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Nominees for 1998 HPS Management Committee Announced

At close of business on September 10, 1998, the Nominating Committee announced that the following HPS members have been nominated for the 1999 HPS Management Committee:

- ◆ Hugh Blanchard
- ◆ Tom Hill
- ◆ Janet Bartel
- ◆ Virgil Popescu
- ◆ Jim Fleming
- ◆ Bill Hogshead
- ◆ Byron Prinzel
- ◆ George Wysup

In addition, there is a proposal to change the Bylaws. This proposed change would add a new paragraph to the Bylaws, to read as follows: "6.6 Automatic Deletion of Peak: A peak that has been suspended for two or more consecutive calendar years shall be automatically deleted from the List. This paragraph shall apply only to those peaks suspended on or after January 1, 1997."

The Management Committee also received a petition, signed by more than the required minimum number of members, to add the following two items to the ballot: (1) Should Kitching Peak (25I) remain on the HPS List? (Options: Keep on List, Remove from List). And (2) Should Snow Peak (25J) remain on the HPS List? (Options: Keep on List, Remove from List).

All members in good standing of the HPS may vote. Your ballot(s) are enclosed with this issue of **THE LOOKOUT**. There should be a sufficient number of ballots enclosed for your household. If you do not receive enough ballots for your household members, please contact the

Election Committee (David Eisenberg or Maggie Wilson) and request additional ballots. Ballots must be returned by December 1, 1998 to be counted. Please return your ballot prior to December 1, 1998. Results of the election will be announced at the December 10, 1998 regular monthly meeting of the HPS.

Angeles Chapter Holds Election for ExComm; HPS Sends Questionnaire to Each Candidate

Nine candidates are vying for election to four slots on the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee (ExComm). The HPS Management Committee authorized a questionnaire to be sent to each candidate. The questionnaire deals with issues important to the HPS. The questionnaire and the responses are included inside this issue of **THE LOOKOUT**.

It is important that all members of the HPS review the responses to the questionnaire very carefully, and furthermore that all members of the HPS vote! Historically few Angeles Chapter members (less than 5%) vote in ExComm elections. Yet ExComm sets policies that impact outings programs in significant ways, such as imposing an additional charge for receiving the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities.

In 1996, when the \$9 charge to receive the Schedule of Activities was imposed, Less than 5,000 Angeles Chapter members chose to receive the Schedule, drastically reducing the number of non-HPS Chapter members who would be notified of HPS activities. Attendance at HPS activities such as our Annual Awards Banquet and Oktoberfest declined sharply.

Ballots for the ExComm election will be included in the October issue of the Southern Sierran, which you have **already** received!

Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg

Achievements

100 Peaks Emblem

971	Patrick Wood	May 9, 1998	Santa Cruz Peak
972	Bob Schnerger	June 18, 1998	Middle Peak
973	Kate Rogowski	August 14, 1998	Sunset Peak
974	Felicia Hammond	August 14, 1998	Frazier Mountain
975	Ann Lee	??	

200 Peaks Bar

357	Byron Prinzmetal	August 3, 1998	Rouse Hill
358	Kathy Price	May 30, 1998	Palomar High Point
359	George Wysup	August 16, 1998	Sunday Peak

List Completion #1

207	Judy Hummerich	July 25, 1998	Waterman Mountain
208	Jane Gibbons	July 26, 1998	Granite Mountain #1

Pathfinder

??	Tom Hill	July 16, 1998	Frazier Mountain
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Membership Activity Report

Member to Sustaining Member New Subscriptions

Mike Gosnell	John Alderson
Jack Russell	Bill Bell
Carol Akawie Schneider	Elise Ross
<u>New Member</u>	Bettye Swart

Karen Smith
William Hogshead
Martin Plumeri

Membership Summary

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sustaining	36	
Member	291	181
Household	67	256
Honorary	2	
Sustaining Sub.	2	
Subscriber	81	38
Extra	7	
Totals	486	475

Note from **THE LOOKOUT** Editor:

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From The Chair

By Charlotte Feitshans

Hello, Fellow Hikers!

The weather is beginning to turn somewhat cooler and the leaves on LA's few deciduous trees are beginning to fall; Autumn is here. The cooler weather makes hiking much more pleasant for those of us who don't like a lot of sun. This change in weather and fall atmosphere of harvest time will be the central theme of our Harvest Fest party on October 3rd and 4th at Harwood Lodge.

As we spend time in the mountains, either hiking privately or leading groups, I would hope that all members of the HPS keep in mind that newcomers to hiking look to us -- the leaders -- for friendliness, concern for the environment and each hiker, and information about various names of flowers and trees that we see along the way. (I have often wished that I knew more names of flowers; I'm always being asked.) As we lead these hikes, we shouldn't forget that we are often a newcomer's first contact with our HPS (and often, the Sierra Club) and his or her first impression of the Section will come from the impression of us as individuals. Although the Executive Board of the Sierra Club's main interest is in Conservation and our environment, the outings scheduled by the outings groups are the "hook" to interest people in the Sierra Club as a whole.

I want to again encourage everyone to attend our meetings on the second Thursday of the month at Griffith Park Auditorium. We've been having some very interesting slide presentations of trips to other countries and it's a great way to explore other regions of the world without spending a lot of money!

Til next time...

Recreation Pass and other Fees to Remain In Effect for Two More Years

Despite complaints, fees to stay for

national parks, forests. Congress is extending a pilot fee program for hundreds of parks, monuments and recreation areas, despite complaints from some that such charges make federal lands a playground for the elite. The program's administrators say it has provided much-needed money for repairs and maintenance without tapping the national Treasury. And really, they say, the fees imposed in 1996 remain well within reach of most Americans.

The pilot program increased fees already in place and added many more. The fee schedule has affected the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park and other popular attractions as well as more obscure boat launches, trails and beaches.

Four federal agencies will collect about \$160 million this year in user fees for parks, trails, monuments and other recreational areas. About 80 percent of the proceeds are used where they are collected to clear the maintenance backlog.

Washington state's Mount Rainier National Park, for example, will use \$878,000 of fee money to improve trails, upgrade a sewage treatment plant and renovate a visitor center. At Yellowstone, park officials plan to use more than \$1 million in fees to improve roads and rest rooms, replace docks and fix up an amphitheater.

The House approved extending the fees from Oct. 1, 1999, when the pilot program was to have ended, to Sept. 30, 2001. Language in the Senate version by Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., would extend higher fees in the National Park Service part of the program even further, until Sept. 30, 2005. The two chambers must resolve the difference in dates.

Some fees run as high as \$25, but most are under \$20, many as low as \$1 or \$2. Backers say that even with the fees, federal parks and forests remain a bargain. "The basic concept is solid, and the American people overwhelmingly support it," Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., told his House colleagues.

"People are fairly willing to pay something," said Dave Heerwagen, who oversees the program for the U.S. Forest

Service. The National Park Service said it surveyed visitors at 13 national parks and found eight in 10 believe the fees are adequate or too low.

But some members of Congress are hearing a different story — especially from out West. Park fees have generated more angry calls and letters from constituents than almost any other issue, said Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif.

"Wealthy people might not think much of paying \$5 to take their family for an afternoon hike," she said during floor debate last month. "But for many working families in my district, this tax has basically eliminated a popular recreational activity." On Thursday, she joined Rep. Mary Bono, R-Calif., in offering legislation to scrap the fees on U.S. Forest Service land.

They are acting on the wishes of people like David Stone, a wedding photographer in Eugene, Ore., who takes pictures of nature when he's not snapping brides and grooms. He skips the \$3 daily fee or \$25 seasonal fee he's supposed to pay to enjoy his favorite trails.

"I don't think we should have to pay a fee to take a simple walk in the woods on public land we already own," Stone said in an interview.

Another Eugene resident, Suzanne Fouty, also ignores the fees. She noted a rancher can graze a cow on federal land for \$8.21 a year. "It's an equity issue for me," said Fouty. "Let's make all the users pay. Let's not go after the hikers."

Stone and Fouty complained to their congressman, Democratic Rep. Peter DeFazio, who has tallied 120 anti-fees letters in the past year.

He said people in his district are forced to buy three separate passes to park cars near trails in Oregon's Deschutes, Willamette and Siuslaw national forests.

"You need a grid chart with 500 options on it to understand what you can use to go where," DeFazio said in an interview. "It is absurdly complex."

He tried and failed on a 341-81 vote to eliminate the two-year extension.

The fee schedule has succeeded

beyond its creators' wildest dreams. When Congress authorized the national park fees, Interior Department officials anticipated revenues of \$30 million to \$50 million over its original three-year span. This year alone, the park service expects to take in \$132 million from the program.

The U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also collect fees under the program — about \$28 million this year.

New Wilderness Policies in San Bernardino NF (Effective 9/8/98)

The following new policies affect visits to the Cucamonga, San Gorgonio, San Jacinto, and Santa Rosa Wilderness areas:

Dogs permitted on leash only

Maximum user group size reduced to 12

Day and Overnight use quotas would be slightly reduced in San Gorgonio and San Jacinto Wildernesses.

Packstock that travel and camp together limited to 8 per permit. Packstock food is required to be packed in, no grazing allowed. Goats would not be permitted in Wildernesses with bighorn sheep herds. Wilderness visitors will not longer be permitted to have open campfires in the Cucamonga, Santa Rosa, and San Gorgonio Wildernesses.

Open campfires will be permitted in the San Jacinto Wilderness at these sites: Lower Basin 2 & 3, Desert View 2 & 3, Chinquapin 1 & 3, Tahquitz 2 & 3, and Skunk Cabbage 3. Authorized types of camp stoves for use in the wilderness include completely enclosed portable camp stove with spark arrested chimney, portable stove using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel, and "zip" stoves.

Additionally, the use of glass containers when traveling in the local wilderness areas is strongly discouraged.

