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## Letter From The Chair

Hello hikers!

The best hiking season of the year is in progress and I hope you are all doing well and enjoying it.

Big congratulations to our Outings Chair Mat Kelliher, who was awarded the Chester Versteeg Service Award, the Chapter's highest award. A good crowd of leaders attended to support him at this years Chapter Banquet. Mat has been at the heart of our section's management for many years, as well as being active in DPS. The award could not have gone to a more worthy person.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Spring Fling because of scheduling issues but the Waterman Rendezvous is on for June 15 and we have some good outings planned, so I hope you can make it. The area will be accessible, but the detour is still required.

I'd like to make you aware that 2024 is the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Hundred Peaks Section as a separate section in 1954. HPS was only the second section to be formed after the club divided itself into activity sections that year. I think we all should be proud of the contributions that HPS has made not just to the Sierra Club, but also to the hiking community in Southern California over this period

In other business, the opening of Angeles Crest Highway keeps getting delayed; the section from Red Box may open in July. The remaining section will not open until the fall most likely.

Regarding peak suspensions, access to Hildreth Peak, Old Man and Monte Arido have been restored and the peaks have been unsususpended, for better or worse. Signals remain on Highway 33 however.

We have also un-suspended Heald Peak. Some poodle dog bush remains, but reports indicate that it is passable with care.

Some of our leaders will hike to Galena soon, and we will un-suspend the peak if conditions are determined to be safe.

We have been busy planning next year's banquet and other MComm business. Progress on the web site is proceeding slowly but steadily.

We are also in the process of making a plan to offer more gently paced hikes on a regular basis for those who prefer them. We will be sending out a questionnaire to gauge people's interest. Please contact us with your feedback and ideas.

That's all for now, and keep getting out there.

**Jim Hagar, on behalf of The Management Committee**

**HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**May-June 2024, Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair**

This report covers emblems achieved since the last Lookout.

**New Emblems**

**100 Peaks**

Ethan Woll, #1240, Santa Rosa Mountain, 4/23/2024

**200 Peaks**

Ron Campbell, #521, Bertha Peak, 5/19/2024

**New Members**

Robin Russell

Ricardo Singer

**New Subscriber**

Lisbeth Coiman

Jeffrey Sims

Hank Streicher

Reminder to subscribers, if you are a Sierra Club member and have climbed 25 peaks on the official HPS list, then you can apply for membership into the section. Send your list of peaks climbed with dates, and your

Sierra Club membership number to: [Lookout\\_membership@hundredpeaks.org](mailto:Lookout_membership@hundredpeaks.org).

**Membership Stats**

Members: 200

Life and Honorary Members: 21

Subscribers: 14

Total: 235

Expired: 13

**2024 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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Submitted by Teresa Blackmon Spohr





