

THE LOOKOUT

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION



Hundred Peaks Section Election Results

266 members voted in this year's HPS election, or 58.5% of the entire membership. This is a fantastic response! The following six won election, and with Karen Isaacson Leverich, who becomes immediate Past Chair, comprise the elected members of the 2003 Management Committee:

George Wysup - Chair
Ray Wolfe - Vice Chair/Safety Chair
Laura Joseph - Program Chair/Membership Chair
Brian "Wolf" Leverich - Treasurer, Webmaster
Kathy Cheever - Secretary
Mars Bonfire - At Large/Mountain Records Chair
Karen Isaacson Leverich - Past Chair/Outings

The Membership voted *against* all three proposed additions to the List; *against* all six proposed deListings; but *approved* a proposal to reinstate Toro Peak (8716') to the List.

The proposal to add a Snowshoe Emblem was *approved*. However, proposals to create a mountain bicycle emblem, to create staggered terms for the elected Management Committee, and to redefine the roles of Management Committee members were *defeated*.

Thanks to all who participated in this election. The Hundred Peaks Section is a volunteer organization. It is perpetually in need of people to donate their valuable time to the Section, its outings, its activities, its management, its business, and on and on. Thanks!

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Check out the Hundred Peaks Section website at
<http://www.angeleschapter.org/hps/>



John Robinson (above) is presenting the special program at the Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet. His program is entitled "Peaks and Personalities." Please join us at this special event.

The banquet will be held at Les Freres Taix restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, near Alvarado. Phone (213)484-1265. Time: 5:00 pm No Host Bar. 6:30 pm Dinner. 7:00 pm Program Menu: Choice of vegetarian penne pasta, chicken marsala or grilled salmon. Cost: Dinner \$29/person.

Do you know an oldtimer who hasn't been to an HPS Annual Awards Banquet for a while? Please! Give them a call and offer a ride, if possible.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For Period October 1 to November 23 2002

By Laura Joseph

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
<i>All the following achievers can order the NEW HPS achievement emblem (see page)</i>			
List Completion No. 1			
Dave Comerzan	November 13, 2002	Waterman	236
Pat Arredondo	November 23, 2002	Kratka	237
<i>(Pat had quite a week: she passed nav check off on November 17)</i>			
Winnette Butler	November 24, 2002	Sam Fink	238
100 Peaks Emblem			
Eric Fitzgeralds	May 4, 1996 <i>(better late than never)</i>	Eagles' Rest	1039
Suzy Hermann	November 18, 2002	Eagle Crag	1040
200 Peaks Emblem			
Mike Gosnell	November 17, 2002	Backus	391
Kathy Cheever	November 22, 2002	San Sevaire	392

New Members

Jeannine Acantilado
 Markey Neighbors
 Robert Neighbors
 Kathy Wing
 David Clark
 Dean Stewart
 Bruce Coming

New Subscribers

Jean Cole
 Rich Novak
 Janna Vandenberg
 Karen Friedrichs
 James Williams
 Gerald Palmer

Don't forget to reserve for the Annual Awards Banquet, January 18, 2003!



RENEWALS

There have been 37 renewals between October 1 and November 23, 2002.

There are 5 overdue renewals (Expiration dates before December 31).

REMINDER: In you need to renew (sticker next to your mailing label) please see the back page AND RENEW PROMPTLY

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Category	Current	Last Report
Honorary, Life, Benefactor*	6	6
Members (total)	461	444
Subscribers who are not members	119	121
Total	586	571

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Editor

Our newsletter, **THE LOOKOUT**, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October 1 for the November-December issue; and December 1 for the January-February issue. If you send photos please write your name on the back of each photo. Please identify all subjects in each photo. **When taking photos to remove sunglasses!** If you want the photos returned please state so

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From the Lame Duck Chair

2002: It's definitely been a year! HPS has been an adventure, a privilege, an experience, an opportunity, for which I owe many people many thanks. A year ago, I was a hiker who had barely reached 100 peaks. Now, I've been the Chair, I've finished the list, I've learned some wilderness medicine and some navigation, I've been blessed by Chapter as both an "O" and an "I" rated leader, and I've even led a few hikes and not gotten too seriously lost. Even better, I've continued to meet some of the most wonderful people and visit some of the most wonderful places in Southern California.

Can 2003 be even more of an adventure? Oh, I hope so! And not just for me. For you, too.

Yeah, yeah, I'm intending to load you up with New Years Resolutions. Kind of my parting gift. (Except I'm not really going away, more on that below.)

First, do this now, if you haven't done so already: send in your hard-earned dollars and join us at the annual Awards Banquet. See the cover of *The Lookout* for details. We're extremely lucky this year, our speaker will be John Robinson (THE John Robinson), and the program will be a "Celebration of Peaks and Personalities."

Second, because the ink is still pretty damp on my Leader Certificate, I continue to urge everyone to join Provisional Leaders on their Provisional Leads. Not only will you have a good time and help someone who's going to contribute to the section in the future by leading a jillion hikes, you'll also have the opportunity decades from now to say, "Oh, I knew him/her back when! Why, I was on the provisional hike!" And all the new hikers will go, "Wow! You did?!?"

So, mark those calendars: Carol Anne Mills is leading Nordhoff Peak on Saturday, January 25th. And Gary Schenk is leading Rosa Point on Saturday, February 8th.

Another really neat thing coming up is the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd – a whole bunch of us (Sandy Burnside, George Wysup, Virgil Popescu, Mars Bonfire, Wolf and myself) are indulging ourselves in The Second Annual "Glory Days of Winter" Snow Camp and Snowshoe Adventure. We'll be having a good time up on Mount Waterman. Join us!

Or if that sounds like a bit much, well, there are other, more modest, snowshoe adventures in *The Lookout*. Time to get to work earning that new Snowshoe Emblem that passed in the 2002 Section Election.

Another date for your calendars: March 22. That's my birthday. Oops, no, forget that. March 22nd is the deadline for the next LTC Seminar. The seminar itself is on April 5th. Consider joining them and eventually becoming a leader for HPS (or for your favorite Group, Section or Committee). It's not only a lot of fun, but a way to help out where you control the amount of time you're committing. Byron and my husband and a cast of 1000s bugged me into getting my "I" rating. And you know what? They were right. Leading hikes is a lot of fun.

So I promised up there near the beginning that even though I'm now your Lame Duck Chair, soon to be your Past Chair, I'm not going away. That's right! Rather than spending countless hours in smoke-filled rooms (I might be exaggerating a tad here), you'll soon be finding me where I really want to be: exploring and enjoying the mountains of Southern California, and doing so with any of you who are inclined to join me.

Happy New Year! And see you at the banquet!



2002 Hundred Peaks Section Chair Karen Isaacson Leverich, right, carried on the tradition of so many Chairs by completing the HPS List while Chair. Karen poses with Suzy Herman on the windy summit of Piute Lookout on November 18, 2002. Suzy bagged her 100th peak this same day on Bald Eagle. Karen finished the List earlier this year.





Advance Schedule

NOTICE: In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to attending the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>

NOTICE: In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make voluntary carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Dec 27-30 Fri-Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Joshua Tree National Park Cleanout: Four days, eight peaks in the Little San Bernardino Mountains. Come for any or all! Everyone welcome! A lot of good trail, but also xc, some steep and slippery. Friday, Bernard Pk (5430') and Little Berdoo Pk (5440'+), 7 mi rt, 1800' gain. Saturday is especially lovely for newcomers with Ryan Mtn (5457'), Lost Horse Mtn (5313'), Mt Inspiration (5560'+), 10 mi 2700' gain. Sunday, Queen Mtn (5680'+) and Warren Pt (5103'), 10 mi 2200' gain. Monday, Quail Mtn (5800'), 14 mi 1500' gain. Send email or sase with H/W phone for information to Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Co-Ldrs: BRIAN LEVERICH, KENT SCHWITKIS

Cancelled

New Hike, not in the Schedule

Jan 1 Wed Hundred Peaks

O/I: Introductory Peaks of the San Gabriels: Mount Emma (5273'). Not into parades and football games? Let's spend the day outdoors! Mount Emma is 2 mi rt, 1000' gain. If the group is still feeling ambitious, we can continue along the ridge to Old Emma (5063') and back, adding a few more miles and another 1000' or so of gain. The pace will be pleasant, easy, even relaxed. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions, such as the closure of the Angeles National Forest due to fire danger. Maybe eat dinner afterwards at the excellent Vincent Hill Station? Meet 9:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, WINNETTE BUTLER, KATHY CHEEVER, DORIS DUVAL, BRIAN LEVERICH, KAREN LEVERICH

