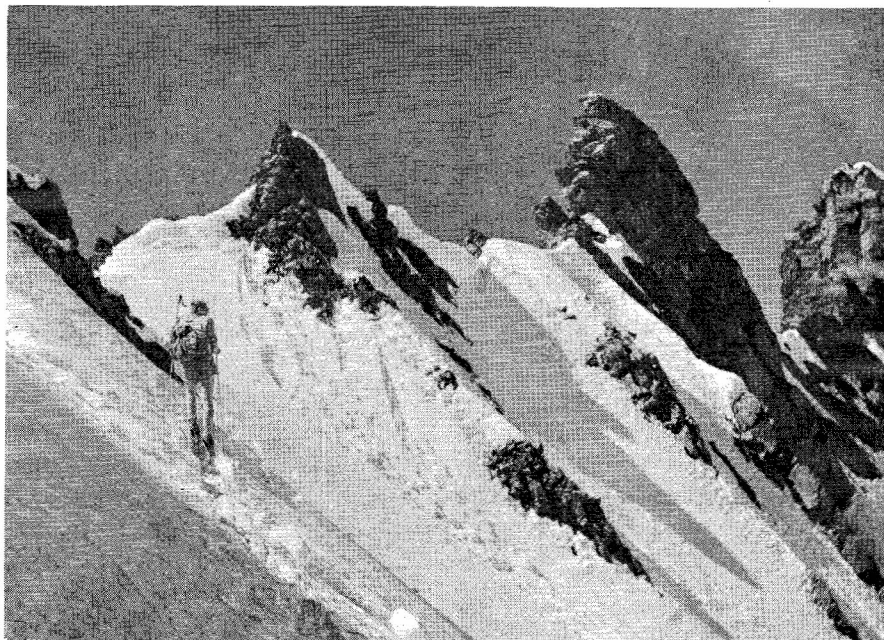


# The Rambler



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## THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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## TRIP SCHEDULE

January, 1963

- January 6- - - - Gad Valley. We hope for more snow this time around. This trip is one of our best intermediate ski tours (rating 3.3) Register by 2 p.m. Saturday, EM 3-7150. Meet at the bottom of the Wildcat lift at 9:15 a.m. Leader, Lee Steorts. (Note: this trip replaces the White Pine trip originally scheduled for this date. We will try white Pine on January 27.)
- January 6- - - - Ski at Alta.  
After Ski Social. Dale Green, 4230 Sovereign Way, will host the first two get-togethers. Come whether you have been skiing or not. Details in December Rambler.
- January 8- - - - Night skiing at Solitude. Also each other Tuesday in January- (January 15, 22, 29) we will get together about 7:30 or 8 p.m. for night skiing. Perhaps we can organize some informal social event afterwards. We will try this schedule for a month to see what interest there is. We have chosen Tuesday evening because the crowds are small. If there is enough demand we will change this next month. Lifts open from 6 to 12 p.m. Lift pass is \$2.50.
- January 12- - - - Albion Basin Excursion. A Saturday ski tour good for beginners. This trip has no fixed length and can be adjusted to the desires of the participants. Register by 6 p.m. Friday, EM 3-7150. Meet with the leader, John MacDuff, at the mouth of little Cottonwood Canyon at 9 a.m.
- January 13- - - - Mary Ellen Gulch, in American Fork Canyon (rating 4.3) Register by 6 p.m. Friday, EM 3-7150 so that cars can be shuttled into American Fork Canyon. Transportation will be arranged by the leader, Gale Dick.
- January 20- - - - Snake Creek Pass. This short tour (rating 2.00) is re-scheduled from last month's drought. Meet at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 a.m. Register by 2 p.m., EM 3-7150, Saturday. Dick Hills, leader.
- January 20- - - - Ski at Alta.
- January 20- - - - After Ski social. Dale Green's place, 4230 Sovereign Way.

