

SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

The adventure hiking club for serious hikers

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I wanted to get this newsletter out 30 days ago, but I have been very busy and I knew the outings would last 'til the end of the month. Visiting the Mayan ruins was a fantastic experience. The canoe trip, Rabbit Peak, Rockhouse Canyon and the Hot Springs hike will be detailed in the "Trip Reports" section.

We have a nice selection of hikes, once again. There are more single day hikes than in the past because time pressures are starting to hit me. I think you will really enjoy the outings. The hike I am most anxious to lead is "Lost Ruin" or "Recluse Spring". See the Outings page for details.

Recently I've become active in San Diego Mountain Rescue and am now "operational" (able to go out on rescues). We have outings each weekend following the 2nd Wednesday. If anyone wants to put on a hike in this time period, then please be my guest. (I feel guilty if I can't fill every weekend with an adventure activity.)

NEW MEMBERS

We have a lot of new members and old ones are continuing to renew. Paul Stuverud, Donna and Edwin Gookin, Phil Rogul and Dave & En Lee Jurasevich have renewed. Dave Mills is in Mountain Rescue with me. Carol Murdock is a peakbagger and meadow meanderer I have know for 10 years. Charles Hummel is a strong hiker I just met. Stuart Gauld moved to SD from back East a couple of years ago and is looking forward to going on some dayhikes. Les Hill is a buddy from LA who just finished the DPS list. Bill Kobrin is a strong hiker I met on a Dennis Richards hike. Steve Cowen is a active and fit hiker who knows all the lawyer jokes. Lastly, but not leastly, is Victoria Cavataio, who is the most wonderful woman in the world. She is also an orienteerer. Club membership stands at 76 members.



**ALERT ALERT ALERT**

Vicki Cavataio and Paul Freiman became engaged November 28!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We expect to set the wedding date in May. More to follow next issue.

HIKER OF THE MONTH \*\*\*\*\*

The HOTM for the month of November is ED SUTOR. Ed is finishing the HPS list (Hundred Peaks Section of the LA Sierra Club). Of the 273 peaks on the HPS list, Ed has done all but four. He will bag these peaks as soon as fire closure is lifted. Ed's wife, Terri, is a three time list finisher and "mini-machette".

The HOTM for December is Carol Murdock. Carol is a new mini-machette (having bagged 50 peaks on the SDPC list). She has 63 peaks. She is also an HPS list finisher, finishing a couple of years before me. She is an advanced leader. She is a nurse who has put on the Wilderness First Aid course for the Sierra Club since 1978!! She trained 44 people this year (35 leaders and 9 nonleaders). She will not hold a training next year, but will resume in 1994. Well done, Carol.

The HOTM for January is Steve Spiller, who finished all 176 trips in Jerry Schad's Afoot and Afield in San Diego County when he completed the Rockhouse Canyon hike (see write-up in trip reports). Starting the end of December, Steve is spending a year in Australia in a school counselor exchange.

The HOTM for February is Les Hill, Ken Olson and Richard Carey who finished the DPS list (Desert Peak Section) together on Halloween. The DPS is a favorite of mine. I take great pride in having finished it, as I'm sure these three machos do. Three grunts to you!

For those of you new to the club, the hiker of the month (HOTM) receives a continuing award called the HOTM (ho-tem) pole. This award is worn on the outside of your pack and helps you go faster!

The past HOTM winners (in order) are: Beth Davis, Jim Sugg, Carl Johnson, Al Holden, John Strauch, Terri Astle, Paul Freiman, Dennis Richards, Betty Sterrett, Wes Shelberg, Gail Hanna, Cindy Outlaw, Peggy Crunican & Dave Hardy, Donna Hawkins, Ron Jones, Bob Pinsker and Laurie Jenkins.