Jan 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: San Gabriel Pk (6161'), Mt Disappointment (5960'): Via JPL trail. Short car shuttle. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with lunch, water, good footwear. Rain cancels. Ldrs: AL MARTIN, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Jan 3 Fri Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Pk (5558'): Who cares about college football? Start 2003 on the left foot with this (almost) any weather hike. 8 miles rt with 2100' gain on trail and road. Beginners welcome. Meet 10 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring rain gear and 9 other essentials. Ldrs: GEORGE WYSUP, SANDY BURNSIDE, LAURA JOSEPH

Jan 4 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science

I: Beauty Pk (5548'), Iron Spring Mtn (5755'): Enjoy the brush as we thrash through these chaparral covered "beauties." This will be a moderately paced 8 mi rt, 2500' gain hike. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Ldr: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Jan 8 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Hilyer (6200'): 8 mi, 1500' gain. Moderate by a slightly-deviuous, but still straightforward climb of one of our favorite winter destinations. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: BRENT WASHBURNE, BOB THOMPSON

Jan 9 Thu Hundred Peaks

O: Barley Flats (5600'+): Easy 7 mi rt, 2000' gain, lovely trail to this lower peak. Suitable for beginners. Meet 9 am La Cañada Rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: DAVE COMERZAN. Asst: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jan 9 Thu Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at Laura Joseph's Home, 2386 East Del Mar, Apt. # 328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph@earthlink.net

Jan 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Bighorn Mountains (5894') from the desert side: Moderate 7 mile rt with approximately 2700' gain. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare. Bring lunch, 2 1/2 qts water and 10 essentials. Ldrs: HARVEY GANZ, GEORGE WYSUP

- Jan 11 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks**
I: Cole Pt (5604'): Moderately paced hike from Kentucky Spring Cyn on road, firebreak and xc. 6 mi rt, 1700' gain. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring sturdy footwear, lunch, water for you and your k9. Rain cancels. Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Ldr: MAGGIE WILSON
- Jan 11 Sat Hundred Peaks**
I: Inspiration Pt (5560'), **Lost Horse Mtn (5313')**, **Ryan Mtn (5457')**: Moderate paced introductory hike in upper Joshua Tree National Park. 10 miles and 2600 gain. Both natural history and a historic mine will be seen. Fit beginners are welcome. Meet at 5:30 am at Diamond Bar Carpool Point or 7:30 am at entrance station above town of Joshua Tree. Rain cancels. Ldrs: LUELLA FICKLE, CHERYL GILL
- Jan 11 Sat Hundred Peaks**
O: Mt Wilson (5710'): The Mount Wilson Grand Tour. Moderately paced, strenuous 20 mi rt, 5200' gain hike from Sierra Madre, over Newcombe Pass to Observatory and back, over trail and a little fire road. Esase or sase to Ldr: KATE ROGOWSKI. Asst: JANET YANG
- Jan 11 Sat Hundred Peaks**
O: Vetter Mtn (5908'), **Mt Mooney (5810')**, **Mt Sally (5408')**: Easy moderately paced hikes of 5 mi rt, 1300' gain in the San Gabriels. Suitable for newcomers. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, warm clothes, lunch or snacks at the cars. Rain cancels. Ldrs: RON & LEORA JONES
- Jan 12 Sun Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks**
I: Pinto Mtn (3983'): Moderately-paced, strenuous hike to peak in Joshua Tree NP, 9 mi rt, 2,400' gain over rocky xc route. Send esase or sase, contact info, recent conditioning/experience to Ldr: DAVID BEYMER. Co-Ldrs: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER, SARA WYRENS
- Jan 12 Sun Hundred Peaks**
I: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Snowshoe hike in the Waterman Mtn area. Destination may change depending upon conditions. Up to 8 mi, 2500' gain, all xc, moderate pace. For info a few days before hike, email or call Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: SANDY BURNSIDE, KAREN LEVERICH
- Jan 18 Sat Hundred Peaks**
Annual Awards Banquet: Renowned author and hiker John Robinson presents a program, "Celebration of Peaks and People." Robinson is author or Trails of the Angeles and San Bernardino Mountain Trails, virtual hiking bibles for trekkers in southern California. John has also written histories of our three nearby ranges, the San Gabriels, the San Bernardinos, and the San Jacintos, and is a member of the Chapter history committee. This is a rare opportunity to meet him and share his encyclopedic knowledge of our peaks. The celebrating starts at 5 pm with no host bar and a chance to chat with your hiking buddies and see what they look like without hat hair. This is also the yearly occasion for recognizing member's achievements and presenting awards. The event will be at Les Freres Taix Restaurant (1911 Sunset Blvd). You can purchase discount raffle tickets for \$4 for 5. Send \$29 per person plus raffle purchase (HPS), choice of vegetarian penne pasta, chicken marsala or grilled salmon to Reserv: LAURA JOSEPH. Please make your checks out to the Hundred Peaks Section.
- Jan 18 Sat Hundred Peaks**
O: Mt Lukens (5074'): Moderately paced, 7 mi rt, 3500' gain to historic hogback, highest point in City of Los Angeles via Stone Cyn Trail. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, rain/wind gear, fsp. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: PETER GLOVER, SUSANNE WEIL
- Jan 19 Sun Hundred Peaks**
O: Monrovia Pk (5409'): Don't be a couch spud after the HPS banquet, wear yourself out on this any weather march; 13 miles rt, 4800' elev gain on firebreak, trail, and road. Email (or SASE, if you must) with recent hiking experience to ldr: George Wysup. Co-ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Laura Joseph.
- Jan 22 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**
O: Josephine Pk (5558'): 6 mi rt, 1900' gain on fire road. See spectacular rock formations. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: DORIS DUVAL, GABRIELE RAU
- New Outing, not in the schedule**
Jan 25th Sat PV South Bay, Hundred Peaks
O: Nordhoff Peak (4425'). Moderately paced 12 mi rt, 3500' gain up Nordhoff Peak. The summit offers splendid views of the Ojai Valley, Lake Casitas, Ventura County coastline and the Channel Islands. The trail is rocky and narrow in parts. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain postpones. Send SASE or email with conditioning experience to Provisional Ldr: Carol Anne Mills carolannemills@cox.net Co-Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal prinzmetal@charter.net.
- Jan 26 Sun Hundred Peaks**
I: Mt Pinos (8831'): Snowshoe hike in the Mt Pinos area. Destination may change depending upon conditions. Up to 8 miles 2500' gain, all xc, moderate pace. A few days before hike, email or call Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: SANDY BURNSIDE, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mayan Pk (6108'), Butterbrecht Pk (5997'): Enjoy the desert at its finest with these short, strenuous, sand hills near Mojave. Mayan is 3 mi rt xc, 1800' gain. Butterbrecht is 3 mi rt xc, 1200' gain. Moderately paced, newcomers with conditioning welcome. Extensive dirt road driving. Meet 8 am at Canyon Country Rideshare. Bring min 2 qts. water, lunch. Rain cancels. Ldr: DAVID BEYMER. Co-Ldr: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Feb 2 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Crafts Pk (8264'): Snow shoe hike in the Lake Arrowhead area. Destination may change depending upon conditions. Up to 8 miles 2500' gain, all xc, moderate pace. A few days before hike, email or call Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: SANDY BURNSIDE, PATTY RAMBERT, KENT SCHWITKIS, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 5 Wed DPS, SPS, Hundred Peaks

Joint Meeting: Visit Mt Everest Base camp with world traveler Penelope May. Penelope has trekked world-wide and takes on a trek in Nepal. Bring gear to trade or sell before the meeting. Swap meet: 6:30 pm. Show: 7:30 pm at the LA Zoo Grand Room.

Feb 6 Thu Hundred Peaks

O: Condor Pk (5440'+), Fox Mtn #2 (5083'), Iron Mtn #2 (5635'): Beautiful views, fairly strenuous walk, 12 mi rt, 3600' gain. Not a tigerhike. Meet 7 am La Cañada Rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: DAVE COMERZAN. Asst: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Feb 8 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Rosa Pt (5083'): Strenuous xc desert hike on slippery, steep terrain. Moderately paced, 13 mi rt, 4600' gain via Smoke Tree Wash. Limited to a small group of adventurers. Send sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience and rideshare info to Ldr: GARY SCHENK. Co-Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Feb 11 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Pinyon Peak (6805'): Enjoy a beautiful forest hike on this 6.25 mi rt, 2500' gain. Experience great views and clean air. Contact leader either by phone or email 2-3 days before hike for details. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Provisional Ldr: Dave Comerzan (comerzan3@aol.com). Co-Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal.

