

THE LOOKOUT



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Outstanding views, befitting the person, Mary Varalyay (holding her hat) finished the HPS List on Bighorn Mountain (photo by Eric Chu)

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Wolf and Karen Leverich maintain **The Hundred Peaks Section Website**.

It can be accessed at: <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/>



The descent from Chaparrosa has its own rewards, serene solitude as the Sawtooths rise magnificently against a pastel desert sky. (photo by Jin Oak Chung)

**THE NAVIGATION CORNER:
2016 NAVIGATION EVENTS**

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

2016 Navigation Events		
January 9, 2016	Practice	Indian Cove, JTNP
January 10, 2016	Practice/Checkoff	Indian Cove, JTNP
January 23, 2016	Practice	Navigation on Snowshoes
April 23, 2016	Practice	Warren Point, JTNP
April 24, 2016	Practice/Checkoff	Warren Point, JTNP
Spring, 2016	Practice	Beginning Nav. Clinic
June 11, 2016	Practice	Mt. Pinos, LPNF
June 12, 2016	Practice/Checkoff	Mt. Pinos, LPNF
September 18, 2016	Practice/Checkoff	Mt. Pinos, LPNF
Fall	Practice	Beginning Nav. Clinic
November 19, 2016	Practice	Indian Cove, JTNP
November 19, 2016	Practice	Navigation Workshop on Third Class Terrain, JTNP
November 20, 2016	Practice/Checkoff	Indian Cove, JTNP
December 10, 2016	Practice/Checkoff	Warren Point, JTNP

We encourage you to attend one of our navigation events in 2016. Our noodles are held in scenic areas and all are free. We will work with you to accomplish your navigation objectives and you will receive a variety of helpful navigation materials. And if you are a prospective leader, we will help you pass the checkoff. Many pass on the first attempt while others require more practice.

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.

**You are cordially invited to the
HPS Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday -- January 9, 2016**

Join us for an evening of fun, good food and socializing with old and new friends at the:

**Monrovia Family Restaurant
534 South Myrtle Avenue
Monrovia, CA 91006-2814
(626) 359-8364**

**Bill Burke will be presenting:
“First Ascent of Burke-Khang (6,942m)(22,775’)”**



Bill Burke has visited the Himalayas around Nepal many times, getting to know its people while exploring its spectacular countryside. He loves it so much that he's summited Mount Everest twice; once from the South side and once from the North side. And he's still looking for adventure out there! Come hear Bill fill us in via photos and video footage of his latest: the recon, planning, and First Ascent attempt this October (2015) of the Himalayan Mountain located about 9-miles from Mt Everest, "Burke-Khang" that the Govt. of Nepal named after him in 2014.

Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm - Dinner begins at 6:15 pm
Silent Auction of Donated Items – HPS Merchandise Available for Purchase

Please Reserve _____ place(s) at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet on January 9, 2016

Guest Name (1) _____ Guest Name (2) _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Enclosed is a check for _____ (**\$46 per person, if received by 1/2/16, \$51 thereafter**)

Make Check Payable to **Hundred Peaks Section** and mail to Reservationist:
Mat Kelliher
5846 Willis Ave
Van Nuys, CA 91411

Tickets will be held at the door. Upon receipt of reservation, email confirmation will be sent.

Rideshare Points

There are no Rideshare Points mentioned in the Outings in this issue of The Lookout.

Note that new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (OARS) all the time, often only a few days prior to when the trip is scheduled to occur. Rideshare Points that may be mentioned in those Outings posted on OARS, as well as most of the Angeles Chapter rideshare points (complete with directions and maps), can be found here:

http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/ltc_ridesharing

Several roads that we frequently use to travel to the trailheads have warnings that headlights must be turned on for daylight use. These include, but are not limited to, sections of the Angeles Crest Highway, Highway 138 near Wrightwood, and highways between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. Penalties for failure to observe this requirement are very expensive. Be Safe!! Don't get a ticket! Turn on your headlights where required!

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Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

January - April 2016

by 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 (OARS) as of December 22, 2015. These outings cover the period ranging from January 2 through April 24, 2016. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (OARS) 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 (OARS) frequently for last minute additions. The HPS OARS site is located here:

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

And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day on HPS OARS, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (OARS) for a staggering selection of outings options offered by all of the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter OARS site 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 HPS or Sierra Club to participate! However, to participate in an outing, you will be expected to sign a liability waiver, which you can preview here:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sites/angeles.sierraclub.org/files/docs/SignInWaiver.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, as are directions to the rideshare points (if any) referenced herein.