If you have any questions, please call one of the following Wilderness Managers:

Melinda Lyon or Ron Lawson, 909-659-2177 for the San Jacinto Wilderness and Santa Rosa Wilderness; Karen McKinley, 909-887-2576, ext 3325, for the Cucamonga Wilderness and the San Gorgonio Wilderness

Statements of Candidates for 1999 Management Committee

George Wysup

I am a relative newcomer to HPS and the Sierra Club, having been a member for only about 3 years. On the negative side, just so you know, I have not yet completed our list and I am not even an O-rated outings leader (though I am working to get certified in my San Geronimo Chapter). I am retired from my job, as of July 1 this year, so I generally have some spare time on my hands. I am fairly active on both scheduled, private, and solo hikes (for a good time, call 909-987-5348).

I understand that the HPS rolls are diminishing, and I can see that most of our more active members are—how should I put it—"graying". It concerns me when I see wonderful young people join HPS, go on a few outings, then dropout. What is missing for them? I hope to be able to do something about that. After all, if HPS has no members, who is left to be amazed at multiple list finishes? Yes, we need a few more beginner outings. Also important is to make new members, especially the younger ones, feel accepted by "the inner circle" of HPS. Personal phone calls, following up an outing a new member is on, could help. Personal invitations on outings may also show positive results.

I share a concern with some of the other candidates in the overall quality of the peak guides. I'm sure you realize that the guides contain numerous mistakes that can, at best, confuse or lose a party of first timers. The executive committee has at its disposal several modern techniques for improving the guide. This will take a lot of time, effort, and cooperation, and not really so much money. This must be done; there is no good reason not to.

Janet Bartel

HPS hiking has been a rich, rewarding experience for me these 10 years I have been involved with it. I have relished the camaraderie and the challenge of "bagging" another new peak on the List. I greatly believe in what the Sierra Club stands for and feel we have a responsibility to further what it is promoting.

I would like to be part of the HPS Management Committee so that I can help the high standards of our Section continue. I am impressed with the caliber of the candidates running for the Management Committee this time. Even if I am not elected, I would like to support them, for I see great things on the horizon for the HPS in '99.

Bill Hogshead

I have participated in HPS hikes throughout the past 15 years and have been a subscriber to **THE LOOKOUT** for years but only recently became a member. Not being a record keeper, I've had to glean hiking dates from others - a close guess would be 240 peaks that are on the HPS List. I am an "O" rated leader. Also, for some years I have enjoyed working with the Angeles Volunteer Association (which helps the U. S. Forest Service) & occasionally I help at Eaton Canyon Nature Center. Retirement is good - get to volunteer weekly at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont & every other Saturday get to work with the San Gabriel Mtn Trailbuilders. Currently we are finishing the new trail along the spine of Islip's south trending ridge to Crystal Lake. Come winter weather, we'll return to improving the Upper Bear Creek tr. I'm a serious student of our mountain plants & always glad to learn from others. To those who care, I'm glad to share what knowledge I have in appreciating our all-out-door vast garden-in-the wild.

Hugh Blanchard

HPS member since 1992, "O" rated, 238 peaks, leader Local Hikes Committee, volunteer U. S. Forest Service, member National Spelological Society.

The Management Committee has expressed concern over (1) recent substantial drop in

membership and (2) shortage of trip leaders.

Proposed remedies: (1) Increase in HPS Patches. This includes creation of a San Gabriel patch (for completing all 77 peaks in the San Gabriels) and a 150 peak patch. (2) Reduce HPS List to no more than 250 peaks by deleting some of the many brush heaps and drive-ups. No additions to the Peak List unless accompanied by a deletion. (3) The Management Committee should attempt to modify recent Safety Committee procedures which prohibit all "O" and nearly all "I" rated leaders from leading any 3rd class route. This reduces the number of scheduled trips to 3rd class summit blocks thus making it more difficult for members to complete the List. Any "O" or "I" rated leader whom provides the Safety Committee with a mutually satisfactory climbing record on a 3rd class peak route should be allowed to lead trips to that peak. (4) The Safety Committee unilateral determination of perceived deficiencies in provisional hikes should be subject to an automatic review process.

Byron Prinzmetal

Did you know:

Our membership numbers have been stagnant, as well as the number of people completing their HPS Achievements (their first 100 peaks, 200 peaks, etc.) Our hiking reputation, among some, is to obtain peaks at any cost including a pace too fast for the average hiker, forced checkouts, etc.

The above does not reflect our values as stated in our mission, which is primarily to explore and ENJOY the mountains of Southern California. We can change the above with minor changes in direction. I would like to help make this happen.

My objectives as a member of your management committee would be to: Insure that the goal of many of our hikes, not all, would be to first ENJOY the mountains and secondarily bag peaks. Increase the number of Sierra Club members who hike in our mountains and obtain our peaks. Increase our HPS membership.

To achieve the above, I would work with the management committee to initiate the following activities: Increase the number of leaders and help them gain the knowledge, competency and self confidence to lead hikes by: Improving the accuracy of our write-ups and maps.

Put on our web site updated write-ups, maps, seasonal information (road closures, etc.), and other relevant information. Create the management position of leadership coordinator. The goals of the coordinator would be to actively recruit new leaders, help train new leaders, help them become "I" rated (to include working with the chapter safety committee to resolve issues), and teach them how to use the new tools available to us to insure we navigate safely and accurately (GPS, New Wildflower Topo maps, etc.) Have the Outings Chair work even more actively with our leaders and other section leaders to schedule more hikes that the majority of our membership find enjoyable. Understand why we gain/lose members by having the membership chair call each new member and each member who does not renew their membership. Based upon the information provided, develop programs to increase our membership.

Some might ask, what motivates me to do the above. I love to hike in our mountains. I retired to do this. I want to give to others what I so much enjoy myself. My way of doing this is to help make the HPS even more successful and to actively lead hikes that others find enjoyable, educational, and exciting.

Please let me know your ideas to make our club better for you (and others) and how you feel about the above. I can be reached at: Byron_Prinzmetal@CSI.Com

Virgil Popescu

A Sierra Club member since 1989, I have graduated from the Wilderness Travel Course and I completed all requirements for O and I leader. I have ascended 230 HPS peaks.

I am a Sierra Club member because I am always concerned about conservation and the environment. For the same reason I am a member of the Nature Conservancy and the Wilderness Society.

As the HPS Program Chair, at this past year, I did my best to bring new and different presentations that would attract more members to our meetings and banquets. I would like to continue to be a part of the HPS Management Committee and devote time and energy to our outings, increasing membership and other programs.

Jim S. Fleming

I am honored to have been once again nominated to run for our August organization. My experience with the HPS began in 1974 (the year I joined) and the following year I began to lead outings. I became involved in the Management Committee in 1983 as Programs Chair. This was followed by service as Chair (twice), Secretary, Treasurer, and a second stint as Programs Chair in the years since. I have enjoyed the experience very much, and would like the opportunity to serve you once more! I believe that the HPS can continue to represent a strong outings voice in the Angeles Chapter. Thank you for your support.

Tom Hill

May 21, 1962 I reached the top of San Gorgonio, my first HPS peak, solo from Vivian Creek. An extraordinary, difficult experience—I had found my place. May 24, 1969 I went on my first HPS hike (Double/Tehachapi, led by Dick and Shirley Akawie). I was HPS peakbagging and reached #73 that day. Another extraordinary experience—I had found my people. Now, at 943 HPS summits, those early visions are still rock-steady. During 1998, as Mountain Records Chair, I have been guided by this simple concept: "The Committee exists to serve the needs of its members, and its members want to hike!"

PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE BYLAWS

A new paragraph 6.6 shall be added to the Hundred Peaks Bylaws, to read as follows:

" 6.6 Automatic Deletion of Peak

A peak that has been suspended for two or more consecutive calendar years shall be automatically deleted from the list. This paragraph shall apply only to those peaks suspended on or after January 1, 1997."

ARGUMENT FOR THE BYLAW CHANGE

I recently signed a petition to vote on whether Snow and Kitching should remain on the HPS List. This illustrates how the new wording operates: Because the Management Committee endorsed the Bylaw Change, the Snow/Kitching petition was circulated, and now HPS members get a chance to decide for themselves whether Snow and Kitching are appropriate peaks for the List.

Now read this:

HPS Bylaws 6.5: "The Management Committee, by majority vote, may suspend a peak **from the Peak List for six months, or until the next Annual Election, whichever comes first.**"

Uncross your eyes and ask why the suspension lasts until the "next Annual Election." The new Bylaw is more generous. After two years the situation is more likely to be clarified than after only six months or less.

(Tom Hill)

Argument Against the Bylaws Change

Automatic Peak Delisting would set a dangerous precedent for the Hundred Peaks Section. With Automatic delisting, a future Management Committee could delist a peak simply by suspending it for two years. This would take away the right of the HPS membership to decide on peak additions/deletions on a peak by peak basis.

There is no need for this. If the Management Committee fails to put a suspended peak on the ballot for delisting, any HPS member can by circulating a petition to add or delete a peak. Only 5% of the HPS membership (currently 21 signatures) is required to put such a measure on the ballot. In the years since suspension has been allowed, only Snow and Kitching Peaks have been suspended for 2 years. These peaks are on the current ballot (by petition). If you believe that they should be delisted, vote that way, but vote NO on this proposed bylaw change.

(Frank Dobos, Past HPS Chair, 3X list finisher, led over 200 peaks Ruth Lee Dobos, Past HPS Chair, 2X list finisher, led over 200 peaks David F Eisenberg, Past HPS Chair, 3X list finisher, led the list)

Kitching Peak 25I Argument for Delisting

Kitching is a marvelous peak, great view, ...Too bad it can't be hiked (40 miles, river crossings, bushwhacks, you name it).

HPS Bylaws 6.4: " ... Access must be unrestricted ...A peak may be deleted from the Peak List when it ceases to meet one or more of the criteria for the addition of a peak to the Peak List ..."

Kitching, actually, is a prime candidate for an "honorary peak list" or some such to remember the good old days.

Naturally, our members are smart enough to put it right back on The List if the major-casino band of Morongo Indians lets us use their roads again. Don't hold your breath.

(Tom Hill)

Snow Peak 25J Argument for Delisting

For you newcomers out there, the ascent of Galena Peak involves a climb of the Mill Creek Headwall. This is sometimes frightening, sometimes fun, always memorable.