Feb 13 Thu Hundred Peaks

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Feb 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

J: Mt Wilson (5710'): From Sierra Madre. Snowshoe trip possible if enough snow near summit. 15 miles rt with 4800' elev gain. For info and reservation, a few days before trip, call or email Ldrs: GEORGE WYSUP, SANDY BURNSIDE

Feb 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt. Lawlor (5957'), Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderately paced 7 mi rt, 1800' gain to hike these classic peaks overlooking Mt. Wilson and environs. Meet 8 a.m. La Cañada rideshare. Bring lunch, water, lugsoles, rain/wind gear, fsp. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: PETER GLOVER, SUSANNE WEIL

New Hike, not in the Schedule

Feb 22-23 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Waterman (8038'): The Second Annual "Glory Days of Winter" Snow Camp and Snowshoe Adventure. Last year it was Mt Pinos in the Los Padres N. F. For this year we have selected the beautiful and moderately angled west ridge of Mt Waterman in the Angeles N. F. Sat, backpack on snowshoes 2 mi and establish base camp. Sun, snowshoe to summit, celebrate, return to camp and pack out. Around 7 mi rt, 2,300' gain. Send e-SASE to Karen Leverich or SASE to Mars Bonfire. Ldrs: SANDY BURNSIDE, BRIAN LEVERICH, GEORGE WYSUP, KAREN LEVERICH, VIRGIL POPESCU, MARS BONFIRE.

Feb 22 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks

I: Iron Mtn #3 (5040'), Round Top (6316'), Granite Mtn #2 (5633'), Rabbit Pk #1 (5307'): Escort your pooch as he/she bags four peaks in the San Gabriels. Strenuous but moderately paced xc, brushy in spots. 14 mi rt, 4000' gain. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water for you and your k9 friend, leash, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Ldr: MAGGIE WILSON

Feb 22 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'): Moderately paced but strenuous snowshoe day hike. 10 miles round trip and 2400' elevation gain from the Palm Springs Tram (fee required). Weather and snow conditions could affect plans. Send esase or sase with conditioning and snowshoe experience to Ldr: SCOTT NELSON. Asst: MARIA ROA

Our Leader's Contact Information By Byron Prinzmetal-Outings Chair

HIKERS: Presently, the only place for a HPS Hiker to obtain leader contact information is from the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities. However, many of our subscribers are not members of the Angeles Chapter and consequently they do not receive the Schedule. Further, most of our subscribers and members find the hikes they want to go on from **The Lookout**. For those people it is inconvenient for them to pull out the Chapter Schedule to obtain leader contact information. Therefore, your management committee has decided to print our active leader's contact information in each edition of **The Lookout**. We are printing mostly email addresses as that is how most leaders want to be contacted. For those few subscribers who don't have access to email and are not members of the Sierra Club, the Schedule of Activities may be purchased at sporting goods stores. But the easiest way to obtain the Schedule of Activities which lists our leaders' mail and/or phone numbers is to join the Sierra Club.

LEADERS: If you are an active HPS leader and your name is not listed below and/or if you want to change what is listed or remove your name entirely please contact the new HPS Outings Chair.

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The Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities includes names, addresses, phone numbers as well as email addresses of leaders. Sierra Club members receive the

Current Trip Reports

Josephine Peak November 17, 2002

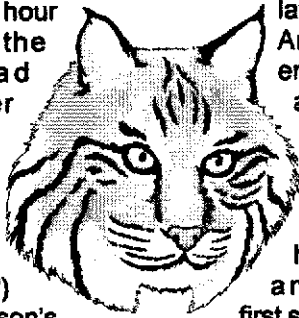
Leaders: None

By Bobcat Thompson, Jim Fleming, Stag Brown, and
Joe Young

Somehow this outing missed the Schedule and
The Lookout, yet attracted a fair crowd anyway.

Beckoned by word of mouth only, a dozen hikers met at Hill Street Café at the intersection of the Angeles Crest Highway and Foothill Blvd in La Cañada at 9:00 AM this fine Sunday morning. After breakfast, we were joined by two more at the La Cañada rideshare point at 10:00. After some consolidation, the group reassembled at the road head close to the junction of the Angeles Crest Highway and the Highway a half hour later. The ban on hiking in the Angeles National Forest had ended only a few days earlier after a storm had doused the forest with badly needed rain. Weather today was fantastic, with thin, high clouds and cool temps.

This hike marked the thirtieth (30th) anniversary of Bobcat Thompson's first scheduled lead for the Hundred Peaks Section.



Since this was not an "official" outing, hikers started up the road at their own discretion. Most started hiking at about 10:45. Stag, Nami and Reina Lee Brown took a shortcut from the road head to the road to Josephine. Most of the group reassembled at the intersection with the trail to Josephine at the ridge top, then moved on to the summit, arriving shortly after 1 PM. On the summit we shared goodies, including a key-lime pie carefully transported by Roy Stewart.

After a lengthy stay on the summit, we retraced our steps to our vehicles, the last arriving at about 3 PM.

Participants included Bobcat Thompson, Stag Brown, Nami Brown, Reina Lee Brown, Joe Young, Roy Stewart, Karen Stewart, Mikey Baldwin, Sandy Houston, Scott Jamison, Yvonne Jamison, Mike Sandford, Janet Damen, and Jim Fleming. Four-footed participants included Maui (Fleming), Madison (Stewart), and Nevada (Jamison).

Hildreth by Night October 23, 2002 By Dave Comerzan

Hey guys let's go hike Hildreth. Hildreth! Oh no. A long, boring hike, up and down a dirt road, definitely not a summer hike. One of those peaks that have to be done if you're trying to finish the list. Let's just get it out of the way. But wait. Why not try a different way. Why not hike it at night, under a full moon? Now, many of us have ended a hike by walking out at night (either by plan or

unplanned), but to start a hike at night? Well, that is what nine of us night owls set out to do on the night of October 23, 2002. Besides the leaders, Brian "Wolf" and Karen Leverich and myself, there was Craig and Carla Coupland, Brent Crookham, Dorothy Danziger, Ingeborg Prochazka and David Rosenberg.

The first step was to determine a date for a full moon. By consulting the appropriate tables, it was determined we would have nearly a full moon in that area on 10/23/02 and it would rise about 8:00 pm. Now, if only the weather will cooperate and no clouds will obscure the moon. Like our day hikes, this would be at the mercy of the weather gods. Appropriate offerings were made. The meeting place was the locked gate at the Potrero Seco Road at 5:00 pm.

The first challenge was in Ojai – getting the right combination to the locked gate from the Ranger Station. That done, several of us decided to have a meal in Ojai before the start of the hike. This was another challenge. How does one eat before a night hike? Eggs and bacon? Meat and potatoes? All sorts of new challenges. Miracles never cease, the gate opened on the first try. Carpooling in, we arrived at the trailhead (Three Sisters) at 5:30 pm. Lights checked (a definite need on this hike), warm clothing available, we departed at 5:45 pm. Initially, lights were not needed, but by 7:30 pm, most people had their lights turned on. As we anxiously looked for yellow eyes staring back at us (most animals are nocturnal), we headed for the peak. One thing that does not change with a night hike, it is still up and down the road. 2500 feet going, 2500 feet coming back. One concern was, would we spot the turn off for the use trail portion at night? Fortunately, the moon and its light were making its presence and the turnoff was spotted and the trail followed to the top. We arrived to a cold and windy peak at 9:30 pm. Back to the road, a nutritional break, and on to the cars.

On the way back, the clouds had dispersed and no lights were needed as we hiked along the road, bathed in beautiful moonlight. The black outline of peaks could be seen in the distance, the wind died down, and it was a comfortable hike. Comments such as beautiful, awesome, spectacular, and are we nuts?, were heard. We arrived at the cars at 1:30 am and begin the long ride home, arriving home at 2, 3, 4 and even 5:00 am, as our spouses were just getting up. They definitely thought we were nuts. Only Dorothy was the smart one. She spent the night at the campground and returned home at a more reasonable hour. Most of us were planning an easy day after, however, David Rosenberg was planning on going to work the next (or should I say the same) day. I wonder how much work he got done that day.