Jan 2 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount McDill (5,187') - Bring in the New Year with us on this moderately-paced, pleasant loop hike in the Angeles National Forest to a gorgeous peak high up on the Sierra Pelona Ridge near Palmdale, CA. We'll start out by ascending the Pacific Crest Trail to the crest of the Sierra Pelona Ridge, and then follow a fire road to the summit, pausing along our way as we pass over "Mint" benchmark. We'll come out via road and trail a bit east of the route we came in on for a day's total of about 10 miles with 2,100' of gain. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Foul weather cancels. This is an HPS Outing co-sponsored by WTC. Email contact info, recent experience, conditioning, and if you're bringing one along, your dog's name and breed to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: *MAT KELLIHER, MIKE DILLENBACK, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK*

Jan 2 Sat Lower Peaks Committee, Hundred Peaks

O: Newcomb Peak (4166') - Join us for a day in the San Gabriel Mountains north of Monrovia. This is a fairly strenuous reverse gain hike. We will be starting at Mt. Wilson (5710') descending down 1650' to Newcomb then return the same way, ascending 1650'. It will be on trail. Other peaks in area possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. This is a Lower Peaks Committee outing co-sponsored by HPS. Contact leaders for details: *DAVE COMERZAN, PAT VAUGHN*

Jan 5 Tue Hundred Peaks

HPS Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: *COBY KING*

Jan 9 Sat LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

I: Navigation - Indian Cove Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: *ROBERT MYERS*. Assistant: *ANN SHIELDS*

Jan 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

2016 HPS Awards Banquet - Join HPS for its annual awards banquet at the Monrovia Restaurant in Monrovia, CA, as we celebrate our accomplishments and visit with friends new and old. This year's speaker will be Bill Burke; his presentation is titled "First Ascent of Burke-Khang (6,942m)(22,775')", and will include photos & video footage of the recon, planning, and First Ascent attempt this October (2015) of the Himalayan Mountain located about 9-miles from Mt Everest, "Burke-Khang", that the Government of Nepal named after him in 2014. Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm, Dinner begins at 6:15 pm. Cost is \$46 per person, \$51 per person if reservations are made after Jan 2, 2016. Contact the HPS Program Reservationist at mkelliher746@gmail.com for questions and additional information. Follow the "Reservation Form" link to print out the form, then mail it in to reserve your space!

Jan 10 Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

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Jan 30 Sat LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

M/E: Local Baldy Snow Practice - Come review snow climbing, rope travel, ice axe, and snow anchors. Practice your skills or brush up on new techniques. Especially for aspiring M & E leader candidates. Restricted to SC mbrs with prior experience with the ice axe. Lack of snow may cancel. Email SC#, climbing resume, email address, phone # to Ldr: *NILE SORENSON* co-ldrs: *NEAL ROBBINS & TINA BOWMAN*

Apr 2 – 3 Sat – Sun Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Sandy Point (7,062'), Last Chance Mountain (8,456') – Join us for a late autumn weekend in the Last Chance Mountains way up in northern Death Valley National Park

near Scotty's Castle, CA. Both peaks require a strenuous effort, which we'll exert at a moderate pace, and will require comfort on rocky, thorny, steep, and loose class 2 desert terrain. Saturday we'll head south up a long ridge and enjoy fantastic views down into Eureka Valley as well as of the seemingly numberless peaks and ranges that surround us as we make our way to Sandy Point. We'll return the way we came, with a brief diversion to the imaginatively named Peak 6277, for a day's total of about 11.0 RT miles with 2,700' of gain. Saturday night we'll camp out at the primitive and dry Eureka Dunes Campground and enjoy a festive Happy Hour and Potluck under star-packed, new moon night skies. Sunday we'll head up through the Pinyon Pine and Juniper filled slopes of Last Chance Mountain, upon whose summit we'll relish the superb views that can only be found atop P2K peaks. We'll return the way we came in for a day's total of about 5.0 RT miles with 3,000' of gain. Feel free to join us for one or both days. High clearance vehicles recommended. This is a DPS Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: *MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON*

Apr 9 – 10 Sat – Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice - For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. We welcome others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC mbrs with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: *NILE SORENSON* Co-ldrs: *DOUG MANTLE and NEAL ROBBINS*

Apr 23 Sat LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

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Apr 24 Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

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Sensational views of the PCT, Lion, Pine, Pyramid, and more, accompany the descent from Ken Point on a splendidly snow painted desert divide (photo by Kim La)

Entering the snowy enchantment of the PCT, at the start for Ken Point, Friday after Thanksgiving (photo by Kim La)





Jin Oak Chung waves from Mc Pherson, his 200th HPS peak. From the top, L-R, Jinoak, Ignacia Doggett, Illwoo Suh, Heesook Kim, Peter Doggett, Susan Kang, Stella Cheung, Nancy Jones, Winnette Butler & Colonel, Mary Varalyay, Jackson Hsu (photo by Youngok Lee)

Merriment on Monument Pk #2. Padre Francisco Garces first stood here in 1776; 19 stood here this past November 1. Top down, L-R, standing: Stephen Bryne, Wasim Khan, Kathy Rich, Peter Kudlinski, Peter Doggett, Mark Lyons, Tracey Thomersen, Heesook Kim, Diana Estrada, Catherine Rossbach, Mary Varalyar, Kim La, Jim Hagar, Mike Stubblefield; sitting, Ignacia Doggett, Eric Chu, and Nancy Jones (not seen, photographers Brad Stem and Jorge Estrada)



Dividends of raising one's skills: Diana Estrada rock balances and captures a moment of convergence -- individual skillfulness with fellowship and graciousness; and, summit scaling satisfaction with the joy of immersion in our mountains and deserts. Left to right are: Nancy Jones, Jorge Estrada, Jim Kidder, Peter Doggett, Herman Hagen, Ignacia Doggett, Mark Lyons, and Mary Varalyay.

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Illwoo Suh rejoices on arriving at his 200th HPS summit, Chaparrosa Peak.

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