Photo by Eric Chu



Photo: Paul Maurin

Mat Kelliher receives Award at Chapter Banquet

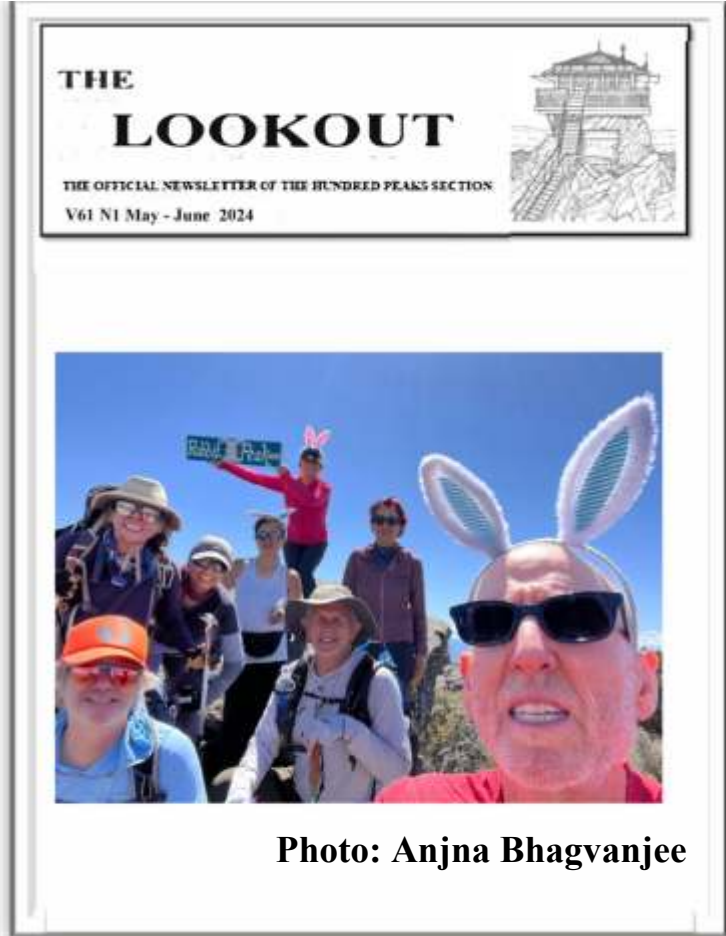


Photo: Anjna Bhagvanjee

Cover: Rabbit Peak April 7, 2024. Leaders Lidia Barbosa, Yoko Ishiguro and Bill Simpson. Five participants Judy Akiike, Anjna Bhagvanjee, Penny Ghavami, John Martin and Ray Thompson.



Jack Bascom (l) shaking hands with Weldon Heald (r) on occasion of Heald's 100th peak. Summit of Grouse Mountain, June 30, 1946.

Submitted by Bob Cates



Ron Campbell completes 200th HPS Peaks on Bertha Peak, May 19, 2024. Photo: Sharon Moore



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## LEADER CONTACT INFO

The following is contact information for Leaders who are offering outings in this edition of The Lookout. When signing up for an outing, follow the instructions given in the trip listing to find out about meeting time and location.

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John Martin

**Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities**  
**May - June 2024**  
**Mat Kelliher, HPS Outings Chair**

The following is a listing of all HPS Outings submitted and posted to the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities as of May 31, 2024. These outings cover the period ranging from Jun 1 through Dec 8, 2024. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (aka "Campfire Events") all the time**, often only a few days prior to when a trip is scheduled, so if you haven't found what you're looking for in this edition of The Lookout, be sure to check for newly added outings on the HPS online Schedule of Activities frequently for last minute additions. Follow this link to the HPS Schedule of Activities site:

<http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm>

And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day with HPS, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (Campfire Events) for a selection of outings options offered by all the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities is located here:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities>

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don't need to be a member of either the Sierra Club or the HPS to join us! However, to participate in an outing, you will be required to sign a participation agreement. Additionally, you will be required to complete, print out, and submit to the leader of the outing a Medical Form listing allergies, medications, and general medical information at the trailhead prior to the start of the outing. Your medical form will be kept confidential and will be returned to you at the conclusion of the outing. And if you're feeling unwell, please do not participate on the outing.

You can preview the participation agreement here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/leadership-training-committee-and-outings-management-/Angeles-Outings-Sign-In-Waiver-Oct2019.pdf>

And the Medical Form here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/leadership-training-committee-and-outings-management-/Local%20Outings%20Medical%20Form.pdf>

Unless otherwise indicated, contact the leader of the outing(s) you'd like to join for trip status and details. Leader contact information is included in this edition of The Lookout.

We hope you'll join us out on the trails soon!!



**Sat Jun 1 Hundred Peaks**

**O: Middle Hawkins (8505) and South Mount Hawkins (7783)** – With much of the Angeles Crest Highway closed for repairs, the Windy Gap Trail from Crystal Lake provides an alternate way to reach two of the peaks named for a waitress who worked at the historic Squirrel Inn in the early 1900s. We will make a loop along the PCT and return via the Mount Hawkins Truck Trail. Our hike above the clouds will provide panoramic views of the rugged peaks and canyons of the Sheep Mountain Wilderness and Antelope Valley to the north. Our hike will be 11.5 miles with 3200' of elevation gain. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Bring hiking footwear, lunch, snacks, water, sunblock, hat, and layers. *LEADER: SHARON MOORE, CO-LEADERS: BILL SIMPSON, LARRY POND, LIDIA BARBOSA*