Would we do it again? Most agreed, definitely. It is a beautiful and surreal experience to walk along a trail or road with only moonlight to guide your way. One could easily think of other peaks that could be done this way. Who knows, maybe we will have an emblem for peaks hiked by moonlight.

Rattlesnake Peak
Private Hike, Dec 1, 2002
by George Wysup

Sandy Burnside and I decided to climb something on Sunday after Thanksgiving. What? "How about Big Iron?" she suggested. Why not? Later, Don Croley inquired as to any plans for the weekend. The result was that he, Ray Riley, and Deb Clem met us at the Ranch Market at Azusa and 9th St. at 0630. We reached Heaton flat and noted that there appeared to be considerable snow atop Iron Mtn., most of it dumped Friday night and Saturday. This snow cover offered the possibility that we could hike all day and not get the peak. Iron can wait, we decided.

A fine alternative was available in nearby Rattlesnake Peak. This is certainly an easier destination than Iron, but is certainly not easy. Elevation gain is something near 4400' with some class 2 scrambling. I had heard that Rattlesnake burned during the Curve or Williams fires, and I was eager to check this out.

We commenced hiking at about 0740, seeing no indication that the notorious brush cover had fallen victim to any fire. On the other hand, the use trail was wide open and brush was not a significant hindrance (thanks, Mars). We reached the summit in a bit over 3 hours to find that we were the first party since September—before the fire closure.

Near the summit, just after passing an impromptu heliport (probably the result of fire fighting operations) we encountered the smell of damp charcoal. The fire had reached the summit and went no farther. The register, inside the nested red cans, was intact. We lunched, and Deb entertained with some yoga postures.

We observed that everything West of the summit—Hawkins ridge, Copter Ridge—was toast; no more pine trees. There was no evidence of a fire lookout on South Hawkins. The alternate route from South Hawkins to Rattlesnake looked brush free (here's your chance for a pathfinder). Baldy and Baden-Powell were inundated with deep snow, extending down to Ross Mtn.

On the descent we saw two climbers coming up. They turned out to be Mars Bonfire and Kathy Cheever (going for her peak #206 or so). We reached the road at about 1:40.

Sandy and I decided to check out the tunnels on the road to nowhere. This road was intended to take Angelenos out to the Antelope Valley as an escape from imminent nuclear attack. What a great idea (for a boondoggle). The first tunnel has a 1961 date on the fascia. The second tunnel, about a half mile further along, shows a 1964 date. It appears that the tunnel is an afterthought, constructed after the road avalanched into the canyon. The road looks to stop not very far after this second tunnel (we did not walk to the road's end). Each tunnel is about 100 meters long, wide enough for 2 lanes, and sturdily constructed. There is extensive rebar along the sides, anticipating the addition of concrete which was never poured.

Kratka Ridge
23 November 2002
Pat Arredondo Finishes the List!
By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Angeles Forest was closed. San Bernardino Forest was closed. Big chunks of Cleveland Forest were closed. The HPS Management Committee briefly (very briefly) considered suspending most of the List — it would mean we were once again a HUNDRED Peaks Section. Common sense, however, prevailed. We decided to wait for rain instead.

This meant that Pat Arredondo didn't finish the List the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd, when Mars Bonfire led several of us on a custom hike to Snowy, Black #2, Sewart, Cobblestone, and White. Though we did have it all figured out: if she hadn't needed Kratka (in the closed Angeles Forest), we'd've carefully skipped the summit of Sewart on our way to/from Snowy and Black, and skipped it again as we went out to Cobblestone and White, catching it instead on our return. Pat would have been the first (and last?) person in HPS history to finish the List on Sewart.

It's become traditional to assign credit for some of the lamer ideas that crop up on our hikes. We decided this beauty must be the brainstorm of George Wysup. Even if he wasn't there that day, it felt worthy of him. (Just kidding, George.)

But anyhow, the evening of November 3rd, since Kratka had not been suspended, Pat was just a near miss on the list finishing front, rather than a bona fide List finisher. And somehow the idea of smearing black shoe polish on her cheeks, putting on an all black outfit, and sneaking in and doing Kratka illegally at night didn't hold any appeal for her at all. She waited.

As we all know, in mid-November the weather (not to mention the Forest Service) relented. Angeles Forest reopened! We could once again hike in our beloved San Gabriels.

The original plan had been for Pat to finish the List on one of the Easy Peaks hikes to Kratka Ridge. That hike was of course cancelled due to the Forest closure. But once it reopened, Wolf and I got a phone call from Pat's friend, Ping Pfeffer, wondering if we might be willing to do Kratka Ridge on the Easy Peaks hike scheduled for November 23rd. And could Pat, now an "O" rated leader (and on her way to "I" — she'd just passed navigation the weekend before), lead the way?

Hey, no problem, though of course if she'd never been there, could we trust her to find it? Well, with her freshly minted nav credential and a map, how could she miss?

So it was that a large group of us gathered at La Cañada the morning of November 23rd. Missing were Sandy and Keith Burnside and Byron Prinzmetal — they wanted to do some other peak on the way, but would meet us on Kratka. Or maybe they weren't sure Pat could find her way and wanted to be sure they'd get the peak, who knows? Not that we were short of hikers. Besides Pat and Frank Arredondo, there were Mars Bonfire (in a rare appearance as a participant on a Sierra Club hike),

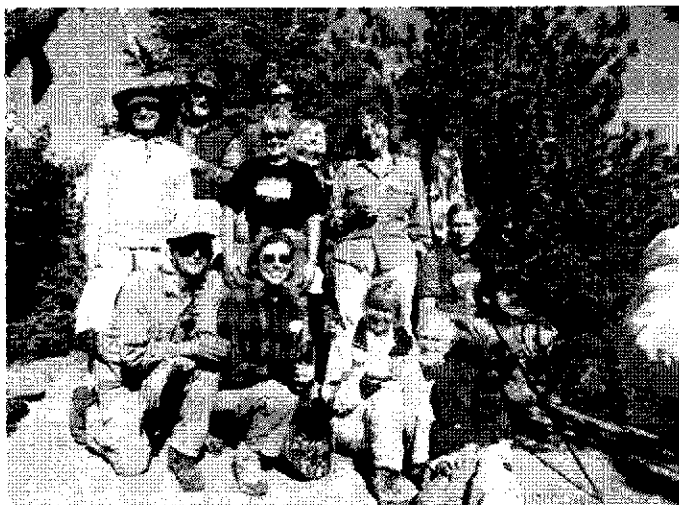
Winnette Butler, Bill Byrne Kathy Cheever, Dorothy Danziger, Karen and Wolf Leverich Edith Liu, Ping Pfeffer, and Bill Ossa.

We caravanned carefully up to Vista Picnic Ground. Free tip: on a hike this summer (the Waterman Rendezvous, actually), one of the drivers very briefly crossed the double yellow line to give a bicyclist a bit more space. The result: a ticket, a fine, and the chance to take traffic school. So we were all super-careful and super-cautious whenever we overtook a cyclist.

At Vista, most of us got ready to hike. We left Ping (who's currently sidelined from hiking, but hopefully will be back leading us on lots of fun hikes soon) to guard the cars and the important celebratory goodies. The rest of us headed up the hill towards Kratka Ridge.

The first time I did this peak was in August of 2001, after getting home at 3AM from a long ascent of Dragons Head, then a 7AM wake up call from Byron. So I remember it as being a huge, tremendously challenging peak that I barely struggled up.

Good news! Honey, they shrunk the peak! It's still a hike, but nowhere near as daunting as my memory. Pat handily negotiated the use trail, road, use trail, road, and use trail that leads to the summit. She then scrambled up the very challenging summit block, and thus finished the list a day ahead of Winnette. (Not that the two of them were racing, they just both had been stalled by the various Forest closures.)



Front, l - r. Frank Arredondo, Pat Arredondo, Edith Liu, Bill Ossa, and Bill Byrne. Standing: Byron Prinzmetal, Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Keith Burnside, Dorothy Danziger, Karen Isaacson Leverich, and Sandy Burnside.

At the summit, we found Byron and the Burnsides (sounds like some kind of musical group, huh?). Even without Pat to lead them there, they'd successfully found the peak. We of course then milled around for awhile, but eventually the thought of Ping and all that found waiting for us got us back in gear. What happened next? We ate, drank, and were merry. And figured out where we were going to hike next.