Now, join me for a hike that BEGINS with the Headwall. We'll continue on down the other side several miles to the fenced-in electronic site called Snow Peak and then return the same way. Tigers only! need apply for this deathmarch.

Better yet, let's backpack over the Headwall (!) -- a silly idea, yet Snow Peak is "on the list."

Why?

(Tom Hill)



Angeles Chapter Historian Bob Cates brought these boots owned and constructed by Sam Fink. Sam had attached the tricouni nails to the soles of the boots. These boots reside in the Angeles Chapter archives.



Leaders for several decades, George Toby (left) and Roy Magnuson pose for the camera at the picnic.



All ladies who had ever hiked with Sam Fink gather together for a group photo at the picnic. At the bottom of the photo are the boots Sam wore on some of those outings.



Photos on opposite page: (Upper left): Lynda and Tom Armbruster hold collection of books, photos, and other notes maintained by Sam Fink over the many decades of hiking. (Upper right): Angeles Chapter Historian Bob Cates and former HPS Chair Maureen Cates. (Lower left): Shirley Akawie and daughter Carol. (Lower right): Hundred Peaks - the next generation. Parents Nami Brown, Ruth Feldon, John Sheldon, and Stag Brown stand behind their collective children. From left to right: Benjamin and Becky Sheldon, Reina Lee Brown.

R. S. "Sam" Fink Memorial Event

August 15, 1998

By Joe Young and Lynda Armbruster

The gathering at upper Chilao picnic area was preceded by two hikes, one led by Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson drew thirteen participants, while Lynda and Tom Armbruster led a group of 29 on another. Joe and Bobcat led the harder of the two hikes, bagging Winston Peak, traveling cross-country easterly to the gully separating Winston Peak from Mt. Akawie, then ascending Mt Akawie's steep west slopes. Lynda and Tom led an easier hike via the standard route to Mt. Akawie.

While these hikes were going on, Stag Brown and Nami Brown staked out the picnic site at upper Chilao, and posted signs at strategic locations indicating the way to the picnic site. They were joined by Ann and Louis Cavalieri and other non hikers and together waited for the participants on the hikes to rendezvous at the picnic site.

The thirteen hikers on Joe's and Bobcat's hike included such veterans as George Toby, Roy Magnuson, and Bob and Maureen Cates. Lynda's and Tom's hike attracted Shirley Akawie and her daughter Carol, Gordon Lindberg, Jack Trager, and other HPS members.

The two groups of hikers met one another as Lynda and Tom departed the summit of Mt Akawie, just as Joe and Bobcat neared the summit. The "Akawie-only" group arrived at the picnic site about an hour before the Winston/Akawie group arrived.

The picnic attracted hikers young and old, veterans and relative newcomers. Approximately 60 attended the picnic. Bob Cates, Angeles Chapter historian, had brought Sam Fink's original hiking boots to the event. Sam had hand driven tricouni nails into the soles himself. (This was a precursor to detachable crampons.) Joe Young brought out one of the Sam Fink Trail metallic trail markers. And Lynda and Tom Armbruster had brought many documents prepared and maintained by Sam which documented his every trip for many decades.

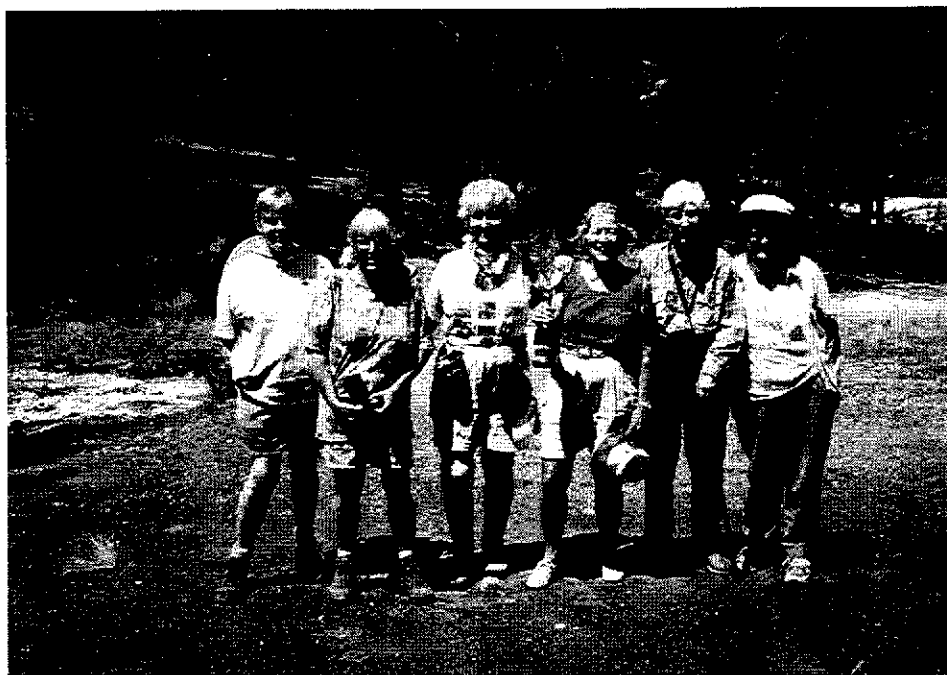
In attendance were many ladies who had hiked with Sam over the years, some as long as thirty years ago. In his later years Sam led many ladies on private outings to various peaks, helping many of them to obtain Emblem status, 200 Peaks status, or to finish the HPS List.

About Freda Walbrecht

By Hugh Blanchard

The July-August Lookout lists Sam Funk as the first person to finish the HPS List. Sam is rightfully described as a HPS Legend and his feats are well known to all HPS'ers. Not nearly as well known is the second person to complete the list. I would like to acquaint the reader with one of the most remarkable women who ever joined the HPS. I am indebted to long time Sierra Club member Bill Stewart for the following information.

Freda Walbrecht was born in Nebraska in 1903. At an early age she moved with her family to Western Idaho. After graduating from high school she was employed by the County District Attorney's Office in Eastern Oregon near Vale. After several years she passed the Oregon Bar Examination, although she never attended law school. She practiced law in the Vale area until 1932, then accompanied her sister to Los Angeles and passed the California Bar Exam. In 1936 she went to Japan and was



All these ladies were led up peaks over the years by Sam Fink: (Left to right) Mary Ann Vogel, Lois (Francisco) Banda, Alice Hawkins, Keats Hayden, Elizabeth Cohen, and Ann Cavaliere.



Long-time HPS member Henry Heusinkveld stands between Shirley Akawie and former HPS Chair Alice Hawkins.



Relaxed group discussion at the picnic. Seated, clockwise from left: Lynda Armbruster, Elizabeth Cohen, Bob Cates, Lois Banda, and Janet Damen. Standing: (Left) Henry Heusinkveld and Bobcat Thompson.

employed until the advent of World War II, returning to Los Angeles in 1939. Freda opened a one woman law office in L.A. specializing in probate and tax law, and resided in Sherman Oaks.

Freda was a very early member of the HPS. Much of her high Sierra climbing was in the company of the legendary Norman Clyde. Her accomplishments included climbing all the fourteen thousand footers on the West Coast. She also climbed the highest point in most of the states. Bill Stewart first met Freda on a Sierra Club expedition to El Picacho del Diablo in Baja in April 1950 and frequently climbed with her for the next 25 years.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of her climbing career is that she never drove a car. For reasons now unclear, she never obtained a driver's license and was dependant on Bill and other friends including Hazel Elbinger (listed as number 5 on the List Completion list). She never married.

Bill was with Freda when she completed her list by climbing Devil's Heart Peak in the Topatopa Mountains (now contained within the Sespe Condor Sanctuary and long off limits to peakbaggers). Bill's recollection was that when viewing the register they found to Freda's dismay that Sam Fink had completed the List by climbing the same peak just two weeks before. Bill disputes the Lookout's date of December 7, 1950 as given for Sam's List completion, believing that the initial List completion date can not be any earlier than the mid 1950's.

During the entire period Freda hiked with Bill she was a rather slow hiker which she blamed on pneumonia and resultant lung damage suffered on a high Sierra camping trip in 1946. However she continued to be active until shortly before her death from cancer on May 20, 1978. In her 70's she was still attempting major peaks such as Kilimanjaro and Aconcagua.

Those who knew her describe her as being extremely determined with a strong will to succeed. While ahead of her time in some respects, she is now one of many women to have completed the List. Fully one third of the

204 List completers are women. She also did so in spite of physical ailments.

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Since my last column there were twelve registers replaced or found and one new listing.

Reports were received from Rich Hoesly, Peter Doggett, Leo Rosario, Ray Riley, and Gabriel Rau.

Missing and deficient registers:

7P	Chief Peak	missing	6-98
12C	San Gabriel Peak	missing	9-97
13C	Pleasant View	missing	6-97
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	4-96
14D	S. Mt. Hawkins	missing	8-97
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	7-97
14F	Mt. Hawkins	deficient	10-97
17E	Cucamonga Pk	missing	11-97
17F	Etiwanda Peak	missing	11-97
24B	San Bernardino	missing	7-98
24C	San Bernardino E.	deficient	7-98
24D	Anderson Peak	missing	7-98
26B	Quail Mtn.	Missing	4-98
26D	Ryan Mtn.	missing	4-94
28K	Pine Mtn. #2	decrepit	5-98
30D	Santa Rosa Mtn.	deficient	6-97
32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	9-97

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to **Jim Adler, 836 S. Alandele Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625**, or telephone at (323) 931-6844 or e-mail at **J Adler LA@aol.com**. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. (Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed are not listed.)

Current Trip Reports

Jean Pk, Marion Mtn

August 9, 1998

**Leaders: Joe Young and Bobcat
Thompson**

By Joe Young

The leaders met six participants at the ranger station in Idyllwild at 7:00 AM on Sunday, August 9, 1998. Skies were mostly overcast. There had been signs of recent rain on the highway leading to Idyllwild. The (mostly) overcast skies kept the temperatures comfortably down throughout the hike.