**Sat Jun 1 Hundred Peaks**

**I: Traverse Marion Mountain (base) and Newton Drury via Marion Mountain Trail** - This is an approximately 9.5-mile strenuous out-and-back hike with 4,500' of gain. The hike begins with an approximately two-mile climb and 1700' of gain to the top of the Marion Mountain Trail. Shortly after passing the junction with the Pacific Crest Trail, we will head off-trail to Marion Mountain and head cross-country to the summit of Newton Drury before rejoining the Deer Spring Trail. We will descend to the Marion Mountain Trail and return to the trailhead. The hike has great views from the peaks and Mount Marion Trail should be shaded in the morning. There could be small patches of snow on the peaks. Please bring sufficient water, sun protection, appropriate hiking shoes, snacks, lunch for the peak, and hiking poles if you like. This is a backcountry outing and requires a Local Outings Medical Info Form listing allergies, medications, and general medical history to be reviewed by the Leaders at the trailhead prior to the hike. If you are feeling unwell, please do not participate. Wilderness permit limits group size. To sign up for this trip, email Michael Gasbarro [mikecg93@yahoo.com](mailto:mikecg93@yahoo.com) with contact and carpool info, and recent conditioning and experience. *LEADER: MICHAEL GASBARRO, CO-LEADER: STEPHEN MCDONNELL*

**Sat Jun 8 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle** -- Navigation noodle at Mt. Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) or advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *LEADER: ROBERT MYERS. ASSISTANT: ANN SHIELDS* (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

**Sat Jun 8 WTC, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Sugarloaf Peak (6,924') and Ontario Peak (8,693')** - We'll meet at Icehouse Canyon Trailhead. After a very short stint on Icehouse Canyon Trail the rest of the outing will be cross country. We'll head south up the aptly named, Falling Rock Canyon. Rock climbing helmets will be required of all participants and you must provide for yourself. At the top of the canyon we will head west to Sugarloaf Peak then retrace a portion of our route and head up the ridge to Ontario Peak. Five-ish

miles and 4,000 feet of gain. It will be strenuous. As this is a back-country outing, a Medical form will be required. If you are feeling unwell, please don't participate. For consideration, provide hiking resume and completed medical form to Scott Klatte, [jsklatte@gmail.com](mailto:jsklatte@gmail.com). *LEADER: SCOTT KLATTE, CO-LEADER: BOB GALLANDT*

**Sat Jun 8 WTC, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Grinnell Mountain (10284')** - Join us for a fast-paced, strenuous day hike in the beautiful San Gorgonio Wilderness. This will be a 15-mile hike with 4,000 feet of elevation gain involving both on-trail and cross-country/off-trail travel. We'll start from the South Fork trailhead and travel to Poopout Hill, where we'll leave the trail and navigate to Grinnell Mountain. After summiting Grinnell, we'll make our way to Dry Lake where we'll regain the trail and return to the trailhead. This is a back-country outing and will require completion of a short medical form indicating allergies, medications and general medical information. If you are feeling unwell, please don't participate. Please contact the leaders with a resume of your experience with long off-trail hikes and your conditioning routine. *LEADER: AMANDA CHEN, CO-LEADER: LUBNA DEBBINI*

**Sat Jun 8 Hundred Peaks**

**O: Hike to 7 HPS Peaks in 1 Day! [Mount Deception (5796 ft), Mount Disappointment (5960 ft),**

**O: Hike to 7 HPS Peaks in 1 Day! [Mount Deception (5796 ft), Mount Disappointment (5960 ft), San Gabriel Peak (6161 ft), Mount Markham (5742 ft), Mount Lowe (5603 ft), Occidental Peak (5732 ft) & Mt. Wilson (5710 ft)] - Seven Peaks or Bust!** Join us for this fun adventure to seven peaks in the front range of the Angeles National Forest. We will end the day on Mt. Wilson. These historic peaks are above Pasadena. Moderately paced hike on road, trail and short use trails with about 12 miles total distance and around 3,000 feet of elevation gain. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Bring hiking footwear, lunch, snacks, water, sunblock, hat and layers. Contact Primary Leader for meeting information. Primary Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE, LIDIA BARBOSA

**Sat Jun 15 Hundred Peaks**

**2024 Waterman Rendezvous** - Hard to believe it's already upon us, but sure enough, summer is here!! And along with summer come long days, warm nights, high altitude peaks to climb, and maybe best of all, the Annual HPS Waterman Rendezvous!! The idea is to have several hikes scheduled from different starting points converge on the summit of Waterman Mtn (8,038') at about the same time. Once on the summit we'll all spend some quality time enjoying the company of our friends, old and new alike, over a nice festive potluck that we all contribute to and carry up to the summit with us. Be sure to check the online HPS Outings schedule <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm> for hikes as we get closer to the date. For general questions, contact the HPS PROGRAMS CHAIR, MIKE DILLENBACK [dillyhouse1@gmail.com](mailto:dillyhouse1@gmail.com).