Oh, and what next for Pat? Rumor has it, she'll be leading her "I" provisional sometime in April in Joshua



Pat Arredondo on the summit of Kratka Ridge, November 23, 2002

Tree. Watch for it in Schedule 292. Before you know it, methinks she'll be leading the List. Congratulations, Pat!

Sam Fink Peak

24 November 2002

Winnette Butler Finishes the HPS List
By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Another day, another List finish? Earlier in the week, Dave Comerzan finished the List on Waterman. The day before, Pat Arredondo had triumphantly led a group to Kratka Ridge, her final peak. (If you want to see proof that she ascended the difficult summit block, be sure to visit <http://www.mtpinos.com/pictures/> and see for yourself.) Even after eating all that food in honor of Pat's finishing the list, many of us somehow managed to meet the next day at the ranger station in Idyllwild. The destination: Sam Fink Peak. Although Winnette Butler had bagged 274 HPS peaks, plus assorted other SPS, DPS, and even Himalayan summits, somehow she'd never connected with Sam. The day had come.

Although we were expecting Don Tidwell and Mei Kwan at Idyllwild, when they didn't show, we didn't wait for them. Don's been around the list a time or two already, so we figured he could find his way to Humber Park OK even without having Mars' Sequoia to lead the way. After all, a week or so ago, he and Mei managed to overtake and intercept our cross-country hike to Scodie. It's hard to throw Don off track. (See the Serious Paragraph below for further confirmation.)

So ... if that wasn't Don and Mei in the unidentified car that had joined our caravan to Humber Park, who was it? We didn't recognize her, but when Susan Ellsworth asked if she could join our group and hike with us to Sam Fink, Winnette and Mars easily assented. At the trailhead, then, there were ten of us: Winnette Butler, Mars Bonfire, Sandy Burnside, Kathy Cheever, Dorothy Danziger, Susan Ellsworth, Mei Kwan, Karen Leverich, Wolf Leverich, and Don Tidwell.

Luckily, we weren't using the Tahquitz Peak guide, in which it currently says it is 22 miles from the trailhead to

Saddle Junction. We were brilliantly using the Sam Fink guide instead. (For some reason, Winnette was quite determined we go to Sam Fink, and not to any of the other lovely peaks thereabouts. What happened to democracy?) 2.5 miles up Devils Slide are more than enough for me, although they're a perfectly lovely 2.5 miles, with fabulous views of Suicide and Lily Rocks, and Strawberry Valley. And much more pleasant on a cool November day than my last visit during summer.

Once at Saddle Junction, there are options. Lots of options. Too many options? Not if you're hiking with Winnette, who (as I mentioned above) wasn't at all tantalized by the possibility of visiting Tahquitz Peak. But there were still two options: we could follow the trail to Laws Junction, or we could go towards Skunk Cabbage Meadow and then take a cross-country shortcut to reach Laws. That route passes through this wonderful meadow of ferns. In the past summers, I've seen this sea of green ferns, dappled by sunlight, stirred gently by a breeze. It's quite breathtaking. Even after a dry summer, though, it's still a very special sight. Instead of the magical leafy green sea of my memory, we passed through acres and acres of autumn-touched golden ferns.

Speaking of magic, the first time I visited Sam Fink Peak, Carleton Shay was the leader, and he took us cross-country directly to Laws Junction. A truly incredible internal compass that man has! The second time, I was following Mars. He didn't think he could flawlessly emulate Carleton, so deliberately aimed a bit to the right of Laws. When we emerged on the trail, we turned left, went a brief distance, and voila!, we were at Laws.

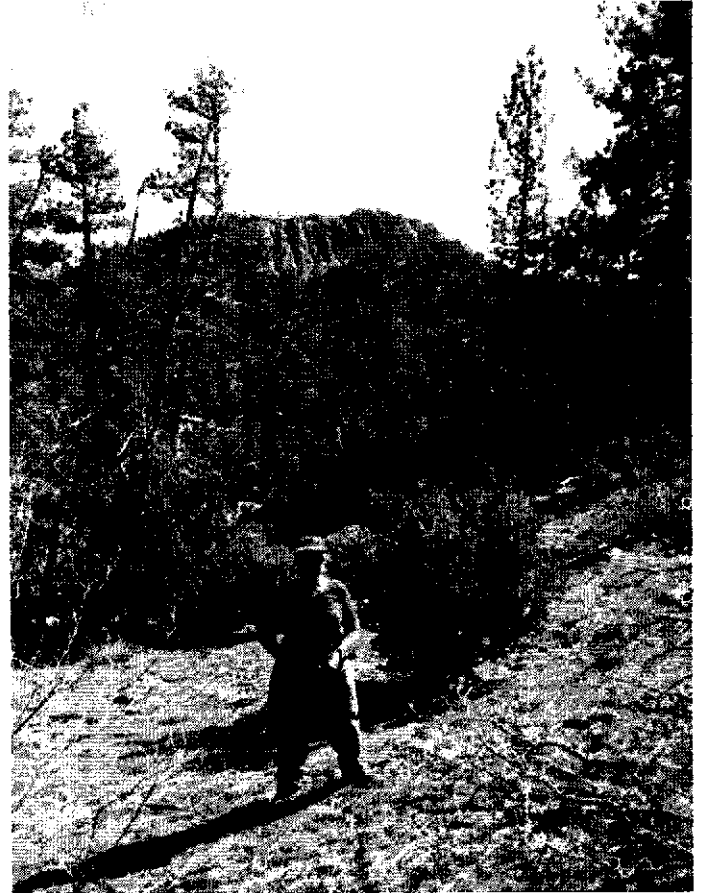
Serious Paragraph. Mars asked me, if I did a trip report on Winnette's List finish, to describe the following seriously. OK. Although I kind of doubt that we'd've ended up at the tram, even if ... But anyhow, on this visit to Sam Fink, Mars was again aiming to hit the trail to the right of Laws, planning as before to then turn left. When we reached the trail, though, we hesitated before turning left: something didn't feel right. Don, map in hand, thought we'd come out to the left of Laws instead of to the right. If we turned left and hiked, we'd not come to Laws, we'd instead eventually come to the Palm Springs tram. Looking a bit perplexed, Mars took off to the right on the trail, hoping to sort out the dilemma. Ah ha! Laws was to the right, not left. Don and the map were correct. The serious message of this serious paragraph: no matter how good you are (and Mars is one of the best wilderness navigators I know), always be willing to question assumptions and research the situation. Seriously, I doubt we could have convinced Winnette that they'd built a tram station at Sam Fink Peak after the peak guide had been written.

There's a watercourse at Laws that I've never ever seen any water in. This day was no exception. But against the day of the great flood, someone had installed a large and beautiful wooden bridge across it. So after stashing water, we headed across the bridge and prepared to go down to our next destination: Caramba Camp.

The team was getting rowdy. All hike and no play doesn't sound so bad in abstract, but there were these invitingly lovely pine cones strewn on the trail. Those of us

at the front of the column were soon distressed (amused?) to hear giggling and shouting behind us, and the occasional pine cone zinging off our backsides. Soccer? Football? Something about this trail seems to suggest athletics – when I did the hike earlier this summer, Janet Howell attempted to explain the rules of baseball to Ingeborg Prochazka on this same stretch of trail. If you didn't learn the game when you were knee-high to a grasshopper, baseball is a VERY strange game. Trust me!

Soon, we rounded a bend, and at last! Sam Fink Peak! Photo op! Here's one of the last photos of Winnette "before", when she was a lowly non-List finisher: Hmmm, how were we going to get over those cliffs?



Well, of course, these things usually work out, even if they're sometimes a bit of work. To get to Sam Fink, you proceed on the trail to Caramba. Then cross another dry watercourse (no spiffy new bridge this time). Then up a steep slope until a ducked use trail is encountered. Then around the ridge to a saddle, and a final scramble up a steep rocky slope to the peak.

That's the plan, anyhow. The problem was that someone (we decided it had to have been Byron, always the scapegoat of choice?) had been there before us and installed some siren ducks, which lured us to the left at a lower elevation than the use trail we sought. Hardly a disaster, but definitely annoying when we eventually got suspicious and had to work our way steeply up up up to finally acquire the use trail. From there, though, it was short work to the saddle, and then to the peak.

Here's the "after" picture of Winnette, now a List finisher:



And in case you're wondering, "What's next?" or, "Is there life after finishing the List?", think about the implications of the sign Winnette brought along to include in the group picture: It says, "LIST FINISH #1." Mmmhmmmm. Standing, left to right, are Susan Ellsworth, Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Karen Leverich, Sandy Burnside, Don Tidwell, and Mei Kwan. In front are Kathy Cheever and Dorothy Danziger. Photographer is Brian "Wolf" Leverich.

