

SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

An adventure hiking club for intermediate and advanced hikers

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Time to put your hiking shoes on and let's go hiking! We have something going most every weekend for the next two months. The hikes are close to home, about $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 hour drive to the trailhead. In the next issue (Nov-Dec) we will go out to the desert for dayhikes with a carcamp (or you can just go out for the day).

There are 12 SDPC peaks being lead in this schedule.

Let's welcome new members: Betty Sterrett Fred Bright Donna and Edwin Gookin Dennis Richards Phil Rogul Paul Stuverud Paul Kahn. Membership is now at 34.

Hiker of the Month

We have a new continuing award--as soon as someone makes it! Kudos goes to Terri Astle for the idea of a HOTM (pronounced ho-tem) pole. This will be a 4 inch plug with the letters HOTM (Hiker Of The Month) emblazened. Carl Johnson will make it. Thank you, Carl. It will have a ring in it so you can attach it to a daypack.

The hiker of the month of September is Carl Johnson. Carl receives this illustrious award for doing Picacho del Diablo (aka Big Picacho) twice in a year! Most people will only do peak once every few years, if that. It is tough to hike to the base at Campo Noche in one day, do the 5000 foot gain to the peak the next, and struggle out the third or fourth day (this is a strenuous schedule, most people take 4-5 days). Carl, Dennis Richards and Ken Sauder hiked up to the peak in a single day! They spent the night on the peak and watched the eclipse the next day, then viewed a herd of bighorn sheep on the descent. Carl does a great deal of hiking in Baja and leads an array of incredible trips. Well done, Carl.

The hiker of the month of October is Al Holden. Al espouses the term "adventure hiking". Al loves to investigate new routes. This month alone he has told me about three new 12 mile hikes he has designed. Al leads the first hike of the month for Jim Sugg's group. This man loves to adventure hike!

Membership

Dues are going up soon!

I have found that the costs of initiating a new club are more than I originally thought. Dues are increasing from \$6 to \$9 effective September 15. Hurry hurry! Checks should be made out to Paul Freiman, 4421 Maryland St, San Diego, CA 92116-3902. Family membership same as single. Any questions? Call 692-1367.

Bits and Pieces

Russell Glavis finished the HPS list on July 26 on Old Man Mtn (He thought it was an appropriate place to finish. I wish he didn't think that because I think I'm older than him.) Suzanne Booker competed the emblem (100 peaks) at the same time.