**Sat Jun 15 Hundred Peaks**

**I: Winston Ridge (7003'), Winston Peak (7502'), and Mt. Waterman (8039')** - Join us at the annual-ish HPS Mount Waterman Rendezvous on the peak

named in tribute to Liz Waterman's 1889 complete range traverse from the LA Basin to the desert and back (ID). Our first hike departs from Cloudburst Summit to the Winstons (4.1 miles round trip, 1600' gain); then we return to our vehicles to pick up shareable goodies to carry to the summit of Waterman (2.8 mi rt 1030' gain). Please bring water, hiking shoes, layers, sun protection and a treat for the picnic potluck. This Sierra Club backcountry outing requires participants to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Local Outings Medical Form to the leader at the trailhead prior to the start of the hike. The Medical Form will be returned to each hiker to be carried in their pack. Contact Primary Leader for meeting information. *Primary Leader: SHARON MOORE, Co-leaders: LARRY POND, RON CAMPBELL*

**Sat Jun 15 Hundred Peaks**

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**Sat Jun 15 Hundred Peaks**

**O: Waterman Mountain (8038')** - Join us for the 2024 Waterman Rendezvous. We'll begin the day with a moderate hike to Waterman Mountain. We'll converge with other hikers for the biggest potluck celebration in the Angeles National Forest! Could be warm. The total hike will be about 6 miles round trip with around 1200' gain. Please bring your Local Outings Medical Form along with your head lamp, water 2+ liters, lunch, snacks, layers, lug soles, hiking poles, hat and sunblock. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to bring a printed copy of their completed Local Outings Medical Form [bit.ly/sierra club medicalform](http://bit.ly/sierra%20club%20medicalform) with them to the trailhead. Contact leader Mike Dillenback at [dillyhouse1@gmail.com](mailto:dillyhouse1@gmail.com) for more information about the outing. LEADER: MIKE DILLENBACK, CO-LEADER: MAT KELLIHER

**Sat Jun 15 Hundred Peaks**

**I: Waterman Mountain (8038), Twin Peaks (7761)** - Join the 2024 Waterman Rendezvous. We will start our hike from Waterman Mountain trailhead, then west twin and East twin peak and back up to Waterman Mountain. We will have a HPS Annual Waterman Rendezvous potluck with hiking friends at the Waterman Mountain summit. The total round trip for the day will be about 9 miles and 4000 gain. Bring 3-4 liters of water, lunch, other essentials and favorite snacks for potluck. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. LEADER: JASON PARK ([jasonpark7100@gmail.com](mailto:jasonpark7100@gmail.com)), CO-LEADERS: SUNNY YI, CATHERINE ROSSBACH

**Sat Jun 15 Hundred Peaks**

**I: Hike, Twin Peaks (7761') and Waterman Mountain (8038')** - Join us for the 2024 Waterman Rendezvous. We'll begin the day with a strenuous hike to Twin Peaks. Then we'll make our way to Waterman Mountain, where we'll converge with other hikers for the biggest potluck celebration in the Angeles National Forest! Could be warm. The total hike will be about 11 miles round trip with around 3500' gain. Please bring your Local Outings Medical Form along with your head lamp, water 2+ liters, lunch, snacks, layers, lug soles, hiking poles, hat and sunblock. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to bring a printed copy of their completed

Information about the outing. *LEADER: LIDIA BARBOSA, CO-LEADER: BILL SIMPSON*

**Wed Jun 19 Hundred Peaks**

**M:**

lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com for more information about the outing. LEADER: LIDIA BARBOSA, CO-LEADER: BILL SIMPSON

