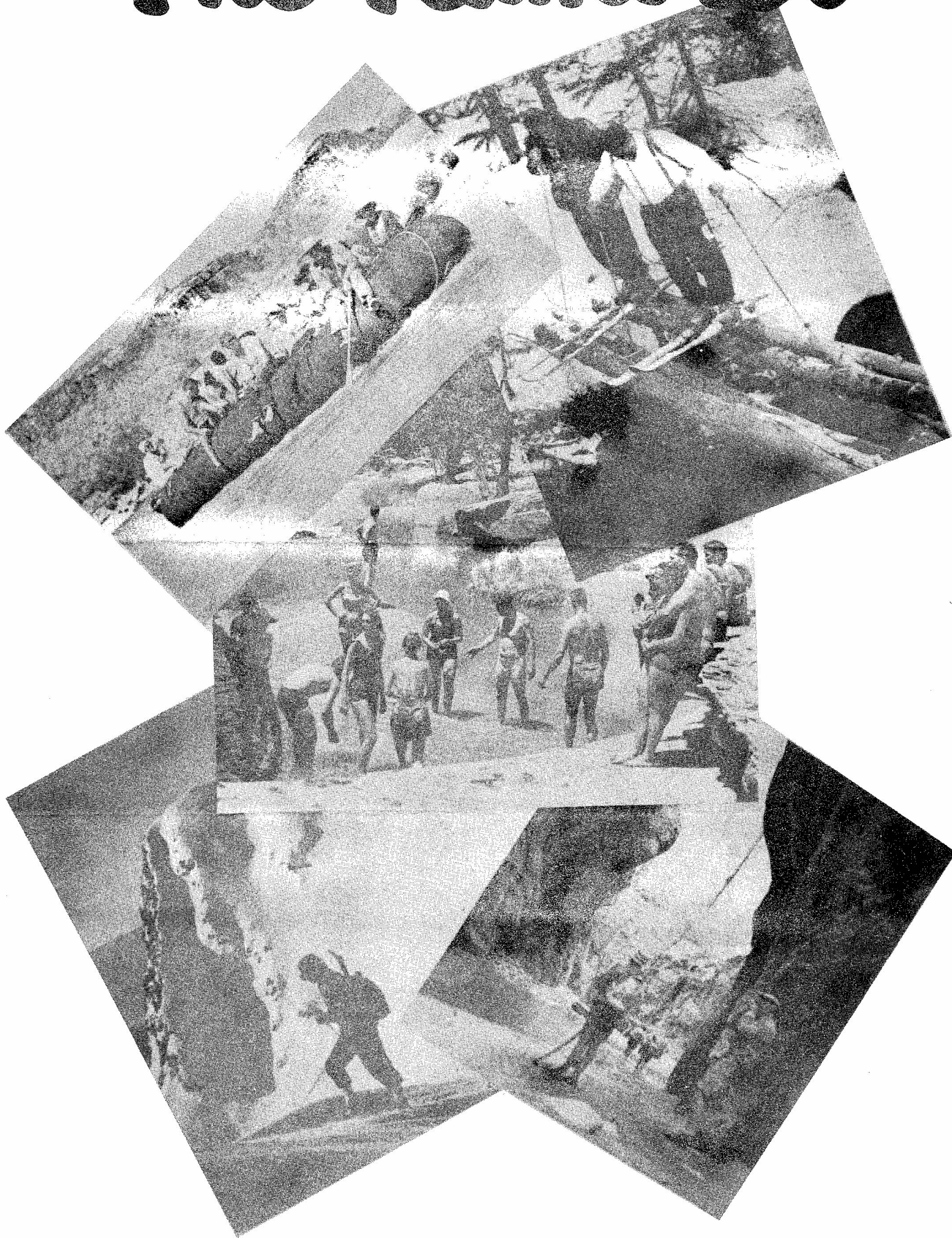


# The Rambler



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## TRIP SCHEDULE

- April 1 - - Nomination Dinner. Log Haven in Millcreek Canyon. \$3.25 per person. This will include tax, tip, mixers, and a bushel of fun. Reservations must be in by 6 p.m. Thursday, March 30. No late cancellations can be accepted. Register Club Headquarters EM 3-7150. Come see everyone dressed up for a change, and see who you can identify.
- April 2 - - After Ski Social at the Barney Lee's. 7300 S. 2870 E. Bring your Easter Eggs along.
- April 9 - - Climb Mt. Deseret. The first hike of the season. Can be made on foot or bring skis if you like. We recommend good foot gear and a warm jacket. Bring lunch. Register by Saturday, April 8, EM 3-7150. Meet at Pete's 425 S 8th W at 7:00 a.m. Saturday. Transportation charge \$1.50.
- April 13 - - Rock Climbing Practice. Meet at Pete's Rock. 5600 S Wasatch Blvd. Climbing starts at 5:00 p.m. No registration necessary. This is a good way for beginners to start out on the fundamentals of climbing under the direction of experts.
- April 16 - - Mt. Superior - Lake Blanch Ski Tour. This is a re-schedule. The snow conditions may be more favorable this time. This tour is not for beginners. Register by 6 p.m. Saturday, April 15. EM 3-7150. Bring climbers, Lunch, camera, etc.
- April 19 - - General membership Meeting. This is a very important meeting for it will be our Election. This is your chance to elect the officers you feel will best represent the Club and plan its activities for the next year. Plan now to be there. Place of meeting will be announced in a special bulletin.
- April 20 - - Rock Climbing. Pete's Rock. Usual time - 5 p.m.
- April 22 - - Bachelor-Bachelorettes Blast. Party at the Lodge for Single people only. Guests and, of course, dates are welcome (Provided they aren't married to anyone). A good night for some howling - we're going to have socializing, dinner, dancing. Register at EM 3-7150 by 6 p.m. Friday, April 21.  
Cost: Members: \$1.25 party and dinner. Overnight free. \$.75 breakfast  
Non-members: \$1.75 party and dinner. \$1.25 overnight and breakfast.  
B.Y.O.L. and mixer. Leader: Dale Green
- April 27 - - Rock Climbing. Pete's Rock. 5 p.m.
- April 29 - - Little Black Mt. This hike traditionally opens the hiking season. It is an easy one - just right to limber your muscles for the bigger hikes ahead. Meet in front of the Shriner's Children's Hospital at 8 a.m. Saturday. Register at EM 3-7150 by 6 p.m. Friday, April 28.
