hour the third day. John Robinson's description and Jerry Schad's map (Parque National San Pedro Martir) were very helpful. Muchas gracias, Senor McCully for suggesting the camp at Botella Azul.

- Tina Stough

## On Mt. Hood, never leaving the parking lot is better part of valor

**T**HANKS TO everyone who responded to my request for Oregon climbing info.

Monday was great when I was driving around and dropping people off at the Portland airport. Record temps, solid snow, no clouds, no wind!

Tuesday morning (at 3 a.m.) I awoke at Timberline (Mt. Hood) with a few stars missing near the horizon and the weather radio calling for rain by afternoon. Two guys had signed in at 1 a.m. to climb a technical route, but no other permits were filed.

I decided to wait until I could see the clouds. It was warm (ground not frozen, snowbanks dripping) at 6,000 feet, but the wind was picking up. By 5 a.m., the ground had frozen, the wind indicators in the lodge said 28 mph, lenticular clouds were visible on the desert side of Hood, high clouds were forming far above the peak,

and a few wisps were blowing across the face.

The weather radio now indicated a snow level of 4,000 feet. I left. Turned in the locator beacon at the Mt. Hood Inn, and headed for Portland. Rain started hitting the windshield about 15 minutes later. Good call! I'll be back later, still alive.

By the way, Oregon Mountain Community (on Davis, between First and Front streets, by the river in downtown Portland) is great! I bought one of their 9-ounce ice axes, and the snow shovel that attaches to the axe shaft (handle is optional). This is stuff you won't find at REI in Portland or San Francisco. OMC also has the new Ortovox avalanche transceiver with audible and visual signal strength indicators (directional?) for \$269. The old one is \$220, \$20 cheaper than REI (who does not carry the new one). My new favorite store: thanks for the tip!

- Steve Eckert



(O.K., so it's Rainier, not Hood.)

# PRIVATE TRIPS

*Private trips are not insured, sponsored or supervised by the Sierra Club or the PCS. They are listed here because they may be of interest to PCS climbers.*

*Note: The editor reserves the right to shorten trip descriptions if there are space limitations.*

## CREVASSE RESCUE PRACTICE

Rancho San Antonio Park (Hwy 280)  
upper parking lot  
May 7, 200 PM  
Organizer: Kelly Maas  
(408) 279-2054

Back for the third time by popular demand. This is really useful stuff if you're planning a climbing trip that involves traveling on glaciers (except in the Sierra). While Andy Selters' "Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue" is a great reference, any past participant will tell you there's nothing like putting it to practice. And it's too late to start practicing when your buddy takes a real fall into a crevasse. We'll practice self rescue (dangling with a pack, then prussiking) and aided rescue (z-pulley). Call for info on what to bring.

## SPLIT MOUNTAIN

May 12-14  
14,058 feet, Class 2 snow climb  
Organizer: Tony Cruz  
(408) 944-2003  
Topo Map: Split Mountain  
Inyo National Forest (road map)

This trip will involve hiking six miles (or more, depending on the road conditions) to Red Lake. The ascent will be class 2 from Red Lake, following the northeast slope. Bring snow camping gear, crampons, ice axe. Snow shoes should be considered.

## TEHIPITE DOME, SPANISH

### MTN, THREE SISTERS

May 19-21 or May 20-21  
10,619 feet  
Class 1, some snow, short class 3  
Organizers: Steve Eckert  
(41.5) 508-0500; eckert@netcom.com  
Warren S torkmau  
(415) 4938959;  
DStorkman@aol.com  
Topos: Tehipite Dome, Huntington Lake

Great views of the Kings Canyon are to be had, even if snow keeps us from getting all three peaks. Ice axe probably required, and there is the possibility of truly exciting stream crossings. This is a seldom-climbed area, with moderate altitude peaks to ease you into the climbing season.

We will bag Three Sisters as a day hike, followed by Spanish Mtn and Tehipite Dome as an overnight backpack. If you don't want to take Friday off, that's OK - join us for the two-day portion of the trip!

All three peaks are on the SPS list.\*

## N. PALISADE, THUNDERBOLT

May 26-29  
14,242 feet, class 4/snow  
Organizer: Joe Stephens  
(510) 5055410  
Topos: North Palisade (7.5'), Big Pine (151)

North Pal via U-notch, T-Bolt via North Couloir. Plan to camp at -12,600 feet at the top of the moraine that divides de glacier. This will make the summit days as easy as possible. Will start hiking in on Thursday evening as far as Lon Cheyney's cabin, This will take the edge off Friday's grunt to camp. Standard snow and rock climbing gear. P.S. I may be out of town the first couple of weeks in May.

## MT. SHASTA

May 27-29  
14,162 feet, easy snow  
Organizer: George Van Gorden  
(408) 779-2320  
Topo: Mt. Shasta

This is one of the easiest routes on Shasta- No glaciers are involved. It is on the east side of the mountain and hopefully not so heavily traveled as the south and north side routes. We will be camping on snow and some experience with crampons and ice axe is desirable. If access to this route is a problem because of unmelted snow on the forest roads, we will do the Hotlum-Bolum ridge route on the north side.