We began the hike at about 7:45 AM. We arrived at saddle junction in about one hour, then proceeded on the Devil's Slide trail towards San Jacinto. Passing one junction, then another, the group kept together at a reasonably fast paced (2.5 miles & 1,400' per hour ascent rate). We passed through the beautiful, though wet, Wellman Cienega area, replete with ferns, skunk cabbage and other wildflowers. I believe that this trail, from Humber Park to San Jacinto, is one of, if not the most beautiful and scenic trails in southern California. At 11:30 we reached the turn-off to San Jacinto Pk at a saddle, and we started our cross-country hike southward toward Jean Pk. We arrived shortly after noon on Jean. We found no register so we left a new one near the stick of wood bearing the name "Jean Peak." The register can left was one of the new, small ammo boxes provided to the HPS by the Sierra Peaks Section last September at the Angeles Chapter picnic. The ammo box contained book and pencil.

By now the skies were pretty much solid overcast, and we heard the sounds of distant thunder. From time to time Marion Mtn, or at least the summit block, which we could see, became shrouded in clouds.

Part way from Jean to Marion Bobcat began leading the group. He led us cross-country just west of the summit, then scampered up to the dead tree next to the cracks leading to the summit. We had arrived at this point at about 1:35 PM. Most

participants climbed to the true summit. However, light rain began to fall at this time. The rock became slick and climbers descended the summit block with care.

Tropical depression Frank was the cause of this weather. With the light rain was now not so distant, but not threatening, thunder. One hiker reported seeing distant lightning.

Bobcat led the group cross-country easterly (downward) following a ducked route which approximated the peak guide directions and peak map. The brushy areas were light, and travel was relatively easy, though wet. The light rain began to ease up, and blue sky emerged in places.

We arrived at the trail, we believe, a short (0.3 mi?) distance south of Wellman Divide. From here we headed on out, arriving at the cars at 4:50 PM.

All eight of us, plus Judy Ware, who had done her own hike today, reconvened at Arriba, a Mexican restaurant located across the street from the ranger station in Idyllwild. An informal survey indicated that everyone was satisfied with their meal and with the service. One can dine indoors (as we did) or al fresco at Arriba. All of us would recommend this reasonably priced restaurant. Nine of us dined, meals and drinks, including tax and tip, for \$76.

Participants today included leaders Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson, David Baldwin, Elaine Baldwin, John Connerly, Byron Prinzmetal, Rolf Wyss, and Mike Baldwin.

Mt. Baldy All Hail To Thee

August 12, 1998

**Leaders: Southern Courtney, Richard
Schamberg,**

Jack Martin, And Gabriele Rau

By Southern Courtney

The four miles with 3900 feet of gain by way of the Ski Hut was not really a piece-of-cake for the mostly senior hikers free to hike on Wednesdays. A few stopped at Falls Overlook which is about 800 feet above the Ski Hut but

most wanted the peak. My lead group took, I think, three hours and twenty minutes to arrive at the top (10,064') a little after noon. The sky was clear but as we enjoyed lunch it darkened. By 12:40 we started down. We had only dropped about fifty feet down when we met Richard and his slower but determined group about to reach the top. We agreed that it would be wise for them not to tarry once they had reached peak.

By the time my group had reached the overlook point it was very dark and lightning began to crescendo. What next-hail? Lightning, thunder and hail what fun, and at no extra charge. Richard's group had even more fun with much larger hail, Good going Richard, Jack, Gabriele, and thank you.

Mt. Hawkins, Copter Ridge, Mt Hawkins (reprise), Throop Pk, Burnham Pk, Mt Baden-Powell

August 23, 1998

Leaders: Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson

By the Leaders

Eleven hikers met at the La Cañada rideshare point at 6:30. Six cars drove to Vincent Gap to begin the car shuttle. Three cars drove ten miles back to a gully about two miles east of Islip Saddle (one gully west of the gully with a green bolted steel water reservoir near the Hwy). There is a good unmarked use trail leading directly up to Windy Gap that follows the left (east) bank of the gully. *This is an excellent, steep but quick, route from the Angeles Crest Highway to Windy Gap!*

We started hiking 8:30. In ten minutes we arrived at Windy Gap. Times for critical events include: Arrival at Hawkins, 9:50; departure from Hawkins 10:10; arrival at Copter Ridge, 10:55; leave Copter 11:10; arrive Hawkins (for the second time), 12:50. On this warm day this stretch of the hike was most uncomfortable. We left Hawkins at 1:15. Arrival at Throop, 1:50. Here three hikers signed out.

Then on to Burnham and Baden Powell where we arrived at 3:50. We left Baden Powell at 4:15. On descent we checked out Lamel

Spring, water running so poorly that we needed, and were thankful to have, a pump to suck up water. We arrived at cars at Vincent Gap at 5:45. Participants scattered at this point.

Mts. Burnham And Baden-Powell

August 26th 1998

Leaders: Richard Schamberg, Southern Courtney

By Southern Courtney

Truly a perfect day for this 9 mile hike with 2400 feet of gain and 2800 feet of loss. Richard led us off from Dawson Saddle- all forty happy baggers. The sky was clear, the temperature was moderate, and the cooling breeze a pleasure. It seemed no great effort to gain the top of Burnham. Our views were great and B-P looked no great distance.

From Burnham I led a group on towards the 9399 feet peak that had called so many this day. Our final ascent was via the west side use-trail which is the shortest and best way. My lead group arrived around 12:15 but it took another 15 minutes for all to peak. A happy long lunch was had until about 1:10 when we took off for Vincent Gap. 4 miles and 2800 feet all down hill on a fine trail-this was the San Gabriel's at their best.

Two Saddles And Three Peaks

September 9, 1998

Leaders: Southern Courtney, Richard Schamberg

By Southern Courtney

Cold blasts of pre-fall air greeted us at Dawson Saddle as we began our outing in this nearby mountain wonderland. Besides Richard and me on these Wednesday hikes there are many rated leaders ready to help out as needed. So I was able to take part of the group on some ridge hiking on the way to Throop (9138') while others went the easier route. From Throop we all went down the now opened ridge heading towards Hawkins (8250') which was something of a challenge and fun. From Hawkins we dropped down a use-trail ridge to

the trail below. Then on to where our trail junctions with the South Hawkins Trail. Here we stopped for lunch.

The next goal was Windy Gap (it was). Most of the hikers chose to pass up Islip Peak and follow Richard for a 2 mile stroll to Islip Saddle. Eleven peakers went with me to gain Islip's Summit (8850'). From the summit I took the group down the westward running ridge which has a use-trail until we reached a northward running ridge, with no use-trail, which ends at the regular trail a mile from Islip Saddle. A fine day of hiking.

Sunday Pk, Bohna Peak, Split Mountain, Black Mountain #5

September 19-20

**Leaders: Joe Young and Maggie Wilson
By the Leaders**

Fourteen hikers, including the leaders, met at 8:00 am on Saturday at Greenhorn Summit, 7.7 miles west of Wofford Heights on Hwy 155. After some consolidation, we caravanned to the Route 1 road head for Sunday Pk, and bagged this peak via the beautiful, forested route 1 trail. Thirty five minutes into the hike some hikers requested a split break, and Joe complied with this request, unaware that we were 2-3 minutes from the summit! Once on the summit we enjoyed the views of the southern Sierra. Skies were clear, temps pleasant.

We returned to Greenhorn summit, then headed to the route 1 road head for Bohna. Parking requires either driving a ways past the designated road head and walking back, or by driving up the steep dirt road on the right to a large flat area. Some vehicles might have trouble with the steepness of the latter. The hike of Bohna was nominal. Some hikers spotted a beautiful King Snake, and took photos. After returning to the cars, turning around was made practical by driving up the road 0.2 - 0.3 mile to a wide turnaround.

Returning to Greenhorn summit at approximately 3:00, participants scattered to their preferred camping or motel locations. Most chose to camp at Summit campground, at

Greenhorn summit. It costs \$8 per day to camp here. This campground has flush toilets and HOT SHOWERS! Before scattering, we agreed to reconvene at 5:30 at an Italian restaurant in Kernville which was recommended by David Reneric and Jan Brahms.

Ten participants met at "That's Italian," the recommended restaurant in Kernville, located in the major shopping area on the west side of town. Most ordered various pasta dinners. Everyone seemed pleased with their meals.

Sunday morning eleven hikers met again at Greenhorn summit at 7:00. Consolidating again, we headed off to the trailhead for Split/Black. In four 4WD vehicles we drove to Black Mtn saddle, then east for 2.2 miles to a wide area (ample parking). The fair road required high clearance, but not necessarily 4WD vehicles.

Beginning our hike at 7:55, we hiked up the embankment immediately south of the parking area, proceeded east a short ways on an overgrown road, scrambled up and around Cane Spring, gained the ridge to Split, traveled cross country through moderate brush with lots of Poodle Dog, followed ducks, and arrived at the summit of Split at 11:00. The register on Split goes back to the 1960's, and includes the names of many legendary HPS hikers, including Sam Fink's numerous entries. We stayed about ½ hour on the summit, then headed back, generally retracing our steps. At about 1:45 we headed up a ridge leading to Black, just west of Cane Spring, we believe. This ridge was generally brush free. The steepness slowed our pace. Nearing the top we checked out the two false summits of Black, then surmounted the true summit which is, as the guide states, the "southernmost" pile of rocks. We arrived there at about 3:15.

We left the summit about twenty minutes later and traveled generally northward, avoiding dense brush. We arrived at the road at about 4:30 at a point approximately ½ mile west of the cars.

After caravanning back to Greenhorn summit, several of us availed ourselves of the highly touted hot showers at the nearby

campground in hopes of cleansing ourselves of any Poodle Dog contamination. (No one has reported any unusual rashes since the outing, even though three participants hiked in shorts during the hike to Split.)

This had been a pleasant weekend of hiking the HPS' northernmost peaks. The weather cooperated nicely – skies remained clear and temps moderate. The group was

generally congenial and cooperative, and helpful at times while route finding in the brushy areas. The Peak Guides and maps were fine. It is possible (and practical) to drive well past Black Mountain Saddle to shorten the hike to Split/Black. However, the northern ridges of Black are covered with brush which makes the going slow in returning to the cars from the summit of Black.