- April 30 - - Mt. Olympus. A hike for the more ambitious in the Club. Meet at Pete's Rock, 5600 S Wasatch Blvd., 7 a.m. Sunday. Register by 6 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Bring jacket, lunch.
- May 7 - - - Spring Housecleaning. Time to spruce up the Lodge for those delightful summer weekends ahead.
- May 14 - - Haystack Peak in Western Juab County.
- May 21 - - Geology Tour of the Wasatch Mountains.

June 3 through 11 -- Tentative Dates. Glen Canyon River Trip. This is probably the last chance forever to explore Glen Canyon and the side canyons. This of course includes Rainbow Bridge. We will travel by rubber raft from Hite, Utah to near Page, Arizona. A week should make a more leisurely trip than previous ones.

Leaders: Bob and Dordy Wright  
Bill and Kip Wallace  
Gale and Ann Dick

Sign up with the Dicks, ELgin 9-5764, before May 15 and watch the Rambler for further details.

### TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Yenta wenta Swimming - February 21  
by ever lovin' Yenta Kaufman

On the night of February 21 there were 27 members of the Club gathered for a swim at the YWCA. The lady who supervises the locker room told us that one of our eager members had slipped in early as she had seen a plump man in a long black suit swimming under water and grinning at her with magnificent white teeth. When the rest of us got to the pool we had to agree with her . . he was great, but no one recognized him. Obviously a prospective member. One or two did remark that he certainly resembled a 6 foot shark, although the Y has strick rules about sharks in their pool. We found that he was just a happy man in one of those new gay nineties bathing suits and he had gotten it much too long. Then one of the members thought he noticed darling little fishes in the pool. One of the fellows, the worry wart type that expects the road to Alta to be closed every Sunday, said he thought the fish looked like piranha. Well. we all laughed so hard we could scarcely start the contest which was the evening's surprise . . . an underwater shaving contest (of course, for the men only) which everyone got a terrific charge out of because they used electric razors. The winner put on a good show, leaping 8 feet out of the water while still shaving.