**Wed Jun 19 Hundred Peaks**

**M: Strawberry Peak (third class route) (6164') and I: Mount Lawlor (5957')** - Join us for the third in a series of hikes to climb the third-class peaks on the HPS list. Aptly named Strawberry is the highest peak in the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. The hike will start up beautiful Colby Canyon to Josephine Saddle before turning east to climb Strawberry Peak by a third-class route that zig zags its way improbably up a series of ledges to the peak. We will then descend off the east ridge, take a short detour to climb Mount Lawlor, then descend to Red Box to the cars with a short car shuttle. Totals for the day will be 6 miles with 2700' gain at a moderate pace. Climbing helmets are required for the third-class portion (we have a few to loan). Participants should be comfortable hiking on third class terrain. Bring ten essentials, 2-4 liters of water, lunch, and a climbing helmet. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to bring a completed Medical Form (found at [bit.ly/medical form](http://bit.ly/medical-form)) with them to the trailhead. Contact primary leader Jim Hagar at [jhagar1@gmail.com](mailto:jhagar1@gmail.com) for further information. LEADER: JIM HAGAR, CO-LEADERS: LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE, LIDIA BARBOSA

**Sat – Sun Jul 27 – 28 WTC, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Three Tahquitz Peaks - Tahquitz LO (8,846), Red Tahquitz (8,720+), Gray Tahquitz (8,792)** -- Join us for an easy overnight trip up into the San Jacinto Wilderness near Idyllwild, CA. Saturday: 7.0 miles, 2,600 gain. Sunday: 7.7 miles, 1,000gain. Priority given to current WTC students needing an Experience trip. This WTC outing is co-sponsored by HPS. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outings Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leaders at the trailhead prior to the hike. To sign up for this trip, email Mat Kelliher [mkelliher746@gmail.com](mailto:mkelliher746@gmail.com) and Jimmy Quan [h2otigerjim@gmail.com](mailto:h2otigerjim@gmail.com) with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning and experience, and WTC Area & Group. LEADERS: MAT KELLIHER, JIMMY QUAN

**Sat Jul 27 Hundred Peaks**

**I: Mount Pinos (8832'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Cerro Noroeste**

(8280') - Join us for a hike that includes the highest peaks in two counties! Enjoy a mostly ridge-and-trail hike to four peaks near Frazier Park through a nice forest with grand views in the Los Padres National Forest. The summit of Mount Pinos is the highest point in Ventura County and the 11th greatest prominence in California. Sawmill Mountain is the highest point in Kern County. Mount Pinos was created over 100 million years ago, and it lies on the edge of the Chumash Wilderness. Moderately paced 10.5 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, layers, sunscreen and hat. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outings Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact the leader for meeting information. LEADER: LIDIA BARBOSA, [lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com](mailto:lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com), CO-LEADERS: BILL SIMPSON, SHARON MOORE



**Sat Sep 21 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle** -- Navigation noodle at Mt. Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) or advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *LEADER: ROBERT MYERS. ASSISTANT: ANN SHIELDS* (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

**Sat – Sun Nov 23 – 24 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Navigation - Mission Creek Preserve Navigation Noodle** -- Navigation noodle at Mission Creek Preserve to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, and homework. Sunday checkoff or additional practice. Medical form required from all participants. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *LEADER: ROBERT MYERS. ASSISTANT: ANN SHIELDS.*

**Fri – Sun Dec 6 – 8 Hundred Peaks**  
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Emmy Goldknop for Griffith Park Hikes



## WALT WHELOCK -TURNING A GAME INTO A SECTION

By Bob Cates

The Hundred Peaks Section is fortunate to have two founders. During the mid-1940's, Weldon Heald first promulgated the Hundred Peaks Game; and it remained just that, a 'game' played by a handful of devotees until the Hundred Peaks Section came into being in 1951. By that time Heald had moved to Arizona, so it fell to a Glendale police detective, Walt Wheelock, to organize and shepherd the fledgling Section through its first years of existence.



Walt Wheelock's desire to climb mountains originated in his family background. His uncle, S.S. Whitman, was a Mazama, and the young Walt was often regaled by stories of mountaineering adventures. One favorite story concerned the annual Mazama climb of Mt Hood. It was a very involved procedure, especially the matter of split breaks, when up to 300 men and women were all roped together for the long trek up and down the glaciated mountain. To avoid constant delays to unrope and rope up again, the Mazamas devised the technique of stopping once every hour, and, without stepping appreciably out of line, the men turned left and the women to the right. ( Note: The Portland-based Mazama organization was founded in 1894 on the summit of Mt. Hood, with aims very similar to that of the original Sierra Club. The Mazamas, along with the Seattle Mountaineers, continue to be one of the most active mountaineering groups in the Pacific Northwest.)