Wilderness Travel Course

Would you like to improve your hiking skills and meet others who share an interest in the outdoors? Have you wanted to learn how to use a map and compass? Would you enjoy rock scrambling in the desert and snowshoeing in the high Sierras? The Wilderness Travel Course, a Sierra Club sponsored 10 week program, provides the basic knowledge needed for enjoying wilderness areas. Certified and experienced volunteer Sierra Club instructors teach the classes, which begin in January in four Southern California locations. The program has something for everyone, from the novice to the experienced hiker.

During 10 classroom sessions and four field trips, WTC students will gain the knowledge necessary for a safe, enjoyable experience in the wilderness. Meetings include lectures, workshops and visual presentations on backpacking, equipment, field navigation, wilderness ethics, first aid, food preparation, winter camping, and safety and rescue.

The course locations are: Long Beach, Orange County, the San Gabriel Valley (greater Los Angeles area), and new this year, West Los Angeles. The cost is \$150 for Sierra Club members and \$165 for nonmembers.

For information, call 909-980-1210 or send a business-sized self addressed stamped envelope to the WTC Registrar Pat Johantgen at 7661 Haven Ave. #D, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730-1756. Applications are also available from the WTC Website at

<http://www.angeleschapter.com/wtc>

and at local mountaineering stores.

Palm Springs Aerial Tramway To Be Closed

By George Wysup

On our trip down the Palm Springs tram Monday p.m. (after climbing Marion Mtn. and Jean peak) it was announced that the tram will be closed next summer for modernization. Closure will be from June 21 to Sept. 1, 1999. Modernization will include new tram cars. These are said to be larger and round in shape, performing a 360 degree rotation during the trip.

Tram phone no. is 1-888-515-tram.

Website is

<http://www.pstramway.com>

Remember to Vote for your candidates in the election of Angeles Chapter Executive Committee members (ExCom) as well as for the candidates running for Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee!

Questionnaire for Candidates for ExComm

1. What are your priorities for the Angeles Chapter, such as conservation, legislative advocacy, litigation, specific environmental issues (e. g., Ballona wetlands), outings, education, etc?

2. What funding mechanisms do you advocate in order to preserve and enhance Chapter financial stability? (E. g., cutting expenses, fundraising events, imposition of a surcharge to receive the Schedule of Activities, increased advertising revenues, etc.)

3. Do you consider that enhancement of strong, robust outings programs attract interest in the Angeles Chapter, or do you consider outings activities to be secondary or peripheral to the primary purposes of the Chapter?

4. Is there anything else you would like to say to Hundred Peaks Section members regarding your candidacy for ExComm?

Armando Soto Mayor

My personal priority is to improve the Sierra Club's public image. We are the nation's oldest and largest environmental organization, but we don't get the publicity we deserve. We run the largest and best outings program in the world, but we get virtually no publicity for it. As Chapter Publicity Chair, I have been working on this issue. I particularly want to improve our public image in the Latino community.

All of the priorities mentioned above are important. I personally believe that Executive Committee members must be able to balance all of the competing concerns, particularly when deciding which projects to fund with the Chapter's money. We will always have less money than we need for all of our worthy projects, our challenge is to spend our limited resources in the most effective way.

I am just in awe of the financial wizardry displayed by Paul Sailer, Bob Gelfand and Liz Pomeroy, the three incumbents with whom I am running as a slate. By moving the Chapter office, they've saved the Chapter over \$10,000 per year for the next five years! By modernizing the SOUTHERN SIERRAN's production techniques, they are publishing 12 issues per year for what it used to cost to publish 8. I think we should continue cutting Chapter expenses without sacrificing Chapter necessities.

I think we should work to increase Chapter revenues in every possible way. I am personally leading two fundraising events for the Chapter next year. Fundraising outings are a great way to increase Chapter revenues while having fun at the same time.

Charging for the Schedule of Activities was a terrible mistake. I would never vote for such a proposal under any circumstances whatsoever.

I (and the three incumbents with whom I am running as a slate) favor continuing to build a Chapter endowment, and spending only the interest income on current conservation projects. This is the key distinction between us and the so-called "Conservation Slate", which favors increasing Chapter spending on conservation projects in an unsustainable way.

Our outings program is the most important thing that we do. It gets people interested in the Sierra Club, and interested in preserving and protecting the beautiful places they've seen personally. Our best, most effective conservation activists have come to us through our outings program.

I have participated in Sierra Club outings for over 20 years, and I am proud to be an "O" rated leader. I have been Chair of the International Community Section (a very active outings section) for 3 years.

Please vote for me! Please also vote for Paul Sailer, Liz Pomeroy and Bob Gelfand. If anyone has any questions for me or any of my fellow candidates, please call us or email us. We're in the Schedule!

Liz Pomeroy

The Angeles Chapter is so large, with its membership about 50,000 and harboring more than 80 groups, sections, committees, and task forces. I would put a high priority on doing some careful strategic planning early in the new year. With such a process, all parts of the chapter should be consulted and their interests heard. Then the new Executive Committee would be prepared to work in a unified way toward the goals we've agreed on.

Another high priority would be to join hiking and conservation interests as much as we can: by adding conservation awareness to our outings, and by getting more of our hard-working conservation activists out on our hikes to raise their consciousness a bit -- to see that outings are part of the fabric of our Club.

To preserve and enhance Chapter financial stability, I'd advocate a cautious approach to our existing endowment and reserves. The policies for those financial bulwarks were worked out over years of planning, and through some difficult times. Let's keep the endowment income coming in, so our publications can remain strong and free to all members. The Chapter is working now on a major gifts program and also fundraising trips, to build our revenues. The present management team is keeping a conservative eye on expenses.

I'm an outings leader. There's no doubt in my mind that the dozens (I guess, hundreds) of hikers I've talked with on my outings care about the Sierra Club and value what we do. Some go on from the enjoyment of hiking to run for office in a group or section, or they become outings leaders themselves to carry on the tradition.

I see myself as someone who listens to the outings, conservation, and political interests of our Chapter. These are all parts of our lives in the Club. I believe that a person who works on, and has the confidence of, all these interests is best able to speak up for each of them -- and to make sure they all stay strong. I would appreciate your vote!

Paul Sailer

My personal priority is to make sure the Chapter is in a sound financial condition. Several years ago the Chapter was in financial chaos. I (Paul Sailer), Armando, Bob, and Elizabeth have worked hard to restore the Chapter to financial health. And we did. Unfortunately several candidates running in a slate opposing us want to turn around the financial policies that have provided financial stability to the chapter. Worse still they want to spend the principal of the Chapters' endowment (our savings), which provides us the income we need to balance the budget and pay for our publications and more. If they succeed we will have the same financial chaos that occurred just a few years ago. This is the crucial difference between myself, Armando, Bob and Elizabeth and these candidates in the slate running against us. I have many other goals and priorities, I want to see the Chapter even healthier financially. I'd like to see better publicity for our outings and conservation. I'd like us to adopt visionary proactive conservation programs instead of just fighting developers over small parcels of land. But my main concern is insuring the financial health of the Chapter. As our Chapter Treasurer Jim Schoedler, conservation chair, Laurie Fathe and numerous Chapter leaders have said, the financial health of our Chapter is in danger if these candidates opposing us are elected and succeed in their spending plans. I urge you to vote for me (Paul Sailer), Armando, Bob, and Elizabeth. I personally have worked too hard for too long to help the Chapter get back financial health. I don't want us to return to the ruinous financial position that created financial chaos just a short while ago.

There are many useful things to increase financial health of the Chapter. During the year I was fundraising chair we doubled fundraising income. I personally negotiated a very favorable lease that will save over \$60,000 over five years in rent. I am heading a committee to conduct outings to raise money, and I expect we'll raise \$40,000 in the next years. I am working to create permanent legal endowments for the Chapter. But we must not adopt foolish shortsighted spending policies that will create financial chaos. We must absolutely NOT impose a surcharge on the schedule. I, Armando, Bob, and Elizabeth fought to restore the free Schedule. Right now no one will publicly say they want to impose a surcharge, but actions speak louder than words. We promised to restore the free schedule and when we were elected we did so. The most experienced member of the Opposition slate voted to impose a surcharge on the Schedule in 1995 when she was Chapter Treasurer.

Our outings program is absolutely essential to the Chapter. Outings brought me into the Chapter, I have served many years as an outings leader, and chair of the mule pack section. My involvement in the Chapter executive committee came from my desire to restore the free Schedule.

I (Paul Sailer), Armando, Bob, and Elizabeth believe in the importance of outings, and our belief consists of more than words. I, Armando and Elizabeth are outings leaders, and we have each also have been chairs of outings Sections or groups that led outings. Our commitment to the outings program is long, deep, personal, and real. Our knowledge of its importance is based on our actual participation as leaders and leaders of groups and Outings sections.

QUESTION 4: I (Paul Sailer), Armando, Bob, and Elizabeth will keep our endowment intact and maintain the financial policies that have been so successful for the past two years.—and make sure we keep the Schedule of activities free. Our commitment is based on our actions: We restored the free schedule, balanced the budget, doubled fundraising income, quadrupled spending for conservation, improved our publications, saved \$60,000 in rent over five years. We have had real experience managing the Chapter for the last two years. We've done a good job.

It's easy to say nice sounding platitudes, it's harder to do the real work. We did the real work. You trusted us two years ago when you elected us. We have earned your trust. We ask you to reelect us now. This election is crucial. The financial fate of the Chapter is in your hands. Please vote for us.

P. S. It's not too late. If you have misplaced your ballot you can still get one from the Chapter office by calling them and asking for a replacement.

Bob Gelfand

I strongly oppose any more fiddling with the way the Schedule is paid for and distributed. Paul Sailer, Liz Pomeroy, Armando Soto Mayor and myself are all committed to the continuing distribution of the Schedule freely to all our members. We have been working hard to get some of the costs covered by "soft" money, i.e. money that is available to cover educational and conservation oriented material. Quite a bit of the Schedule obviously falls in this category, and we will be helping the chapter finances quite a bit by doing this.