Next we tried scuba equipment . . . a marvelous mixer activity because even those shyly clinging to the wall were rapidly swept into active participation if only to artificially respirate the bodies brought up from the bottom of the pool. But everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time. The water was churning so rapidly that even the non swimmers looked like they were moving at top speed . . ; and screaming!! Even the locker room lady came in and said she never heard such noise and we thanked her back in sign language. Meanwhile, back in the pool, the winner of the shaving contest was claiming his prize at the bottom of the deep end -- a chest of tuna fish. We waited eagerly for him to surface with his prize. After a while we did get a bit concerned as someone had to take a bus and you know how infrequently they run.

By now, most of us seemed to be missing a few fingers and toes. The sides of the pool were a little rough; and let's face it, we were cutting up. Some of our members must have left without our noticing as there seemed to be only 23 on the way out . . . it's a good thing we were counting noses instead of toeses. There's lots more to tell but owing to limited space this is a watered down version.

Piscatorially yours, Yenta.

P.S. Please forgive this messy report, but I'm finding it a little difficult to type with only seven fingers.

### After Ski Socials

On March 5 the Terry Ahearn's hosted us upstairs, downstairs, in the living room, in the dining room and kitchen. Yes, there were that many guests enjoying their

hospitality. The buffet dinner was -- well, elegant. We'll go there again, any time they invite us.

On March 19 the Harold Goodro's provided us with generous hospitality at their home. Ham, scalloped potatoes, and all the accompanying delicacies were served in the attractive knotty pine room downstairs. After enjoying this atmosphere we moved upstairs to some floor lounging to the stereo music. We'll go there again, too, any time they invite us.

#### THE PAST YEAR AND SOME AHEAD

by President Cal Giddings

It is hard to say just how well the Wasatch Mountain Club has done in the past year. It depends, I suppose, on what our objectives are. At each Board Meeting we may all look momentarily dejected while we discuss the ski tours which have been cancelled because of avalanche danger, and the attendance at the last Lodge party which was less than some previous one. Yet the trips and parties we have had have been enthusiastically received by those present. Conservation has become a real club activity honored by a Board position rather than by isolated, sporadic effort. You are reading a Rambler, which, thanks to our Editor, is a credit to us all. There has been expanding interest in river running and ski touring amongst club members although this has not been reflected by official club statistics.

The Board of Directors deserves a great deal of credit for what I regard as imaginative undertakings in the past year in an effort to solve some of our problems. A rearrangement in Board positions, and recent action in which the initiation fee was reduced on a trial basis reflect a concern about getting something done. I might add that I have not seen such a smoothly working Board as long as I have been one of its members.

One of our major problems is that of membership. We are not just growth happy like some of our western cities (S.L.C.) where it is felt that we would be better off if we had a population equal to Los Angeles County. However, we need a good sized membership to support the spacious and roomy Lodge that we are fortunate enough to own. I think most of us would enjoy the increased activity and companionship of a larger membership. We may not envy Los Angeles, but we do covet the trip schedule of some larger west coast clubs where umpteen major trips are offered each month.

I think we are now in a position to grow. As the world becomes more mechanized, more people are seeking unmechanized activities in the great outdoors. This commodity is our specialty. Hand in hand with this, these people are starting to concern themselves about protecting our outdoor resources. Even the Secretary of the Interior is concerned enough to call the Conservationists' view "refreshing." We are now the local nucleus for this type of activity. If each of us would help spread the word about our club and its activities, I think we would soon realize our growth potential.

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The Setting: A rainy afternoon. Four friends are gathered together for a chat over a cozy cup of tea.

The Friends: Edith and Sammy Green. Janet Christensen. Janet Yergensen

The Subject: Fond memories of the Wasatch Mountain Club.

#### DIALOGUE:

Edith: You know, this is the kind of day one likes to reminisce. Let's talk about some of the things we remember and treasure about our Wasatch Mountain Club.

Sammy: A great idea! Do you remember the days before our own Lodge came into being and before all the lifts were built? We would make arrangements with the Davis family at the original Balsam Inn to accommodate a group of our hardy members who would like to ski over from Park City. One can never see Brighton in all its glory as we saw it then. No automobiles, no refreshment stands, nothing to mar the beauty of its scenery. No people, even, to disturb the wide expanses of white snow. And we had two choices to get home -- ski all the way down Big Cottonwood Canyon or climb the ridge and ride down Thayne's Canyon.

Janet Y: Skiing then must have been far different. Clothing consisted of every sweater you could find and well oiled hiking boots. Skis were long and heavy with toe strap bindings and climbers made from clothesline.

