

## SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

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I'm very happy! The response to the SDPC has been great. The club is less than one month old and we have gotten off to a solid start. Welcome new members: Al Holden Wes Shelberg Carl Johnson  
Ralph and Beth Davis Jerry Schad Mark Adrian Nancy Harris  
Richard Carey Terry Flood Laurie Jenkins Sue Lalicker  
Ann Heck. The club has 14 members and word has barely gotten out.

The SDPC is a club dedicated to the intermediate and advanced hikers of San Diego. You don't have to be a tiger to join. You do have to love to hike. Jim Sugg, Terri Astle and Terri Sutor are slow paced leaders, but they may hike 6 to 16 hours. There are specific times when a fast paced hike will be lead, but the leader will tell you beforehand. I have a hard time describing the difference between people who should join the club and those who shouldn't. I guess I should ask you what you think of when you think of a hike. If your answer is a 5 mile trail walk that lasts 2-3 hours, then the Sierra Club will suit you better. The reason I mention this is not because of a snobbishness, but because it is unsafe for this type of a hiker to join SDPC activities. It is both unsafe and unpleasant.

### **Awards**

There are 105 peaks on the San Diego Peaks List (if you are a member and don't have a copy of the list, please give me a call). Hiking 100 peaks earns the Macho award (Fem.=Machete). Climbing 50 peaks earns the mini-macho and completing the list of 105 peaks earns the mega-macho. It is strongly suggested that, as you arrive at a milestone, you carry champagne to the peak (caviar optional) and have a classy celebration. (Sparkling cider may be substituted for alcohol).

Earning mini-macho awards are: Gordon MacLeod (up in LA!), Wes Shelberg, Amentia Allegro, Rass Webo, Paul Freiman and Al Holden. Jim Sugg and Terri Astle are only a few away. Jerry, how many do you have? The only holder of the Macho award is Paul Freiman (which makes sense since I had to scout the list to formulate it).

Awards are being designed by the award-winning Betty Sterrett, and should soon be available.

### **Meet The Leaders**

**Jim Sugg:** Jim recently completed the 200th Wednesday wilderness hike for Walkabout International(231-7463, hrs 9am-2pm). Jim has a loyal following of 15-30 people per hike. His hikes are about 11 miles and 5½ hours. He leads a moderate pace with appropriate rest stops. Jim only leads the same area once per year, so he visits many scenic areas in a year's time. His hikes are usually less than one hour's drive to the trailhead. He is very safety conscience and is thoroughly knowledgable about the area he is hiking in.

**Al Holden:** In addition to occasionally leading a hike for Jim, Al frequently solo hikes cross-country. Al and Jim are similar in