The Wheelock family moved from Monmouth, Oregon to Los Angeles in 1923, then to Glendale a year later, where Walt graduated from Glendale High School. It took Walt four years to muster the funds and pass the entrance requirements for UCLA. In 1935 he graduated from the University, taking a degree in astronomy, only to discover that the Depression was on full blast and the market for astronomers was poor, to say the least. So nine months later he passed the civil service exam and went to work for the Glendale Police Department.

Walt's introduction to the Southern California mountains took place in 1926 when his high school science club made a trip to the top of Mt. Wilson. Soon he and a high school chum were regularly exploring the front range of the San Gabriels and occasionally farther afield – joining thousands of others flocking to the mountains during the 'great hiking era.'

His first contact with the Sierra Club occurred about 1930, when through a 'friend of a friend,' he hiked up Mt. Baldy and helped lay the cornerstone of Harwood Lodge. Not having the money to join the club, it was several years before he became a full fledged member. Meanwhile, he participated on many Sierra Club 'outlaw' (unscheduled) hikes. These early activities resulted in Walt already having 67 peaks to his credit when Weldon Heald's first peak list appeared in 1946.

According to Walt, it was Trudy Hunt who exerted pressure for creation of a formal Section, and under her prodding he called the organizational meeting of May 5, 1954. At this gathering Walt was selected as chair-

Jack Bascom, Niles Werner. Forrest Keck, and Dick Kenyon. Due primarily to Walt , the first by-laws were a rare example of legislative brevity, filling only one side of one piece of standard notebook-size paper. The October, 1954, Southern Sierran tells the story:

(Note: This clipping refers to the follow up meeting to the May 5 meeting.)

Note familiar initials WWW on the illustration standing for Walt W. Wheelock



After eight years, the Hundred Peakers are now a full fledged Section. Meeting on Sept. 15th, they agreed on By-Laws and elected the following as a Central Committee: Walt Wheelock (Ch), Forrest Keck (V-Ch), Luella Todd (Sec-Tr), Weldon Heald, Alice Bates, Bill Henderson and Eric Kent. The following committee chairmen were selected: Frank Sanborn (Mountain Records), Luella Todd (Schedule), and Louise Werner (Social)

Membership is open to any member of the Sierra Club on submitting to the secretary his list of 25 peaks climbed from the current list of 100-Peaks and expressing an interest in our Section. 100 Peaks entitles one to wear the 100-Peak pin. So mail your list to Luella and join the fastest growing Section of our Chapter.  
Walt Wheelock

Walt served on the Hundred Peaks 'Knapsacking' Committee prior to formation of the Section, then as first chairman of the Section. As if this were not enough, he continued on the Central Committee in eight of the Section's first 11 years : 1954: Chairman 1955: Ex-chairman 1956: Chairman 1957: Ex-chairman ,etc.

While he was busy on the Central Committee, Walt also led Section outings; so many, in fact, that a 1976 leadership census revealed that he had become the number two leader in the history of the Section.

Walt served the Chapter, as well. In 1959, with Tom Condon, he formed the Mountain Rescue Committee, forerunner of our present Training and Rescue Administrative Committee .The purpose of this committee was "to provide a Group of qualified climbers experienced in rescue procedure." Before the BMTC/LTC programs, Walt and Tom were conducting training sessions that provided general mountaineering instruction in addition to specific rescue techniques.

From 1960 to 1963 Walt served on the Chapter Executive Committee (Vice-ch 1960-61). He also chaired the Desert Peaks Section and the Mule Pack Section, and was an

active leader for the Cabrillo Section. He edited the Sierra Peaks Echo for a year and guest edited the 50th [Chapter] Anniversary Issue of the Southern Sierran.

Which finally brings us around to Walt's literary efforts. Walt is La Siesta Press, and over the years has published more than a standard handful of outdoor and history-oriented books of interest to Sierrans. His involvement in the publishing business was a gradual process, stemming partly from his activities with the Mountain Rescue Committee. One of the committee's projects was to make available emergency information via a handy leaflet, similar to the emergency cards currently distributed at BMTC/LTC meetings. It was Walt's first publishing effort, and led directly to formation of La Siesta Press. In 1960 La Siesta issued its first book, Ropes, Nots and Slings, which to date has gone through 84,000 copies. Other climbing and hiking books followed at a faster pace after Walt retired from the Glendale Police Department in 1964. Among some 50-60 titles in print, at least one, Southern California Peaks, draws upon his Hundred Peaking experience.