In addition, I can't say enough about how great our outings program is, and how we need to support it and nourish it financially. The chapter doesn't pay for trips directly, but we are directly involved in supporting training and safety programs and in purchasing necessary equipment such as ropes and climbing gear. As a backpacker, hiker, and scuba diver myself (among other interests like writing Southern Sierran editorials), I see that the conservation arm of the chapter is supported and developed out of the outings arm, not the other way around. If you come to a chapter excomm meeting or political committee meeting, you will run into people who have decades of hiking, climbing, and backpacking experience. Our devotion to conservation comes out of that experience. Actually, this is pretty much the way the Sierra Club always has functioned.

In addition, the outings program is the one best way to get younger people involved in Sierra Club activities. We can if we wish think of the outings programs as the farm system for conservation activists twenty or thirty years down the road.

However, we should also remember that the outings program is worthwhile in and of itself, and needs no defense. In this regard, I take exception to the remarks by some opposition candidates, who seem to be implying that the outings program needs to be "reformed" in some way so as to serve the ends of various conservation activists.

My priorities include continuing the strong political process we have, and doing some necessary reorganizing of the chapter's conservation process. We need to stay the course financially in terms of protecting our endowment and not getting the chapter into financial problems again. It was those problems, people may recall, that led to such difficult issues as cutting employee hours and taking away the free Schedule.

In terms of fundraising, we have already been successful to some extent in fixing the problems the chapter was having a few years ago. As manager of the chapter publications (including the Schedule and Southern Sierran), I have already managed to get us more newspaper and Schedule for less hard dollar expense. We have already substantially increased our advertising revenues in the Southern Sierran and expect to see further improvements in the near future. As stated above, I don't support another divisive discussion over Schedule charges. In fact, Angeles Chapter members now receive the Southern Sierran twelve times a year compared to six or eight issues in previous years, and at no additional expense to the chapter.

Questionnaire for Candidates for ExComm

Michelle Spert

1. What are your priorities for the Angeles Chapter, such as conservation, legislative advocacy, litigation, specific environmental issues (e. g., Ballona wetlands), outings, education, etc?

1. My goal as an executive committee member is to integrate the Chapter's various activities with effective administration to best meet the needs of the chapter's members. The most pressing environmental fights at any given time define what the conservation committee is doing, what litigation the Club is engaged in and what legislative battles we focus on.

One issue which is a priority for the executive committee is the fact that we are not spending enough 501(c)(3) money; even the National Sierra Club board has agreed that this is the case. The money we receive from the Sierra Club Foundation is intended to be spent, or it can be taken away. Finding ways to allow the Chapter's groups and activists to responsibly access money that needs to be spent is a real task for the executive committee. Not to break the bank, but to fulfill our obligations as an environmental conservation organization.

2. This year the Chapter's staff has been more successful in fundraising than ever. How has he done it? He's raised money around the conservation issues which the Chapter is working on. This success proves that when the Club has strong conservation activities it is able to raise money because most Sierra Club members care passionately about conservation. Our telefunding program, which highlights three conservation campaigns, is on track to raise over \$100,000 this year; that's more than this year's conservation committee budget.

Other strategies that can be more effectively employed by the Chapter are major donor campaigns, targeted fundraising events and even more campaign based fundraising.

I have never advocated charging for the schedule; the schedule right now is free. I understand that in the past a fee has been charged for the schedule; before a decision was made to charge for it again I would need to be convinced that was in the best interest of the chapter.

Of course, reviewing a budget always raises the possibility of cutting expenses. Some chapter expenses have been particularly baffling. The recent move of the chapter office cost approximately \$10,000, not to mention the savings that were passed by at the old office in the reduced rent that was offered. The new office is literally a few block from the old one, was built out to a floor plan eerily reminiscent of the old office, and offers no noticeable advantage over the old office. The marginal improvement in parking isn't worth the cost of thousands of dollars. Budgeted expenses that are unnecessary, like the office move, should be examined and eliminated by the executive committee.

3. John Muir's vision of environmentalism, and I believe the mission of the Angeles Chapter, necessarily include spending time in the outdoors. Part of what my answer to question one refers to is integrating the benefits of the outings program and the rest of the Club's functions even more than they are today. Outings are the primary means of education about the outdoors that the Club engages in, and are a wonderful way to instill the care for the environment that underlies all of the Club's functions. Frankly, a strong outings program exposes members to the land and values that the Club spends much of its conservation efforts protecting. I do not believe that there is a division between outings and conservation activities at the Club; I just believe that the Club leadership can do more to involve those who are active in one area of the Club in other activities that may concern them. We are all conservationists, and we will all have more to enjoy, preserve and protect if we work together.

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3. Do you consider that enhancement of strong, robust outings programs attract interest in the Angeles Chapter, or do you consider outings activities to be secondary or peripheral to the primary purposes of the Chapter?

4. Is there anything else you would like to say to Hundred Peaks Section members regarding your candidacy for ExComm?

4. This election is about conservation leadership, fiscal responsibility and inclusiveness. My candidacy isn't about charging a fee for the schedule or relegating the outings program to a second class position within the Chapter. The Club is in serious trouble financially; while we have several million dollars "in the bank" we are not effectively spending the charitable donations entrusted to us. I have no plans to cut out the outings program, eliminate the schedule, or to spend all the Chapter's resources, but to have all aspects of the Chapter operating effectively.

Lynne Plambeck

I would like to begin by thanking the Hundred Peaks section for giving ExComm candidates a forum to air their views. Thank-you all!

1. My personal conservation activism is currently focused on the huge 21,000 unit Newhall Ranch project that will decimate the Santa Clara River, LA County's last unchannelized River. However, as an ExComm member, I regard myself as a representative of all members of the Chapter, not just those from my area. The Chapter has a wide array of agendas including political advocacy, conservation and outings. Each of these is a necessary and important aspect of the Club's vision of the importance of the natural world. I will continue to be supportive of all these areas.

2. During my previous tenure as ExComm member, the Chapter faced a severe financial crisis because of a large downturn in membership. The then ExCom members found it necessary to cut back some of our most enjoyed publications to balance the budget and avoid deficit spending. I also personally promoted fundraising as an answer to this downturn.. The silent auction at the Chapter Banquet that has been carried on for many years now was originally my idea and I was its first organizer. The Chapter is now in a better financial position and such cuts are now no longer required.

3. I have been a member of the Santa Clarita Group since its inception. We are very proud to have a great outings program (and great places to hike, too. You should all come out and visit sometime!). Our Group President is an O rated leader and leads hikes an average of twice a month. It is important to have a strong outings program as this is often the first activity that brings new members into the Club.

4. I would like to close by saying that my sister invited me to her house for my 40th birthday (she lives in Mt. Shasta) and gave me crampons and an ice pike. Up the mountain we went the next day, starting a 4AM under a full moon. I made it to the top (14,460 feet), and it was probably the hardest and most exhilarating experience I have ever had. It was also the best birthday present I have ever had. I know why we have a hundred peaks section!! Many thanks to RJ Secor for his endorsement of my candidacy.

Amy Hanson

Thierry Kolpin

1. My priorities for this Chapter are: 1) To create an Executive Committee that is efficient, cooperative, and focused on the issues. 2) Rebuild the relationship between the conservationists and outings groups. 3) Renew and revitalize the grassroots activism on local and national campaigns.

Conservation priorities: Each year the Angeles Chapter Conservation Management Committee votes on what the three top priority issues will be. As an Ex-Comm member I would follow their decision. On a personal level, I am working on stopping the timber sales program on our national forests and redirecting the subsidies into worker retraining and ecological restoration.

Legislative priorities: I believe that the Sierra Club should be helping pass good environmental legislation, as well as, stop bad legislation. We need to be proactive and defensive.

Outings priorities: First of all, our Chapter has the biggest outings program and I want to keep it that way. Second, I would want to incorporate education on environmental issues into the outings program. Third, I would talk to the outings sections and find out what your needs are.

2. Let me just state by no means do I want to see the activities schedule have a surcharge. The financial matters of this chapter are by no means easy. There are many ways for this chapter to raise money and be financially responsible. True, I would like to see the Chapter spend more money on conservation. However, I don't want to break the bank. Without going into a dry accounting speech let me just say that if we want to raise more money we have to spend a little money. What I mean by that is simple. The Sierra Club is known for its stand on environmental issues and outings programs. Now, if we take bold stances and provide leadership on local and national conservation issues we will raise more money because people give their money to organizations that are active and fighting the bad guys. We also need to let more people know about the outings programs that this Chapter has to offer. Many outings sections have taken it upon themselves to advertise or get the word out to the community about their activities. I think the Chapter should help all the outings sections do the same and provide information to all different community groups.

3. John Muir believed that the best way to develop a movement was to take people on outings to visit endangered places personally and develop a connection with the land. I am a strong believer in Muir's approach. The outings program provides people that invaluable experience of seeing, touching, feeling, and hearing the environment. Because once you have that connection you don't want to see those places destroyed. That is why I want to rebuild the relationship between the conservationists and the outings programs. They should be working together. Without one their isn't the other because we need to conserve, protect, and restore in order to have something to enjoy.

4. For many years we have elected the same people onto the Executive Committee. We still have the same problems and now even greater ones. Let's elect some new people and get some work done.