I knew from Pat Arredondo's List finish the day before that there would be food and more food. Not wanting to get stuck carrying my offering back up the trail from Caramba to Laws, I quickly got my cookies out and had them handed out and the bag empty before anyone else could do the same. Heh!

So of course we ate and hugged and admired the views (one can see half the list from Sam Fink, I'd swear – not only the Desert Divide, but Martinez, Rabbit, the newly

relisted Toro...). Sam Fink, especially on a cool day (I have been known to compare it to a solar oven on an earlier visit) is a perfect peak.

Well, it may be perfect, but it is a long way back to the cars, with a lot of uphill along the way. And it was already mid-afternoon. Winnette had promised to buy us dinner (another fine tradition – future list finishers please take note!), so we were soon fantasizing about enchiladas and tamales and chile rellenos.

What we weren't doing very soon was actually eating any of these goodies. Sometime after Laws and before Saddle Junction, it got dark. Most of us stopped to don our headlamps. Don opted to hike ahead alone so our lights wouldn't spoil his night vision. We about jumped out of our collective skins when, further down the trail in pitch darkness, he leapt out from behind a tree making spooky noises. C'mon, Don, Halloween was last month!

Going down Devils Slide, we broke into a "fast" group and a "slow" group. I use quotation marks because I don't think any of us were being especially speedy by then. As a member of the slow group, I did note that the fast headlamps were seldom more than a switchback or so ahead of us.

Back at the cars, we indulged ourselves in champagne (some of which was pretty cranky about being opened) and generally milled around until wiser heads (Sandy and Brian, maybe?) pointed out that if we wanted to fulfill our cholesterol-laden fantasies, we'd better get to the restaurant before it closed, an event that was probably going to happen Very Soon Now.

That got our attention, for sure! We descended on the Mexican place across the street from the ranger station, ate, drank, and were merry. Way to go, Winnette!

Now, who's next, and more importantly, where do we eat?



New Emblem Patches are available. See page 19 for details.

HONOR ROLL OF HPS LEADERS So Few Are Doing So Much For So Many!!

The following HPS leaders have taken time out of their busy, hectic lives to lead scheduled HPS hikes appearing in this edition of the Lookout (January and February). Schedule 292 (March through June) will appear in the next Lookout and is packed full of exciting hikes. There are quite a few new leaders leading and many old timers getting back into the leading.

I want to thank you all for taking the time out of your busy lives to lead HPS outings.

DAVID BEYMER 2
MARS BONFIRE 1
SANDY BURNSIDE 7
DAVE COMERZAN 3
DORIS DUVAL 1
LUELLE FICKLE 1
HARVEY GANZ 1
CHERYL GILL 1
PETER GLOVER 2
LEORA AND RON JONES 1
LAURA JOSEPH 2

BRIAN LEVERICH 2
KAREN LEVERICH 6
CAROL ANNE MILLS 1
SCOTT NELSON 1
VIRGIL POPESCU 3
BYRON PRINZMETAL 4
INGEBORG PROCHAZKA 2
MAURA RAFFENSPERGER 2
PATTY RAMBERT 1
GABRIELLE RAU 1
MARIA ROA 1

KATE ROGOWSKI 1
SHERRY ROSS 1
GARY SCHENK 1
KENT SCHWITKIS 3
BOB CAT THOMPSON 1
BRENT WASHBURNE 1
JENNIFER WASHINGTON 1
SUSANNE WEIL 2
MAGGIE WILSON 2
SARA WYRENS 1
JANET YANG 1

NEW HPS LEADER MILESTONES By Byron Prinzmetal

The HPS is proud to announce that three of our leaders have just passed their "I/M" navigation and are well on their way to becoming outstanding "I" rated leaders. They are Laura Joseph, Pat Arredondo and Dave Comerzan. In addition all three have just completed the HPS List. Congratulations!!

In addition to the above people the following are in the process of leading (or have lead) their two provisional hikes: Martin Parsons-"I", Bill Valentine-"I", Gary Schenk-"I" Scott Nelson-"I" and Ping Pfeffer-"O";

Please support all of our future leaders. **Please consider doing this by attending their provisional hikes.** They and our existing leaders are the heart and sole of the HPS.

So below is the list of our 2002 brand new leaders (14 in all) and/or provisional leaders, some of which will have completed their provisional hikes by the time you read this:

Patty Rambert-"I"
Sandy Sperling-"I"
Sandy Burnside-"I"
Brian Leverich-"I"
Karen Isaacson-"I"

Kent Schwitkis-"I"
Martin Parsons-"PI"
Bill Valentine-"PI"
Gary Schenk-"PI"
Scott Nelson-"PI".

Laura Joseph-"PI"
Pat Arredondo-"PI"
Dave Comerzan-"PI"
Ping Pfeffer-"PO"

We are looking forward to all of the wonderful hikes all of our new and existing leaders lead.

Note: For those of you who would like to become an active HPS leader, the HPS encourages you to do so. We are looking for all types of new leaders (e.g. sluggo's like me, tigers, and all those in between. The HPS management will assist you in any way we can to help you obtain your rating. If you have questions please email me at prinzmetal@charter.net.

Mountain Records Chair Report By Byron Prinzmetal

Last Lookout I said this would be my last MRC report. But, I discovered another important lesson that I want to share with you and future MRC's.
Here is the issue. How many of you think we are

just a simple hiking/mountaineer club and don't have to worry about technical computer stuff? Those who say "YES" and say we don't have to worry about these complex things are wrong. Here are some actual examples:

1. The existence of multiple, and inconsistent, lists of our outings. This has caused publication of advance notices of outings to conflict with one another. Unless proper

care is taken, the advances notices that appear on the The Lookout will conflict with those that appear in the Schedule of Activities, or on the HPS website.

2. The loss of entire databases. Only by scrupulous attention and backing up of data has some essential HPS information been retrieved. Much labor has been required to restore some of our data.

3. Erroneous or misleading information caused by information initially depicted in one word processing program but copied and later disseminated by another word processing program. (One must be careful when files written in Wordperfect, for example, are translated into Word or other word processing programs. Distances like 1 1/4 mile could be translated as 114 miles!)

4. And, the list goes on.

So the point is; we don't live in such a simple world after all. The list of things that we use computer technology for is growing each year (e.g. we keep our membership list in an Access database, our peak guides are kept in Word, our maps are kept in Topo, we use accounting software to keep track of our finances, we use graphic software for our advertisements/flyers, we use WordPerfect for the Lookout, we use various email list servers for our email distributions, we use web hosting software for our web site, etc).

The upshot of all of this is that we are more and more dependent upon computers to make our jobs easier. But, along with this we must use good computer housekeeping, security, backup and other techniques to protect our data.

Now on to happier, more simpler things. Below is the list of peak guides and maps that have been revised since the last Lookout.

1) Minor changes

- a) Updated peak guides for Hildreath, Old Man, Monte Arido, Chief, Hines and Topatopa with information on how to obtain the gate combinations based upon a Sandy Sperling email and my personal experience.
- b) Made changes to the Garnet Peak Guide that clarifies the route per Laura.
- c) Made minor changes to the Middle, Cuyamaca, and Stonewell map based upon actual gps readings from Kent.
- d) The driving instructions for route two for Walbrecht's peak guide was updated.

2) Major changes

- a) Added a new route (route 2) that Sandy Burnside and I did to Lockwood Peak to both the map and peak guide.
- b) Added to the peak guides and maps a new route to Ryan and Lost Horse each that Sandy Burnside, Southern Courtney and I did. These new routes are both the second route we show to each peak.
- c) Added to the Monument Peak Guide a route that Carleton and I have done that was shown on the current map, but not listed in the peak guide.

Since this route is a trail route vs. the old xc route one route, per Laura's suggestion made this the primary route in the peak guide. The map now says the new route is route one.

- d) I created a new map that combines Mayan, Walbrecht, and Butterbredt into one map. The combined map has a new route from Walbrecht to Butterbredt and route two to Walbrecht has been corrected with exact gps reading.