The growing publishing venture demanded more of his time, but what really lured Walt away from Hundred Peaking was the chance to explore the northern provinces of Mexico, especially Baja California and Sonora. Walt remains enamored of these arid lands to this day, and often as not, if Walt is out of town, it means he is in Mexico. La Siesta publications such as Byroads of Baja, Beaches of Baja, Beaches of Sonora, Sonora Road Log, Palm Canyons of Baja California, Towns of Baja California, Flora of Baja Norte, and Baja California and its Missions, besides indicating the scope of Walt's interests also form a valuable contribution to the literature of northern Mexico.

Closer to home to readers of the Lookout is Walt's early encouragement of John Robinson. The Hundred Peaks Section has benefited greatly by the Mountain Profile articles provided gratis by John, and we can credit Walt Wheelock in his roles as friend, publisher and occasional collaborator, in aiding John Robinson to become one of Southern California's most eminent historians. Their association has resulted in the La Siesta books Camping and Climbing in Baja California, Mines of the San Gabriels, The Mount Wilson Story, and Mines of the San Bernardinos, all authored by John Robinson.

Walt Wheelock is a familiar name to everyone who is involved in book collecting or local history. A visitor to his home finds himself surrounded with hundreds if not thousands, of books, dealing mostly with Western Americana. Walt is a joiner, and belongs to the Friends of the UCLA Library (Council), the Southern California Historical Society (Board of Directors), the Chinese Historical Society, the Westerners, and the Death Valley Fortyniners, among others. Like most Sierrans, he doesn't have time to get bored.

In recognition of his role as a founder of the Hundred Peaks Section, of his guidance in its formative years, of his high leadership standing, and of his continuing support of the Section, Walt Wheelock was presented the R.S. Fink Service Award at the 1987 HPS Awards Banquet, the highest honor the Section can bestow. The award was long overdue, but you see, it took us a long time to catch him sitting still long enough to give it to him!



## Lycium-Oyster Shell Loop over Split-West

By Larry Edmonds

This was a hike to a high point on the San Diego Peaks Club List and the Sierra Club San Diego 100 Peaks List. The peak is in the Split Mountain area of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Joining me on this adventure was Chuck Ramm. Our Route started at the confluence of Oyster Shell Wash and North Fork Fish Creek Wash. We headed up North Fish Creek and then up a Wash that lies between Oyster Shell and Lycium. At the point where the wash reaches an altitude of about 750 feet we climbed out of the wash and dropped down a drainage into Lycium. We then headed up Lycium initially thru a slanted slot which after a short ways opens up. When the wash reached an elevation of about 1150 feet we headed pretty much due east to the top of the main ridge of Split Mountain. From here we followed the ridge south to Split West. At this point Chuck and I split up. Chuck had been having knee issues and figured taking the ridge on the west side of Oyster Shell to North Fork of Fish would be eaiser on his knee than down Oyster Shell while I headed down Oyster Shell back to my truck. For me the highlite of the hike is going up and down the two washes. I have been up and down both of them seveal times but never tire of it. It's interesting country. The walk along the main ridge to Split West is also a highlight due to the preciptuous drop on the NE side of the ridge and the wonderful views from the ridge. The entire hike is about 8 miles with 2200 feet of elevation gain taking us 5 ½ hours including a lunch break atop Split West