I believe I can answer all of your questions by saying, that one of the biggest priorities I see is the increasing of chapter membership. We can and should increase our numbers and increase the diversity of our members. This will help with funding in all areas. One of the best ways to increase membership is to strongly support our outings programs. This is what makes the Sierra Club so unique compared to other environmental groups. Too often, environmentalist do not spend time in what they are fighting for, and the outings program provides this vital connection. I am offended that some of the incumbents running in this election have accused me and others of proposing a surcharge in the Schedule of Activities. I have never considered such a thing and in fact believe we need to do more to support and encourage outings. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, I know that our communities will be healthier when more people experience what our environment has to offer. In turn more people will be willing to protect what little we have left. I hope this answers all of your questions, had I more time I would certainly elaborate more on these issues. Thank you for your interest. Best Regards,

HPS Milestones

Name / Birthday

Gary McNulty 11/1
Wes Veit 11/2
Josephine Solomon 11/3
Ronald A. Young 11/3
Terry Morse 11/4
Bonnie Robinson Michel 11/6
James Carden 11/9
Will Richter 11/10
George Hubbard 11/11
Maggie Wilson 11/11
Nancy A. Keating 11/12
Mickey Sharpsteen 11/12
Patrick Wood 11/12
Jane Gibbons 11/13
Karen Cassimatis 11/14
Janet Bartel 11/15
Paul A. Biotand 11/15
Mike Gosnell 11/15
Neal Scott 11/15
Carl P. Siechert 11/17
Maureen Cates 11/18
Byron Prinzmetal 11/18
Barbara Reber 11/18
Eloise I. Sime 11/18
Francis D. Cooke 11/20
William Schuler 11/20
Rich Gnagy 11/21
Mary McMannes 11/21
Judy Hummerich 11/22
Phyllis Trager 11/25
Greg Gerlach 11/26
Doty Sandford 11/26
Erik Siering 12/1
Donald Croley Jr. 12/2
Debbe Nye 12/3
Marc Ratner 12/4
Nile A. Sorenson, Jr. DMD 12/4
Cathy Reynolds 12/6
Maura Raffensperger 12/8
Chuck Pospishil 12/10
Joseph F. Young 12/14
Susan Moore 12/15
Ralph Turner 12/15
Charlotte Feitshans 12/16
Bob Fielding 12/17
Ronald R. Zappen 12/17
Marie Louis Swain 12/21
Chuck Sale 12/18
Charles Brown 12/24
Richard Schamberg 12/18
Nancy Beverly 12/27
Liz Cooper 12/19
Ron Jones 12/30

Hundred Peaks Section Schedule of Outings and Social Programs November 1998 - February 1999

Note: Hundred Peaks Section is sole sponsor of event unless otherwise indicated

Outing Not In Schedule

Nov 1 Sun HPS, Mt Baldy
I: Silver Pk (6756'), Gold Mtn (8235'), Bertha Pk (8201'), Arctic Pt (8336'): Moderate to easy hikes in the San Bernardino Nat Forest, Big Bear Lake area. Approx 10 mi rt, 2500' gain, x-country and road. Good dirt rd drives between peaks. Bring 3-4 qts water, lugsoles, lunch, flashlight. Meet 6:00 AM at Pomona rideshare pt. Leader: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ. Co-leader: HAVEN FEARN.

Nov 7 Sat
O: Mayan Pk (6108'), Butterbrecht Pk (5997'): 6 mi rt, 3000' gain hike to 2 steep pks in Kern Co. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt for 280 mi rt driving. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, warm clothes. Rain cancels. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS, MIKE & DOTTY SANDFORD

Nov 7 Sat HPS, DPS
O: Palm Springs Tram (8450'): 5th annual 11 mi, 8000' world class cond hike to top of tram from Palm Sprgs. Ride tram down & take taxis back to cars. Meet 5:30 am in front of Desert Museum in downtown PS. For questions or if weather is threatening, call Co-Ldrs: JOHN McCULLY, RODNEY SCHAEERER

Outing Not In Schedule

Nov 7 Sat Hundred Peaks - Mt Baldy
I: Mill Pk (6670'), Keller Pk (7882'), Slide Pk (7841'), Crafts Pk (8364'), Butler Pk (8535'), Grays Pk (7920+'), Delamar Mtn (8398'), Little Bear Pk (7621'): Moderate to easy hikes in the San Bernardino Nat Forest, Big Bear Lake area. Approx 12 mi, 4000' gain, x-country and rd. Good dirt road drives between pks. Bring 3-4 qts water, lugsoles, lunch, flashlight. Meet 6 AM at Pomona rideshare pt. Leader: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ. Co-leader: HAVEN FEARN.

Nov 7-8 Sat-Sun Wilderness Adventures, HPS
I: Lizard Head (5350'): Sat bkpk 5 mi, 600' gain to Upper Rcho Nuevo Cpgrd in Dick Smith Wilderness of Santa Barbara Co. Sun hike 14 mi xc, 2000' gain to pk & back to camp; pack out. Send 2 sase, H&W phones, email addr, cond, rideshare info to Ldr: JOEL GOLDBERG. Co-Ldr: DON TIDWELL

Nov 11 Wed Local Hikes, HPS
O: Throop (9138'), Hawkins (8850'), Islip (8250'): Moderate 9 mi, 1900' gain (1300' gain if you skip Mt Islip) hike w/shuttle betw Dawson & Islip Saddles. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, BRENT WASHBURNE

Nov 12 Thu
Peakbagger's Social Meeting: Avid hiker & photographer Wayne Norman presents extraordinary slide show of Presidential Range. Refreshments & socializing; everyone welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Rngr Stn Aud, 4730 Crystal Spring Dr.

Nov 14 Sat
O: Cobblestone Mtn (6730'), White Mtn #2 (6250'): Strenuous 15 mi rt, 4800' gain hike on trls in Los Padres NF, Ventura Co. Send sase, cond/expers info to Ldr: JIM FLEMING. Co-Ldrs: MIKE SANDFORD, FRANK DOBOS

Nov 14 Sat HPS, DPS
I: Martinez Mtn (6560'), Sheep Mtn (5141'): Very strenuous 18 mi rt xc, 5500' gain hike; may very well come back in dark. Send sase, rec cond/expers to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Co-Ldr: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

Nov 14 Sat Rio Hondo, HPS, Lower Peaks
O: Mt Lowe (5603') & Muir Pk (4688'): Easy slow paced 8 mi, 1000' gain loop hike from Eaton Saddle. Beginners welcome. Meet 7 am Diamond Bar rideshare pt or 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: GABRIELE RAU, GORDON LINDBERG

Nov 14-15 Sat-Sun DPS, HPS
I: Rabbit Pk (6640'), Villager Pk (5756'): Strenuous xc bkpk to 2 fine pks in Santa Rosa Mtns. Sat hike to nr summit of HPS's Villager, camp. Sun up/down ridge run to Rabbit (DPS Emblem Pk), bag Villager; ret to cars. 21 mi rt, 7500' gain total; carry all water. Send sase, H&W phones, cond/expers to Ldr: GARY CRAIG. Asst: JOHN McCULLY

Outing not in Schedule

Nov 15 SUN

O: Old Man Mtn (5525'0, Monte Arido (6010')): Moderate hike with lots of dirt rd driving involves 1600' gain & 10 mi rt. Bad weather or inability to gain access through ordinarily locked gates cancels trip! Call leaders for info: **JOE YOUNG & MAGGIE WILSON.**

Nov 21 Sat HPS, K-9 Comm

I: Morris Pk (7215'), Mt Jenkins (7921'): Strenuous 14 mi rt, 3300' gain hike on trl/xc in S Sierras for strong hikers/dogs. Meet 6:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring enough water for you & dog (none on trl) food too. Rain/snow cancels. Ldr: **MAGGIE WILSON.** Asst: **VIRGIL POPESCU**

Nov 21 Sat

I: Mt Emma (5273'), Old Mt Emma (5053'): 5 mi rt, 1700' gain loop hike in Angeles NF w/great view to Antelope Vly desert. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: **FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS**

Nov 21 Sat DPS, HPS

I: Rabbit #2 (6640'): Over 12 hrs to bag this very strenuous 15 mi, 6700' gain pk nr Indio; fit k-9s ok. Meet 5:30 am sharp at S end of Fillmore Rd off Ave 74. If further directions needed, weather threatens or if you have any doubt of your ability to keep up fast pace, call Co-Ldrs: **JOHN MCCULLY, PHIL REHER**

Nov 21 Sat Wilderness Adventures, HPS

O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden-Powell (9399'): Advanced moderate 7 mi, 2300' gain/3600' loss hike mostly on trls w/car shuttle betw Dawson Saddle & Vincent Gap. Ldr only brings dog. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, warm clothes; Adventure Pass. Ldrs: **BOB FREED, HARVEY GANZ**

Nov 22 Sun HPS, LTC

I: Beginning Navigation Clinic: Easy 5 mi, 600' gain climb in Mt Lowe (5603') area w/emphasis on learning/practicing compass/map use. Many expert teachers. Beginners to rusty oldtimers welcome; not a chkoff. Send very early sase for materials to Ldr: **DIANE DUNBAR.** Asst: **DON CREIGHTON**

Nov 28-29 Sat-Sun

I: Beauty Pk (5548'), Iron Springs Mtn (5755'), Combs Pk (6193'): Sat 10 mi rt, 2600' gain w/brushy xc; eve carcamp. Sun 5 mi rt, 1200' gain. Send sase to Ldr: **DAVID F EISENBERG.** Co-Ldr: **VIRGIL POPESCU**

Dec 5 Sat Wilderness Adventures, HPS

I: Mt Islip (8250') & Southern Ridge: Moderate 10 mi rt, 2500' gain xc hike to Mt Islip from N, then visit S ridge. Ldr only brings dog. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, warm clothes; Adventure Pass. Ldrs: **BOB FREED, HARVEY GANZ**

Dec 10 Thu

Peakbagger's Social Meeting: Angeles Chp Ancient Forest Task Force Ch Patti Laursen presents special slide show on Outings, Conservation & Ancient Forests. Goodies, discussion & socializing; everyone welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Rngr Stn Aud, 4730 Crystal Spring Dr.