The following are **some** of the proposed changes for the December management meeting:

1. Corrected the reference "Desert Center" to "Mountain Center" in many peak guides. This was once done before, but the corrections were lost.
2. Many of the driving instructions for peaks in area 27 (e.g. San Jacinto) said "go west past Banning", now correctly says "go east".
3. Updated the map and peak guide for George's great route to Walbrecht. Note: the route is much harder that first anticipated due to a cliffy area one needs to hike around/through.
4. Made minor corrections to the driving/hiking directions for Castle, Split and many others suggested by Karen.
5. Show on our maps a new route to Deer and another one to Thunder/Telegraph via Cedar Canyon. We also have added back the original route to Tecuya Mountain thanks to Karen. The route was already on the HPS map.
6. Added a new route to Black#6 map which bags the peak from a completely different direction than our other routes.
7. Updated the Pinnacles map with precise route information from gps/waas satellites and added some clarifying information.
8. Added route number two to Cerro Noroeste from Grouse Mountain per Laura's request.

PS The job of the MRC will never be done!! Those who declare that they have corrected most or all of the maps and peak guides are smoking an illegal substance. Please don't expect him/her (the MRC) to walk on water and make everything perfect...it just won't happen. Further, and most importantly please be kind to this individual especially those who introduce new things for us to use (e.g. maps, maps with gps way points, new wonderful routes, etc). We have a history of shooting these folks (MRC's) instead of supporting/praising them.

ATTENTION HPS HIKERS AND LEADERS

By Byron Prinzmetal

Leaders are you tired of having to plan for and submit your hikes for the Chapter Schedule 5 to 11 months in advance (or two to three months for the Lookout)?

And, hikers how would you like to be able to talk your favorite leaders into leading a scheduled HPS hike with just a two week lead time?

Well, all of this is now possible thanks to the Chapter Safety Committee which approved a proposal submitted by Duane McRuer and myself.

Here is how it works:

1. Any HPS leader may submit to the HPS Outings Chair via email any "O" or "I" outing 14 or more days before the actual outing. Please note the longer the lead time the better. This procedure excludes "M" and provisional outings which must follow current procedures.
2. The Outings Chair will review the outing to insure it meets or exceeds all current chapter outing requirements. If there is a problem he/she will contact the submitting leader and work out the problem.
3. Our Outings Chair will then have the outing approved within the next few days by a pre-selected group of the Chapter Safety Committee.
4. Once the outing is approved it will be published on our various list servers (which reach over 500 active Southern California Hikers). The outing will also be listed on the HPS web site. The goal is to publish hikes using this procedure at least seven days before the event. If the lead time is sufficient the outing will also be published in the Lookout and/or the Chapter Schedule.
5. This procedure should not take the place of scheduling as many outings as possible to appear in the Chapter Schedule as "The Schedule" reaches over 50,000 people. But, this process should allow those who have a problem scheduling outings far in advance a means to resolve this problem. It also gives leaders an opportunity to schedule additional outings.
6. This procedure is effective immediately.

If you have any questions please email the next HPS Outings Chair.

They're Back!!!
(Our Maps on Our Web Site)
By Byron Prinzmetal

As many of you know our maps have had a turbulent history. For those interested in this history please read on. Otherwise, please be advised that our maps can now be assessed from both our web site and National Geographic's.

History of our Maps: The person most responsible for creating our maps in the first place is Brent Washburn. Brent painstaking, by hand, cut and pasted together USGS 7.5 maps for all of our peaks, drew by hand our routes, and added needed notations to help the HPS traveler. He did everything by hand as computerized maps were not available in those days at an affordable cost and the available software was

primitive by today's standards. Brent did a most wonderful job, indeed. But, he was unfairly ostracized by the then current HPS Management Committee...what a shame for all the great work he did for us. Almost ten years later, last year's Management Committee recognized his wonderful contributions and awarded him the R. S. Fink Service Award (long overdue in my opinion). By the way, if you look over our peak guides you will find many new routes attributed to Brent, some of them are very difficult (e.g. Clark Lake to Rabbit).

The next major improvement to our maps happened in 1999 when I was HPS Chair. I wanted a set of maps with gps waypoints that were easier to read in my quest of doing the List. To achieve this I updated Brent's maps using National Geographic's TOPO Software. These maps, because of the use of TOPO software, were much easier to change, update, and when printed were in living color. This was quite an improvement over the black and white non computerized version. I also added GPS waypoints to insure I did not get lost (too often). The HPS Management Committee at the time approved these maps to be made available on our web site in native TOPO format (for those who owned the TOPO cdrom's), and in graphic format (for those who did not own the TOPO cdrom's) and they were also sold in paper form. About a year and half after they were first placed on our web site, the then HPS Chair, without approval of the HPS board, had them removed from our site (about September 2000). The following year (2001) the HPS board debated for almost an entire year what to do. The result was no maps were made available electronically even though they continued to sell the paper maps.

Seeing that little was being accomplished I had my set of maps placed on the National Geographic website. The maps that were placed on the National Geographic web site were greatly improved over my first rendition. They were more accurate due to the use of my gps (some would say my cheater gps or my electronic ducks), many additional routes I hiked where added and the files were converted to the latest and greatest TOPO software.

Few of you know this, but the 2001 management committee actually voted to have a Sierra Club attorney look into the legality of all of this, but no actions were taken.

This year (2002) at our first management meeting, the new management team a majority voted to make the maps on the National Geographic web site the official maps of the HPS. Subsequently, the 2002 management committee voted to approve the \$50 discount program I negotiated with National Geographic and voted on various other things dealing with the maps.

Since 1999 (when the maps were first placed on our web site) both the Sierra Club and National Geographic changed their policies. The Sierra Club change caused us to negotiate with National Geographic the language to be placed on an official Sierra Club agreement form that allows us to host National Geographic copyrighted files (.tpo files) on our web site.

This form was just signed by both parties and thus our maps are once again on our web site.

Unfortunately, National Geographic, who bought TOPO, has changed their policies as well and will not allow us to place on our web site the maps in graphic format. This means that to view our maps the viewer needs to have bought the National Geographic cdroms. If the maps had not been removed from our web site several years ago we would have been grandfathered in and the graphic form of the maps would have been allowed to stay. This in turn would have saved HPS'ers from having to buy at a cost of \$50 to \$100 the National Geographic cdrom's.

But, in any case the maps are back on our web site for all to access. Hopefully, this will be the end of the turbulent times for our maps and that we can move on, update them where needed, and continue providing for those who want gps waypoints pointing the way for all of our routes to all of our peaks.

PS I am in the process of creating for the Lower Peaks Committee maps to some of their peaks. Anyone want to help? The requirements to help: 1) know how to use TOPO Software, 2) know the routes to the peaks, and 3) have thick skin.

Exciting News-Save \$50.00
From your Mountain Records Chair
Byron Prinzmetal
email: prinzmetal@charter.net

As reported previously, your management committee has approved as official HPS maps, the maps with GPS waypoints that are now housed on our and National Geographic's mapXchange web sites using National Geographic's California Series CDROM windows based software.

We have arranged for you to be able to buy National Geographic's California Series CDROM which contains all of the USGS maps for the entire State of California for \$50 plus shipping and tax. The software normally costs \$99.00. **(a savings of about \$50).**

This discount is a very special thing that National Geographic is only offering to HPS members. They are making this offer because the HPS has provided all of our maps for posting to the National Geographic's mapXchange web site and because of the help various HPS members have provided in the past to improve their software.

The offer is for a limited time only and might not be extended (depending upon the next management committee's relationship with National Geographic). So why not join the many other HPS'ers who have taken advantage of this great offer.

If you want to take advantage of this offer and are a HPS member please send me your email address and I or the next MRC will forward to you the instructions for obtaining the discount.

PS If you are a HPS subscriber and you want to take advantage of this offer I suggest you bag your 25 peaks quickly, become a Sierra Club member (if you are

not one already) and send the required information into our membership chair.

Leadership Training

By Byron Prinzmetal (Outings Chair)

The heart of the HPS is its leaders. The Leadership Training Committee (LTC) of the Angeles Chapter hosts a number of excellent training workshops, classes, clinics, and seminars to prepare members to be leaders. The sessions include everything from basic leadership training to environmental awareness to very advanced topics such as technical rock climbing.

The HPS needs many more active leaders. To become a leader all you need to do is take the Leadership Seminar Class tentatively scheduled for **April 5th 2003** and obtain your first aid card. To receive an application please send a large self addressed envelope to Don Creighton, LTC Registrar, 2235 W 25th St, #128, San Pedro, CA 90732-4130. To find out more about this wonderful class please see the LTC section in the front pages of the schedule. **Deadline to complete an application is tentatively set for March 22nd.**

The up-coming intermediate and advance navigation classes and check off's shown below. To register send a sase with H&W phones, email address to Mr. Harry Freimanis (see schedule for more information).