- January 23- - - - General Membership Meeting. Some interesting mountaineering pictures will be shown. In addition, some changes in the constitution will be considered. Highland Dairy will provide the refreshments. Meet at their auditorium, 700 Vine Street, (turn left from State Street at 4900 South) at 8 p.m.
- January 27- - - - White Pine Canyon. This tour starts from the top of the Germania Lift and threads its way through the high country of American Fork and Little Cottonwood Canyons to the head-waters of White Pine. Ski tour rating, 3.9. Register by 2 p.m., Saturday, EM 3-7150. Meet at the bottom of the Wildcat lift 9:15 a.m. Leader, Bruce Christenson.
- February 3- - - - Major Evans Gulch. (Rating, 5.7) Register by 6 p.m. Friday. EM 3-7150. Leader, Cal Giddings.
- February 3- - - - After Ski Social. Place to be announced.
- February 17- - - - After Ski Social. Place to be announced.
- February 21 thru  
or 24 Ski Trip to Jackson. If you are interested in  
22 thru 24 this Washington's Birthday Trip get in touch  
with Bob Wright, EL 5-2453, immediately so that  
he can tell you how to make reservations.

### TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Ice Skating - - - - December 6  
by Ray Ploch

We had a turn out of 28 eager people with many wobbly ankles. It was a group with much courage trying hard to stay on its feet, and as the evening progressed many of us cleaned the ice with the seat of our pants. Our leader demonstrated a number of the common techniques for graceful descent which the group faithfully practices. Forrest Hatch and Larry Swanson were the pros and showed us amateurs some of the finer points of skating.

When were were chased from the ice we moved on to Gino's for pizza

where the usual tall stories were told on into the morning hours. In the group having this fine time were: Ann and Clint Barker, Helen Battison, Steve Cole, Bob Demint, Clay Demint, Dale Green, Carol and Forrest Hatch, Sheri Jacobs, Annette Larson, John MacDuff, Ann McDonald, Mona Moeller, Annette Odegard, Phil Penney, Ray Ploch, Barry Quinn, Lee Sutton, Dave Sundstrom, Larry Swanson, Gordon Taylor, Jeanne Torosiah, Bob H. Wright, Bob J. Wright, Chis Wyke, Janet and Delbert Yergensen.

Christmas Pary at the Lodge-- - - - - December 15  
by Stepen Cole

At Mid Afternoon on December the cooks arrived, they were the Pedersons, the Arnels and the Chases, all in their best form, to prepare a heavenly meal of Turkey, Ham, Vegatables, Salads, Puddings and lots of other yummies. (Mind you this was all done with-out water at the lodge.)

After I arrived in late afternoon there was a "Bucket Brigade" organized - the beautiful snow, we could well have used for skiing, was melted for water. Bless the hearts of the cooks they prepared food and fed 84 people.

The party started arriving around six o'clock, there were the "early Birds" who wanted to get a bit of a start on the party - then came the slower climbers who wanted to allow themselves time to make the trek up the trail. About eight o'clock the guests really started to arrive, most had come by way of the "Cheer", next arrivals we the working members who couldn't make it earlier, and last came our dear "drinking" friends.

After some "Good Cheer" and old acquaintances were renewed we all sat down to the wonderful meal, every one ate all they could hold. The party went into the fun session. (All drinks and goodies were brought out of hiding.)

Gale Dick was elected to direct the singing, he announced that the only good singing was "spontaneous singing" so he spontaneously lead the spontaneous singing. After a few songs the group was challanged by an "out" group who wanted to sing other songs. Amid the scuffle of which songs who should sing, the door opened, and a rather fat, jovial little man wearing a beard entered. Putting his finger to the side of his nose gave way with a hearty "Ho Ho, Ho". There was no need to wonder we knew in a flash that it must be good Old St. Nick (or could it be a drunk from the manor). Upon closer investigation we found that it was John McDuff (he removed the beard). John lost no time in handing out the gifts from under the tree, there were many good and useful things, shoe horns, pencil

sharpeners, belts, etc, etc, and small bottles of booze.

After a rollicking time the guests who were going home left, leaving those who were brave enough to stay and clean the lodge the next day - and some who couldn't see to get home.

The next day the lodge was "tidied" and in the afternoon the "Cleaners" did some skiing - just to finish off a very fun party.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

### RAMBLINGS

by Dale Green, President

Recent donations to the Lodge: A phonograph turntable from Earl Hansen and an axe from John Mildon. Tom Deglas and George Smith have put in some much needed modifications to the electric wiring.