Sammy: Yes, indeed. We used long, heavy poles to control speed. On the way down one would put them between the leggs and sit on them to decrease speed.

Janet C: I understand that building the Lodge was quite a project.

Edith: Oh, yes. We even had card parties at the Belvedere in order to bring in some money. But it was fun to have something to work toward. Does anyone know just when the Club did come into being?

Janet Y: Not too long ago I was looking up some of the history. Back in 1914 a group of people interested in the outdoors used to meet for hikes. As their friendship grew they finally formed the WMC in 1920 with thirteen members and Leon P. Stoney as president. C.E. Parry, "Pa" to all of us, was a member of this group. This eventually was followed by the idea to build a Lodge at Brighton which became a reality with a labor of love and stiff backs.

Janet C: The Club also has been the starting nucleus of many other Clubs. Pauleen Clinger and Harriet Magdiel started a Drama group. The ladies started a chorus which has since become known as the Schubert Singers. Archery was started by Dr. E.W. Lambert and became the Utah Archery Club.

Edith: Well, we certainly had plenty of possibilities for all kinds of activities. I remember fondly our Labor Day Weekends when we would take over the entire Community Camp at the Spruces. We would have three glorious days of baseball games, hiking, campfire sings, cards. I don't remember when the Old Community Camp was dismantled, but I never pass the Spruces without a feeling of nostalgia.

Sammy: That reminds me also of our Easter weekends at the Hermitage in Ogden Canyon. We would arrive there in buses. Saturday would be fun day with baseball games, stunts, community singing. Easter morning started early with a big breakfast. Then we would have eleven o'clock services with a sermon given by some outstanding speaker who would drive all that way to speak to us.

Janet Y: Yes. Such memories prompt us to speak of the "Good old Days." But, besides all the fun there were some accomplishments in a more serious vein. Summit cairns and registers were placed on all major peaks in the Wasatch Range. In cooperation with the Salt Lake County, three ski huts were built on ridges overlooking Alta and Brighton. One of our natural phenomenon, Timpanogos Cave, was discovered by Dr. L.D. Pfouts and Verl Manwill. Tireless efforts of Club members contributed towards its status as a national monument.

Janet C: The names and the faces may change as well as the trend of the times. However, one bond would still unite the first charter members with our newest members now. That is, the enjoyment of companionship with people having the same love for our magnificent mountains.

Sammy: Speaking of trends, it has been interesting to note how old activities are dropped and new ones appear. Lately full scale river running has caught the fancy of the membership. Who would ever have thought that we would take to the waterways. I understand yet another run down Glen Canyon is being planned. Does this sound appealing to you?

All in unison: You bet it does!!!

#### EPILOGUE:

Names and faces do appear, then disappear. Yet each creates some activity which perpetuates our Club and carries it on from year to year. Now we look to our new members to keep the Club vital and progressive.

#### MISCELLANY

We are very proud to announce that we have a new Life Member. Our O'Dell Peterson. Pete has given more than years to the Club. It is no small job, and sometimes an exasperating one, to serve as Club Headquarters and take all our calls. And Pinky deserves an honorary membership for all the effort she has put out in helping Pete help us.

Life member Claud Stoney and Mrs. Stoney stopped by at our last general membership meeting. Claud was active in the Club in its formative days. We hope we shall see more of them in the future.

The after-ski social at Harold Goodro's was made more exciting by the fact that Gary Larsen received a phone call there telling him that he had received his appointment as an agent with the F.B.I. We are real happy for you Gary, but we are going to miss you and Annette if you are called away from Salt Lake in your work.

Helen Lee, Proprietor of our Swap Shop, advertises the following bargains:

Ladies Boot size 6½. Call Janet Gillette HU 4-5804  
6'3" skis. 5-5½ boot. Safety Bindings. Call Merle Ray CR 7-6054  
45" ski poles. Call Terry Arney EM 4-5607  
Henke Ski Boots. (Worn about 3 times) Size 9 narrow. Will sell for \$25. Call Clix Byrne. Ogden EXport 4-6382

This will be the last edition for this Board. After Nomination and Election there will be a new crew at the helm. So, as we sink slowly in the West, we hope that you will look back upon the year with as much enjoyment as we.

The pictures in this issue are by courtesy of Bob and Dordy Wright, Alexis Kelners, and an old scrapbook found at the Lodge.