The next Wilderness First Aid Class is tentatively being held on **June 13-15th** at Harwood Lodge. More information may be obtained by going to the LTC web site at www.angeleschapter.org/ltc/. The class at times is hard to get into, so a word to the wise, apply now. Please note: there are other Wilderness First Aid Classes hosted by other organizations that qualify. Contact Steve Schuster for a list of them.

Below is a tentative list of the up-coming LTC sponsored classes for schedule 292 (March through June 2003). Please check the schedule for the final dates or look on the LTC web site www.angeleschapter.org/ltc/.

Mar 22 Sat LTC
Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar: Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in April 5 seminar. Next seminar: Fall 2003. See ad in back pages of this Schedule.

Mar 22 Sat LTC
E/M: Stony Point Rock Workshop: This intermediate and advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M and E leadership. Check offs for M and E rock must be pre-arranged. It is a restricted trip; to participate you must be a member of the Sierra Club and have suitable rock climbing experience. Send sase, climbing resume to Idr: RON HUDSON. Asst: PATTY RAMBERT

Apr 5 Sat LTC
Leadership Training Seminar: Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! For info, see LTC section in front of Schedule. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Mar 22. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Fall 2003. See ad in back pages of this Schedule.

Apr 12-13 Sat-Sun LTC

I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles to satisfy basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sun checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: BOB BRADSHAW

Apr 12-13 Sat-Sun LTC

M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff: For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. Practice available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, 2 sase, or 1 sase and email, H&W phones to Ldr: NILE SORENSON. Co-Ldrs: TINA BOWMAN, TOM BOWMAN

April 26-27 Sat-Sun LTC

M/E: Rock Workshop at Indian Wells Cyn: Oriented to rock skills for leading groups on 3rd, 4th, and short 5th class peak climbs. Sat instruction and practice skills. Sat night happy hour, car camp. Sun x-c hike and peak climb to employ skills and equipment. Checkouts may be scheduled if sufficient interest (inquire early). Required: SC membership, knowledge of basic knots and rock technique, peak climbing experience; bring basic climbing equipment. Preference to those pursuing M or E ratings and enrolled in Leadership Training. Send resume, \$10 deposit (returned when you show up), \$10 equipment fee (checkout only exempt)(checks to SC) to Ldr: RON HUDSON. Asst: PATTY RAMBERT

May 3 Sat LTC

I: Mt Lowe (5603') 16th Beginning Navigation Clinic: 5 mi, 500' gain. Spend the day one on one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a checkoff. Many expert leaders will

attend; many "I" rated leaders started here in the past. Recent no-shows require a \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead. Send large sase early with check made out to Sierra Club, H&W phones to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: DON CREIGHTON

May 3-4 Sat-Sun LTC

M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff: Restricted to Sierra Club members in good standing seeking to become leaders, with prior ice axe, crampon, and rope training/experience. Successfully demonstrate your skills to receive an M or E checkoff. Send SC#, sase to Ldr: RANDALL DANTA. Co-Ldr: VIRGIL TALBOT

May 18 Sun LTC

I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send sase with navigation experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones, to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: BOB BRADSHAW

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Jun 13-15 Fri - Sun LTC

C: Wilderness First Aid Course (WFAC) : Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Proof of CPR within previous 2 years required. Course fee includes lodging and meals. Send sase, proof of CPR, \$145 with SC#/\$155 non-member (WFAC-full-refund thru 9 May) to WFAC, PO Box 3414, Fullerton, CA 92834. For course info call Ldr: STEVE SCHUSTER



Brian "Wolf" Leverich took this photo on the summit of Backus Peak on November 17, 2002. Pictured are, l - r, Karen Leverich, Ingeborg Prochazka, Mike Gosnell and Spencer Berman. This was Mike's 200th peak.



Suzy Herman poses for the camera on the summit of Bald Eagle on November 18, 2002. This was Suzy's 100th peak.

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Call to Order (6:40 p.m.)

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Minutes from the October 10 Business Meeting and Annual Meeting

M/s/p without revision

Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside)

M/s/p without revision

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ACHIEVEMENT EMBLEMS AVAILABLE!

One of those little picky things that seems to bother all of us is the chore of sewing the membership patch onto that darned wreath when we reach our 100th peak. Not to mention that teeny pin that memorializes our List finish.

To make it easier to wear your achievement proudly on your favorite pack, we have designed new "achievement emblems." Now, each time you reach an achievement level — 100 peaks, 200 peaks, List finish — you can order an emblem (see photo for sample on page 12) that can be affixed to whatever you like.

For those who finish the List more than once, qualify for a pathfinder, lead 100, 200 or the List (or lead the List more than once), customized emblems can be ordered.

The price is \$5 per emblem and \$10 for the customized emblems. Send your check payable to HPS and your request using the order form on the inside of the back page of **The Lookout** to:

Laura Joseph, 2386 E. Del Mar Blvd. #328, Pasadena, CA 91107

Email questions to Laura at ljoseph2@earthlink.net

**Mark the dates: May 17-18
Saturday and Sunday**

The HPS Almost Annual Spring Fling weekend at Foster Lodge near Julian in San Diego County.

Join the HPS revellers for a grand time at a weekend of peakbagging in the San Diego spring time. Hikes for beginners through tigers planned to all the San Diego peaks (some appear below). World famous happy hour and pot luck dinner Saturday night followed by the HPS game "Which Peak am I?" Breakfast Sunday morning hosted by HPS Management Committee. Camp in the trees around the lodge, sleep in your mobile motel, in the lodge's unisex dorm rooms or in a Julian B & B. Between hikes and happy hour, relax in the beautiful grounds surrounding the lodge and watch the sun set. Cost will be \$15/person for Saturday night only; \$25/person for Friday and Saturday. Information and registration form will be in March-April issue of **The Lookout** and on the HPS website beginning in March.

**TRAIN TRIP TO MORRO BAY
An Inner City Outing Fund Raiser
April 11 - 13 Fri - Sun**

A train trip to Morro Bay along the beautiful California Coast on the Coast Starlight is a wonderful experience. You pass through areas never seen from your car. We will leave from Union Station on Friday morning to San Luis Obispo where a bus will whisk us off to our hotel, the Twin Dolphins, in Morro Bay. Large rooms with two people per room will be our base for two nights.

Saturday, our bus will take us to Hearst Castle where you can go on tour 3 or 4 unless you have never been to Hearst Castle and prefer tour 1. From the Castle we will stop for lunch in Cambria and then on to the wineries to try the local grapes.

Sunday, we will hike at Montana de Oro along the beautiful cliffs filled with wildflowers and then back to LA via bus with a stop for lunch.

Cost for everything (except lunch and dinners) is \$250 for members or \$275 for non members. Profits will go to the Inner City Outings program which takes youngsters from our inner cities for hikes and campouts to give them a "wilderness experience".

Space is limited. Please send checks (made out to Sierra Club), two self addressed stamped envelopes, home and work phones and Sierra Club number to Bea or Jack Morrow, 4809 Colorado, Long Beach, 90814. Call (562) 433-5577 for more information.

**REGISTER BOX
By Jim Adler**

Based on reports not received no changes in register status occurred.

No reports were received from anyone. Perhaps fire closure may have been a cause.

Missing and deficient registers:

10I	Mt Hillyer	missing	5-02
12B	Disappointment	missing	3-02
12C	San Gabriel Peak	deficient	3-02
12D	Mt. Markham	missing	3-02
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	10-01
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	10-00
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	6-02
15D	Iron Mtn. #1	missing	12-00
16F	Thunder Mtn.	missing	8-02
17B	Ontario Peak	missing	4-02
17E	Cucamonga Peak	shot	8-01
23H	Three Sisters	missing	12-01
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	1-02
27K	Drury Peak	deficient	6-02
31E	Beauty Peak	missing	12-01

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 **jimadler @ mindspring.com**. or from the HPS web site. 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.)

Frank Dobos wants to thank everybody for all their care and sympathy received. The HPS is a loving family. There will be a memorial hike to Josephine Pk on Saturday, May 31, 2003. Ruth and Frank Dobos had a special unofficial wedding "ceremony" on the summit of Josephine Peak shortly after their official wedding. Please check your Schedule or **The Lookout** for details. All are welcome.