## PFEIFFER/BIG-SUR CAR CAMP

June 10-11

Come enjoy the Pacific Coast and the Ventana Wilderness from Pfeiffer Big Sur Campground, on a nearly full moon. I have reserved two family campsites for a maximum of 12 people (four cars.) You are on your own for day hikes. Day-hike leader wanted. Please call Anouchka Gaillard (408) 737-9770 after May 9 to reserve your spot (best to call between 8:30 p.m. and 10pm)

## CONNES, MAMMOTH PK,

### KUNA CREST

June 10-11  
12590 feet, class 3, snow  
Organizer: Kelly Maas  
(408) 279-2054 Home  
(408) 944-2078 Work  
Topo: Tuolumne Meadows 15'

Ease into summer with an early venture into the high country of Yosemite. Car camping with day hikes of the peaks. Unfortunately the Tuolumne Meadows campground may be closed. Expect plenty of snow. An ice axe may be useful.

## BLACKKAWEAH

June 15- 19

13680 feet

Class 3

Organizers: Aaron Schuman

Charles Schafer

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Topos: Mineral King, Mt Whitney

From Mineral King (7434 ft) we hike up the Sawtooth Pass trail to Monarch Lake, then cross country over Glacier Pass (11080 ft), and down to Spring Lake (10200 ft), gain a trail for Black Rock Pass (11600 ft) and down to the headwaters of Big Arroyo (9700 ft). We'll climb the summit via the Southwest Ridge. We return via the same route.

Spring conditions will prevail. The passes will be snowbound and possibly corniced. The Kaweahs are renowned for their loose rock; helmets are strongly recommended.

## MATTERHORN PEAK

June 23-25

12,264 feet, class 3

Organizers: Debbie Benham

(415) 964-0558 (home, 7-10 p.m.)

Topo: Matternbom Peak

We'll take the normal route from Twin Lakes. An obvious couloir on the east side of the NE ridge leads to the east ridge. Follow ridge to the top. Whew! (Get ready for the adventure of my lifetime!) Ice axe and crampons required. All hale and hardy participants will be asked to read and sign a liability waiver.

## MT. SHASTA

Whitney Glacier Route

June 24-26 or 27

14,162 feet, moderate snow

Organizer: George Van Gorden

(408) 779-2320

Topo: Mt. Shasta

This is one of the more difficult routes on Shasta. There are crevasses and some route finding difficulties through the icefall. We will be roped together and some training in crevasse

rescue is necessary along with the necessary equipment.

## IONIAN BASIN PLUS PEAKS

July 4th week (July 1-9)

13,000+ foot peaks; class 3

Hard class 2 cross country with packs

Organizers: Steve Eckert

(415) 508-0500; eckert@netcom.com

Warren S torkman

(415) 4938959;

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Topos: Blackcap, Goddard, Big Pine

Cross through the most remote portion of the Sierra, and get some choice peaks along the way. We will go over Hell For Sure Pass, through the Ionian Basin, follow Disappearing Creek down the Enchanted Gorge, cross the Black Divide, and then hike out on trail over Bishop Pass. Snow may be encountered!

Peak bagging possibilities are endless. This mostly cross country route will take us to the base of Goddard, maybe Black Giant, Scylla, Charybdis, Hansen, McDuffie, Wheel, Citadel, etc. If you don't have an entire week, consider doing only the first part of the trip to bag Goddard ( 3 - 4 d a y s ) . "

## EVOLUTION BASIN PEAKS

Aug. 5-12

13,000+ feet, class 3

Topos: Mt. Goddard 15', Mt. Darwin 7.5'

Leaders: John Ingvaldstad, Kate

Ingvaldstad

(408) 996-7129 and (209) 296-8483

From Lake Sabrina it's only one day in to Evolution Basin via the col between Mts. Haeckel and Wallace. Once situated, many Class 2 and 3 climbs beckon, including Heackel, Wallace, Fiske and Huxley, all over 13,000 feet. Deserving separate mention is Mt. Darwin, the highest peak in the area at 13,830 feet, and arguably one of the best Class 3 climbs in the Sierra, featuring multiple chutes and route-finding, and very solid, clean rock. Don't miss this week of thrills!

## NEPAL TREKKING

October

Organizer: Warren Storkman

(415) 493-8959

Trek to Kangchenjunga: the south and north faces of the world's third highest peak, plus the Lapsang La (pass.) 17,500 ft. Ramze 14300 ft. S. Base Camp. Pang Pema 16,600ft. N. Base Camp. Twenty-six trekking days. Our land cost: \$2225. Contact: Warren S torkman

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\*To sign up for a Steve Eckert trip, send \$10 deposit and SASE for waiver to Steve Eckert, 1814 Oak Knoll Drive, Belmont CA 94002. Each trip will require a \$10 appearance bond and your signature on a liability waiver (as previously broadcast.) Different trips have different contact info, so read carefully! PCS members have preference until one month before the trip, when it is strictly first come first served. Your check will be cashed immediately (make it payable to the person you are sending the SASE to), and you will receive a refund at the trailhead after permit expenses are deducted.

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE Koflach (size 10) double boots with two pair of liners – foam and felt. Buy at rental price of \$45. Also, Five Tennies at \$35. Ray Stafford, (415) 591-9348.

FOR SALE Lowe Expedition pack. Large capacity (5000 cubic inches). Getting on in years but with several seasons left in it. \$50. John Flinn. (415) 968-2050. jnflinn@aol.com

FOR SALE: Only used twice Fischer Revolution Crown Striding Skis with Salomon bindings and poles. Excellent condition. Price for complete package is \$125. Debra Sloane. W: (408) 285- 1424 e-mail: sloane\_debra@taudem.com.

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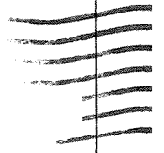
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