

SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

The adventure hiking club for serious hikers
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Summer is winding down and people are returning from the Sierras so let's do some San Diego hiking. I have three wonderful hikes planned this schedule, plus the October canoe trip. Sept 25 is the Indian Creek hike in the Lagunas that was SNOWED out last March! Oct 2-3 is the Colorado River canoe trip down Black Canyon. Oct 9 is the Lost Ruin (aka Recluse Spring) adventure out by In-ko-pah that was rained out in March. Oct 24 is Pine Creek, a 9-10 hr shuttle hike that follows Pine Valley creek. The schedule will be filled out with Carl Johnson's Baja trips, leads by club members of Sierra Club activities, Jim Sugg's Wednesday hikes, and a fabulous weekend of orienteering at Palomar.

This is a good time to remind people of the goal of the San Diego Peaks Club. The first purpose of the SDPC is to inform the club members of the "intermediate level" activities in San Diego. This is why events are listed from Carl Johnson's "Baja list", the LA and San Diego Sierra Clubs, and San Diego Orienteering in addition to events which I run. The second purpose of the SDPC is to inform club members of the activities of the other members in an attempt to create a community among the active adventure hikers in San Diego and LA.

IT'S TIME FOR PETER TO PAY PAUL

Your name doesn't have to be Peter, but dues are now PAST DUE so it's time to pay Paul. We have started the third year of the club. In this time Paul has lead an average of two hikes per month, two canoe trips, two raft trips and SO MUCH MORE!!!! So pay your \$9 and you will continue to be smiling when you go to the mailbox and find more issues of the newsletter. The dues are designed to cover expenses. The membership is from June to June, so you will be good until June 1994. Paul Cavataio-Freiman, 4868 Austin Dr, SD 92115-3518, (619)583-0266.

NEW MEMBERS

We have three new members: Sally Jo Leitner, Jan Crist and Andy Zielinsky. Sally Jo is a strong hiker I met on a SC PCT section hike led by Terry Astle. Jan Crist is a fine leader from the San Diego Hiking Club who had a gas on the raft trip. No knowledge about Andy Zielinsky yet. This swells the membership rolls to 85!

HIKER OF THE MONTH

September: The HOTM has to go to Mark Adrian. As he was finishing the DPS list on August 21 by Joshua Tree, he had to endure earthquakes and mountain rescues. His story is on pages 5-6. Mark calculated that completing the Desert Peak Section list represents 700 miles of hiking, 300,000 feet of elevation gain and about 50,000 miles of car driving. Way to go, Mark. Can I call you, Mr 87 (ie the 87th person to list finish)?

October: The HOTM goes to Jim Hawkins for climbing Denali. Last issue I reported that Richard Carey had summited on McKinley, but I learned later that Jim and Donna Hawkins also summited about a week later. Donna received the HOTM last year for her adventures in climbing and this month Jim has the honor. Well done and bravo!

LIST ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the suggestion of John Strauch, I will add MT GOWER (3103') to the SDPC climbing list. John writes, "Last Sunday I followed the south and east trail in the Mt Gower Open Space Preserve as described by Schad on p. 83 of his new book. The trail kept going for another mile or so after the 3-mile marker and ended at a filled in mine shaft. After that last marker the trail approached the mountain from the north and then swung around the right (west) side of the mountain. When the trail ended it was only about 500' gain and 1/2 mile to the peak, so I went for it. There was a bit of brush. I went to the northernmost summit, which I think was the tallest, but I don't have the Ramona quad to check on that. I then kept going north and rejoined the trail

