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## SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

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I am getting this newsletter out early since I will be going on the Usumacinta River rafting trip to see the Mayan ruins (mentioned in the last newsletter). Joining me will be clubmembers (and organizer) Ron Jones and Robin Tucker plus six nonmembers. Labor Day will also be spent in Mexico relaxing by the blue Pacific with Ron and Leora and friends. Labor Day is traditionally the end of summer and so we shall start the new hiking season. I had a struggle with this schedule because I wanted to put so much in it and there weren't enough weekends to accommodate me! Backpackers will be estatic with backpacks to Rabbit Peak and Rockhouse canyon. Carcampers will be wonderous with plenty of carcamping. DPS has two weekends of list finish hikes and parties AND yes, I have my CANOE TRIP in October!!! I had to postpone the Havasupai trip until the spring and Carey's Castle will be in January or February. I am also thinking of joining SD Mountain Rescue. This will busy me the second weekend of every month, I am told. (I'll try to get another leader to fill this gap). I hope to see more participants this year. I try everything I know to get you people out. Please join us! One last and important note, I have printed a GRAND CANYON RAFT TRIP that Carl Johnson is putting together privately. This trip is open to everyone.

### New members

Membership renewals keep coming in and we have three new members, Ann Nelson, David Kaplan and Donna Simons. Ann and David are married and recently climbed Mt Rainier for the third time (with nonrenewed member Judy Richardson). They went up the Emmons glacier in clear, calm weather and spent two hours at the summit. Donna Simons, from Oceanside, climbs DPS desert peaks and enjoys hot springs. Welcome! We have 65 members.

### AWARDS

There are no new award winners this month. Once again, for our new members, the mini-macho (fem. machette) is awarded when 50 of the 107 peaks on the SDPC list are climbed. The macho is for 100 peaks. The mega-macho is for all 107 peaks (ie. "list finish").

### HIKER OF THE MONTH

The hiker of the month for September is Ron Jones. Ron lives up in Fullerton where he edits the DPS newsletter, Desert Sage, solicites advertising for the entire LA Sierra Club chapter; leads HPS, DPS and SPS trips, is past chair of all three sections, leads a yearly Hawaiian vacation, and puts together fantastic trips like the Mayan ruin raft trip. He was responsible for the 8 "burro bake and poetry contests" in past years. He and his wife, Leora, now run a yearly chili cookoff (6 clubmembers went last year. We had 50 people and 11 recipes). A sing-along now replaces the poetry contest. Ron is the one strong hiker I know that keeps a good balance between doing 10-14 hour deathmarches and doing relaxing trips. He, more than anyone, has made me realize that the purpose in peakbagging is not in the goal of summiting, but in hiking beautiful scenery with good friends and having a great time! That is the REAL goal. Thanks, Ron!!!

The hiker of the month of October is a shared award: Bob Pinsker and Laurie Jenkins. Both are getting the award for the same reason; ie. attaining mini-macho and mini-machette status in stylish fashion. Bob's adventures were detailed in issue 8. Laurie's adventures are about the same as Bob's, except she didn't have as many "misadventures" as Bob did. Where possible she would ride her mountain bike to the approach, stash her bike, and bag the peak. Well done, both of you!!

### MEMBERSHIP

Single and family membership is still available at the bargain price of \$9, good until June 1993. Send money to Paul Freiman, club treasurer, 4421 Maryland St, San Diego, CA 92116-3902. (619) 692-1367. Make cks out to Paul.