Chuck in the un-named wash



Chuck in Slanted Lycium slot



Headed down Oyster Shell



Chuck headed up Lycium



Traveling along the main Split Mountain Ridgeline

HPS MCCOM Teleconference Meeting

March 12, 2024

Jim Hagar, Chair

Sharon Moore, Co-Chair, Merchandise

Mark Allen Secretary, Lookout Editor

Larry Pond

Lidia Barbosa

George Christensen Mountain Records Chair

Sharon Moore Merchandise Chair

Steve Russel Membership Chair

Mike Dillenback Programs Chair

Treasurer-elect Jose A. ("Tony") Santana

Board Changes, Treasurer Introduction and Financial Reviews

Mike, Jim, Sharon, Steve, Tony Santana, and Lidia discussed changes to the board and the treasurer's role. They decided to add Jim and Steve to the accounts and to ask Laura if she wanted to stay on as a backup treasurer. Tony Santana was introduced as a Forensic Accountant with 30 years of experience. Tony was appointed as the new treasurer by unanimous (5-0, vote). The role of the treasurer was reviewed. Tony will make periodic reports including inflows and outflows but also overall balance of all accounts. It was decided that Jim Hagar, Steve Russell and Tony Santana will be added to the bank account, and Coby King removed as he is no longer on the board. Tony will reach out to US Bank to find out the procedures for changing the signers and will try to find out if Steve can go into a local US Bank branch. Tony will complete the transition to take over PayPal, the bank account, Quick Books, and integrate payments to website vendors and merchandise sales.

Resolved that the following individuals are to be removed as signors from the U.S. Bank account:

- Laura Newman, past Treasurer
- Coby King, past Chair

Resolved further that the following individuals are to be added as signors to the U.S. Bank account:

- James Hagar, Chair
- Jose A. Santana, Treasurer
- Steve Russel, Membership Chair

Steve raised concerns about future income due to a decrease in membership numbers and multi-year memberships, suggesting a need for a year-by-year projection.

The team discussed the printing and mailing costs of their newsletter, with Jim suggesting cost-saving measures. Jim suggested Tony Santana provide a detailed report on their financial health at the next meeting.

Website upgrade

Jim described the progress being made on the web site, with map revisions, peak descriptions, the timeline, and other issues. More help is needed with writing peak descriptions.

Event Planning

Mike gave the programs report; the Spring Fling event at the Keller Ski Hut May 17th to 19th, the Waterman Rendezvous on June 15th, and the Holiday Hoopla from December 6th to 8th. Mike also shared his critique of the previous year's banquet and the possibility of moving the banquet to a different venue for 2025 was discussed, again. The team reflected on their recent event, with positive feedback about the guest speaker. The finances for the banquet were reviewed, with a substantial, but expected, financial loss. There was a discussion about the availability of AV equipment at the venue, with the idea of not needing to rent equipment for future events raised. The team agreed to further investigate this. They also confirmed their preference for holding the banquet on the third weekend in January, as traditionally held.

The team discussed the planning of a banquet, with concerns raised about committing to a venue due to uncertainty in the restaurant industry. The team decided to continue exploring options and not rush into a decision. A suggestion was made to consider the Elks Club in Pasadena for the event. Additionally, Mark Allen was voted to take over the organization of the banquet for the upcoming year, with assistance from Mike. There was also a mention of moving the banquet to a different location, again. The question arose, again, of why DPS can offer banquet tickets at \$65. Part of this is the cost of beverages at The Reef, which was \$20 per person. The team agreed to research all possible options.

#### Anniversary Celebration

There was a discussion about the 2024 70th or 2026 80th anniversary of the founding of the section. It was decided that we would promote the anniversary idea throughout the year at events, and plan a more extensive program of events in 2026.

#### Merchandise

Sharon discussed merchandise sales, a potential T-shirt drive, and the redistribution of vintage items. Sharon proposed linking the Redbubble account to the section bank account. A Mailchimp campaign was planned for these initiatives. Steve will send Sharon a photo of the Sierra Club's 75th anniversary T-shirt for inspiration.

#### Hiking Group Discusses Inclusivity and Ratings

Steve discussed the physical demands of their hikes and the challenges faced by those who can't keep up with the main group. A proposal was made to consider a new tier of hikes or an 'entry-level' option to cater to these members. There was also a suggestion for a rating system to better communicate the difficulty of the hikes. The group agreed on the need to accommodate a wider range of hiking abilities within the club to increase member participation and reaching out to a wider pool of people. The idea of conducting a survey to gather feedback and identify potential changes was proposed and Steve will design one and present at the next meeting, using SurveyMonkey or a Google Form.

#### WTC Intro hikes

Jim reported that there will be 5 or 6 introductory hikes for WTC students.

#### Adjourn 8:00 PM

Minutes by Jim Hagar

## The Hundred Peaks Section is an Activity Section of the Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter

Our newsletter, The Lookout, is published six times a year.

Final dates for receipt of material have changed to accommodate our membership: They are January 2nd for the January-February issue, March 2nd, for the March-April issue, May 2nd, for the May-June issue, July 2nd, for the July-August issue, September 2nd, for September-October issue, and November 2nd for the November-December issue.

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