Outing Not in Schedule

Dec 12 Sat

O: Smith Mtn (5111'): 7.5 mi, 2,000' gain. Moderate, with steep final scramble to peak and sublime views of San Gabriel wilderness. No beginners, No tigers! Meet 8 AM at Azusa rideshare pt or 8:30 AM at trailhead. Bring Adventure Pass, lugsoles, water, lunch, and smile. Snow or rain cancels. Leaders: **SUSANNE WEIL, FRANK DOBOS, RUTH DOBOS.**

Dec 13 Sun

I: Lookout Mtn #2 (6812'), Sunset Pk (5796'): Moderately strenuous 7 mi rt, 3700' gain (some xc) hike in Angeles NF. Learn about experiments to measure speed of light on Lookout Mtn. Meet 7 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Rain cancels. Ldr: **JOE YOUNG.** Asst: **STAG BROWN**

Dec 19 Sat

O: LA Christmas at Night: Hike downtown LA. 5-10 mi rte w/opportunity to give food & clothing to homeless. Travel many nooks/alleys/streets spreading goodwill & good cheer. Meet 11:59 pm Sat night, LA Unified School prkg lot, 450 N Grand Ave. Ldrs: **STAG BROWN, BOB THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG**

Dec 23-Jan 1 Wed-Fri HPS, DPS, Verdugo Hills

I/O: Southern Arizona Cactus Tour: Meet "snowbirds" on this driving tour of S part of AZ. Highlights incl Yuma St Territorial Prison, Organ Pipe Cactus NM (climb Mt Ajo 4808'), Papago Indian Res, Tucson Desert Museum, Saguaro NM (hike), Tombstone, Bisbee, Chiricahua NM, hot springs, & Casa Grande Ruins NM. Many stops along way for visitor ctrs, rdside attractions & shopping. Catered New Year's party in Casa Grande Holiday Inn. 2 nights in cpgrd; 6 opt cpgrd or motel. New Yr's Eve in Holiday Inn. Email ldr for web sites. AAA triptik sent to those providing AAA #. To reserve, send sase, H&W phones, \$100 (HPS) for Holiday Inn & party, rideshare info to Ldr: **DAVID F EISENBERG.** Co-Ldrs: **FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS**

Jan 3 Sun

I: Peak Mtn (5843'), McPherson Pk (5749'): Moderately strenuous 14 mi rt, 3000' gain hike on trl/rd in Los Padres NF. Adventure Pass reqd. Meet 6 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Rain cancels. Ldr: JOE YOUNG. Asst: BOB THOMPSON

Jan 9 Sat

I: Mt Lukens (5074'): 18th annual mid winter ascent of LA highest pt "Sister Elsie" via historic Sister Elsie Trl. Moderate 10 mi rt, 2800' gain hike mostly on trl. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt or 8 am at Hill Street Café (formerly Lloyds). Ldrs: BOB THOMPSON, STAG BROWN

Jan 9 Sat

I: Red Mtn (5261'), Black Mtn #6 (5244'): Moderately paced 6 mi, 2800' gain hike 42 mi NE of Mojave. Cond beginners ok. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: LARRY HOAK, HARVEY GANZ

Jan 10 Sun K-9 Comm, HPS

O: Barley Flats (5600+): Easy 6 mi rt, 1000' gain hike w/canine pals on old rd in local mtns. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water (for you & dog), lunch; leash reqd. Rain cancels. Ldrs: CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS, TAMMY SOLKO

Jan 13 Wed SPS, DPS, HPS, Ski Mntrs

Joint Meeting: LTC Ch Dan Richter & LTC Co-Ch Bill Oliver present prog on the changes in the LTC & how they will effect the Mtneering Sections. 7:30 pm Dept of W&P, SF Rm, 111 N Hope St, LA. Free secure prkg on site; newcomers welcome.

Jan 16 Sat

I: Ryan Mtn (5457'), Lost Horse Mtn (5313'), Mt Inspiration (5560'): 10 mi, 2500' gain hike in wintery Joshua Tree NP; great photo oppt. Prepare for any kind of weather; \$7 entry fee (free w/Golden Age Pass). Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt for 300 mi rt drive. Bring water, food for long day. Rain cancels. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS

Jan 23 Sat

Annual Banquet: Join our year end celebration at Taix's Restaurant, Sunset Bl in Echo Park. Jim Long presents his time-honored light & sound show "The Range of Light," a beautiful & evocative six-projector slide & music prog of the Sierra Nevada Range. No host cocktails at 5:30 pm; dinner & raffle at 7. Awards & prog follow. Beef, fish, vegetarian & chicken entrees. Complimentary glass of wine. Send sase w/ \$28(HPS) to Reserv: RUTH LEE DOBOS

Jan 27 Wed

O: Sunset Pk (5796'): Leisurely 7 mi rt, 1300' gain hike on trl above Mt Baldy Village. Meet 9:30 am at Cow Cyn Saddle. Mandatory to call ldr week of trip. Rain or heavy snow on ground cancels. Ldrs: JERRY & NANCY KEATING

Jan 31 Sun

I: Monrovia Pk (5409'): Strenuous 16 mi, 4400' gain hike featuring much fire rd hiking & very steep xc descent. Must be in good shape & prepared for very long day. Meet 7:30 am NE corner of Myrtle Ave & Foothill Bl in Monrovia; prkg fee in City Park. Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Asst: LARRY HOAK

Feb 6 Sat

O: Brown Mtn: Moderate 10 mi, 1800' gain up Millard Cyn w/many stream crossings for Stag's b-day hike & party; stream trl or alternate rte deps on weather. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water; lugsoles reqd. Ldrs: STAG BROWN, BOB THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG

Feb 7 Sun K-9 Comm, HPS

O: Josephine Pk (5558'): Special invitation to new hikers to join us for easy 6 mi rt, 1600' gain hike on fire rd in local mtns. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water (for you & dog), lunch, lugsoles, jacket; leash reqd. Rain cancels. Ldrs: CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS, TAMMY SOLKO

Feb 11 Thu

Peakbagger's Social Meeting: REI Special Events Coord Erik La Port presents "REI, 60 Years of Climbing Together." Come hear story of how REI has found its way into hearts of America's outdoor enthusiasts to become nation's largest & most influential outdoor retailer. Refreshments & socializing; everyone welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Rngr Stn Aud, 4730 Crystal Spring Dr.

Feb 13-15 Sat-Mon

I: I Quail Mtn (5800'), Mt Inspiration (5575'), Ryan Mtn (5461'), Lost Horse Mtn (5280'), Warren Pt (5103') & Pts of Interest in Joshua Tree NP: Leisurely 3 dayhikes in Joshua Tree NP. 12 mi rt, 2500' gain ea day. Carcamp w/potluck & singalong Sat & Sun eves. If time allows, visit other non-pk locations in park. Send sase to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Asst: LARRY HOAK

Feb 27-28 Sat-Sun

I: Mayan Pk (6108'), Butterbreddt Pk (5997'), Skinner Pk (7120'): 3 pks in Jawbone Cyn area. 8 mi rt, 3000' gain ea day. Carcamp Sat eve. Send sase to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Asst: HARVEY GANZ

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 1998
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Present: Charlotte Feitshans (Chair), Tom Hill (Secretary/Mountain Records), Maggie Wilson (Treasurer), Virgil Popescu (Programs Chair), Jim Fleming (Past Chair/Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Highway).

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Per Joe Young: (1) A Sam Fink memorial hike to Mt. Akawie is scheduled for Aug. 15, details in **THE LOOKOUT**. (2) The deadline for submittals to **THE LOOKOUT** is July 27.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of June 11, 1998 were approved after revision.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Harvest Moon Festival: Planning is underway; the next planning meeting is scheduled for July 19.
B. Annual Banquet: Virgil Popescu reported on the feasibility of switching the banquet site from Taix restaurant to Brookside Country Club, probably using their Berkeley Room. Maggie Wilson volunteered to do further scouting.
C. By-law changes and proposals for peak changes: Discussion was postponed until the August Management Meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election Committee: David Eisenberg and Maggie Wilson volunteered to serve on the Election Committee; one or two additional members will be named later.
B. Donations to Search and Rescue Organizations: Discussion was postponed until the August Management Meeting.

V. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer: Maggie Wilson submitted the attached Cash Flow Report for May. The current bank balance is \$3,999.61.
B. Membership Chair: David Eisenberg presented the attached membership summary. It was m/s/p to approve these achievements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 1998
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Present: Charlotte Feitshans (Chair), Ruth Dobos (Vice Chair/Outings), Tom Hill (Secretary/Mountain Records), Maggie Wilson (Treasurer), Virgil Popescu Program Chair, David Eisenberg (Membership Chair), Joe Young (Lookout Editor/Historian), Southern Courtney (Nominating Committee Chair).

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A. Joe Young handed out an info sheet (see copy attached) regarding three issues important to the HPS:
1. Extension of the Recreation Pass fees - separate bills have been passed by both houses of Congress.
2. New policies go into effect Sept 8, 1998 for wilderness areas in San Bernardino Nat Forest (e.g. dogs must be on leash; group size for wilderness permits reduced to 12 from 15).

3. House Bill S. 1693 will restrict nonprofit organizations (such as the HPS) from organizing back-country trips to national parks (such as Joshua Tree National Park). This bill has already passed the Senate.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of July 9, 1998 were approved after revision.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Harvest Moon Festival: An announcement was submitted to the *Southern Sierran*. The next planning meeting is 9/13/98 at Dottie's.
- B. Annual Banquet: Will be held at Taix Restaurant, with choice of four entrees, as in 1998.
- C. Two changes to the bylaws were proposed:
 - 1. (Jim Fleming) An amendment to correct the timing of peak suspensions failed to win support.
 - 2. (Tom Hill) It was m/s/p to endorse the following amendment:

" 6.6 Automatic Deletion of Peak

A peak that has been suspended for two or more consecutive calendar years shall be automatically deleted from the list. This paragraph shall apply only to those peaks suspended on or after January 1, 1997."

D. Annual Elections: The Elections Committee consists of David Eisenberg, Maggie Wilson, and Ruth Dobos. The Secretary normally prepares the ballots, but this duty was taken over by Joe Young since Tom Hill is a candidate.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Donations to Search and Rescue Organizations: It was m/s/p to donate \$50 each to Riverside Search and Rescue, Montrose Search and Rescue, and Sierra Madre Search and Rescue.

- B. Nominations Committee report: Southern Courtney presented a final list of eight candidates for the annual ballot:
Janet Bartel, Hugh Blanchard, Jim Fleming, Tom Hill, Bill Hogshead, Virgil Popescu, Byron Prinzmetal, and George Wysup.

V. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer: Per Maggie Wilson the current HPS bank balance is \$3,888.59.
- B. Membership: David Eisenberg presented the attached membership summary (several achievements, two new list finishers, and two new members). It was ~m/s/p to approve these achievements.
- C. Outings: Ruth Dobos reported on an injury received by a participant (who has recovered) on the Yucaipa Ridge Trip of July 18, 1998.
- D. Mountain Records Committee: Tom Hill presented a sample format for the new release of Peak Guides. The next meeting is 8/20/98 at Carlton's.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.