

SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

An adventure hiking club for the intermediate and advanced hiker

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I want to welcome new club members Barbara Reber, Ralph Kloessing, and Ron and Leora Jones. Barbara is a 2X DPS list finisher from LA and Ralph just moved here from the Frisco area up north. Ron is the most knowledgeable person on adventure areas in the southwest, plus current editor of the Desert Sage as well as being in charge of advertising for the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club and immediate past chair of the HPS. Leora is currently the treasurer for the HPS and does a lot of the organizational work for events like the recent chili cookoff! Welcome to the club. We now have 67 members.

I have received signed waivers back from only 20% of the membership. Come, ye slackers, make haste! Send in the waiver (last page of issue 6).

Since we're on the subject of slackers, I would like to know how to get more of you to come out on our hikes. What are your needs? If I am going to lead a hike only one day of the weekend, would you rather have it on a Saturday or Sunday?

I have decided which peaks to add to the list, so I am sending the new revision to all the members. Last issue, you will recall, we dropped Lyons Pk and Donohue Mtn, so the list stood at 102 peaks. I am increasing the list to 107 peaks by adding Peak 5386, Pinyon Ridge high point, Diablo, Palm and Blue Angels Peak. Pk 5386 is on the Borrego Palm Canyon 7.5' map. Along the San Ysidro Mountain ridge are three high points: 6147' (BM Ysidro), 5855' (which is very brushy) and 5386'. This is a wonderful loop hike. Check the schedule to see when I am leading this. Pinyon Ridge high point (4614'-UTM 510708) is west of VABM Wilson on the Tubb Canyon quadrangle. It adds a little adventure to a trail hike and Terry Astle thought it should be on the list. Diablo was suggested by Terry Astle, John Strauch and Steve Spiller. I had also discovered it (after I published the original list). Monica Dirac and I checked it out in January and both loved it. It had a register on top dating back to 1955! In 1957 it was lead by a woman in the San Diego Sierra Club and 32 members made it! Please take another note pad with you if you go up there. It is on the Agua Caliente 7.5' map, at the top of June wash. More approaches are on the Arroyo Tapiapo map. You can take either trip 5 or 6 (pp.245-247) in Schad's book. We took trip 5. From the end of the road in Sandstone canyon we hiked up the canyon until it hooked to the right. There is a duck on a huge rock and we agreed it was an appropriate place to begin the loose rock ascent. It took one hour from the car to Diablo. Be sure to save plenty of time to look at the wind caves, elephant knees, etc in the Split Mountain area. Palm BM(2697') is the peak above the Calcite mine (Schad,p.211). You will need the Seventeen Palms map. It was suggested by Ranchita Ted as one of the neatest peaks in Borrego. Wes Shelberg tried it and loved it. You start by entering a slot canyon and have to exit the canyon and take good guesses to avoid class 3 climbing. If you pick the right way it is class 2. Blue Angels Peak is just "over the border" in Imperial county, but I will add it to the list anyway since so many people have suggested it (Schad,p.276). I really want hikers to explore this area, if they haven't been exposed to it by Evan Bacas or others. Well, there you have it, the five additions. I hope you enjoy them.

Membership

Dues are \$9 per year. The year runs from June to June. Family membership is the same price as individual membership, since the main cost is mailing. Since we are near the end of the year I will make a concession. \$11 will enroll new members until June 1993!(ie. \$2 for this year and \$9 for next year.) Make checks payable to Paul Freiman, 4421 Maryland St, San Diego, CA 92116-3902. (619)692-1367

