

## SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

An adventure hiking club for intermediate and advanced hikers

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As I start to write this newsletter the weather has finally started being autumnlike. TIME TO FROLIC, er, hike, IN THE DESERT! Desert hiking will involve a bit more fitness than the hikes we've been doing the past two months. This is because it involves crosscountry travel, over rough terrain. I have interviewed most of you in the club and I am satisfied that most everyone can do the rigors and have a great time. If you have any doubts or questions regarding a hike, please don't hesitate to call me. My morning phone is 692-1367 (please call after 10am). I work from 3-11:30pm. My work number is 543-5859. If you get a recording at work, leave a message and the system will page me. I will return your call when I have a free moment. Don't hesitate to call. The powers that be at work finally hired another tech last week. This means I only have to be on PM shift another 6-7 months (while my replacement is trained).

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We have gained 20 new members since the last newsletter. Our total is now 54! We are steadily increasing membership by 10 per month. Here are the newest members: Lanny Sarnecki, Peggy Crunican, Dave Hardy, Leslie Virgil, Jay Friedman, John Stauch, Mary McLain, Kelly Cummings, Judy Richardson, Cindy Outlaw, Robin Tucker, Ken Olson, Paul Salter, Jim Patterson, John and Cheryl (Edwards) Tannenber, Dale and Diana Newhouse, and Jim and Donna Hawkins.

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### Awards

John Strauch has earned the mini-macho award by hiking over 50 peaks on the list. Terri Astle completed (and celebrated with champagne) her 50th peak on Bell Bluff on Jim Sugg's hike Oct 23. She, of course, will be earning the mini-machette award!

### Hiker of the Month

The hiker of the month of November is John Strauch. John has completed all 176 hikes in Jerry Schad's "Afoot and Afield in SD County". You have to have a lot of adventure in your soul to do that. What impresses the daylight out of me is the fact that John and his wife, Cathy, are two of the finest bridge players in the region. John's bridge partner, Evan Bailey, is 120th in the nation. Good to have you on board, John. Can you give some bridge tips to a novice? John also frequently wins Reader T-shirts by solving the puzzles.

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The hiker of the month of December is Terri Astle. Terri is well known throughout San Diego for her HPS activities and Sierra Club hike leads. She is an HPS list finisher. She also founded the La Jolla Swim Club in the early '70s. She guided the club through some lean years and now the club is flourishing. She has been very helpful to me and my new club. In coming months look for hikes lead by Terri.

### Previous HOTM Awards

I would like to rerun the previous Hiker of the Month honorees for our new club members. June- Beth Davis, July & August- Jim Sugg, September- Carl Johnson, October- Al Holden, Sr.

I would again like to thank Carl Johnson for woodcarving a HOTM (pronounced ho-tem) pole, a continuing award for the 'hiker of the month' honoree to strap on her/his pack during the month of award.