Several new members have phoned asking what to wear to Lodge parties. We wear anything comfortable. At our last Christmas party the attire varied from lederhosen to coat and tie. Also, too many single people in the Club have told me they don't come to our functions because they "don't have a date". Dates are unnecessary, of course. Quite a large percentage of us single members, both male and female, come stag to our gatherings.

For people desiring to use the Lodge during the winter, the rules are as follows:

The Lodge may be opened anytime (except when scheduled for use by other groups) by any 4 members provided they obtain permission from Dave Sundstrom, myself, or Club Headquarters. The charge is \$4.00 minimum per night or 50 cents per member per night whichever is more. Non-members pay \$1.00 per night. No member may entertain more than 4 guests without approval of the Board.

The City has shut off the water at Lake Mary so we have no water at the Lodge. Even if they turn it back on our pipes are probably frozen so we will not get water inside, anyway. This means carrying snow, carrying water from the creek (when and if it flows again) or bringing it from the City. Use the paper plates and plastic spoons provided to save washing.

The problem of leftovers and wet garbage disposal at the Lodge during the

winter is very critical. It either has to be carried back to the city and disposed of or burned at the Lodge in the fireplace. scraping food off plates into the garbage can only makes a rotten mess. After trial and error the best way we have found is to put all wet and burnable garbage into a hot fire in the fireplace, a little at a time. Only cans, bottles, and other non-burnables should go into the large garbage can in the kitchen. Our containers and space to store trash until spring is limited so we can only use these garbage cans for trash which cannot be burned. I am not exaggerating when I say that the problem is critical. Unless everyone cooperates, it means some very distasteful and hard work for a few fellow members.

Spoilable leftovers must not, under any conditions, be left in the refrigerator because the power is turned off when you leave the Lodge. If the fridge door is closed, the smell inside when it is opened the next week is overpowering. Always leave the door open when leaving the Lodge, as the odor is bad even when no food is left inside. When the door is open, animals invariably will find any food left inside and leave a mess of their own.

Some notes about Club members:

Congratulations to Sally Coltrin and Jim McElroy who were married January 2nd, 1963.

Saw Bud Temple the other day. He took a long side trip on his way home from Austrailia where he taught skiing during the summer (their winter). He is working in Oregon this winter and plans to return to Salt Lake in the Spring.

A recent article in Ski Magazine described the Wasatch Mt. Club as the most active ski-touring group in the United States.

Two of our gals are overseas: Margaret Piggott on visit to England for a few months and Vera VanTongel working in Heidelberg, Germany.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

A proposed amendment to Section 3 of the Constitution will be voted on at our next General Membership meeting on January 16. This amendment will change the words "Mountaineer" and "Mountaineers" to "qualified member" and "Qualified members" respectively. If this amendment is approved by the membership, the Board of Directors plan to make similar changes by By-Law 25.

These changes are made necessary by a new mountaineering qualification program to be initiated next spring. Our present definition of a mountaineer in By-law 25 is far from satisfactory and Section 3 states that only Mountaineers as defined in the By-laws may serve on the Board. Since a few by-laws concerning the Mountaineering program will be needed, the change in the constitution is necessary.

Also to be discussed are modifications to our election and nomination procedures and the matter of a Club Historian.

## CLUB NOTES

Jim Henney has a couple "for sale" items:

7'3" Head Standards

Size 10½ Medium Nordica Boots.

Anyone interested should call Jim at AX 5-2311 daytime, during the week.

This is a belated note of sympathy to Yenta Kaufman who lost her father during the summer. We are glad to have her back with us now.

We welcome the following new members:

Carl R. Chase  
7290 So. 1600 East  
Salt Lake City 277-7607

Robert J. Demiat  
1623 Lone Peak Dr.  
Salt Lake City 277-5056

David B. Givens  
839 East South Temple  
Salt Lake City EM 3-6073

Jack Keuffel  
5342 Cottonwood Lane  
Salt Lake City CR 7-5733

Change of Address:

Bob Conrod  
5 A Ellsworth Ave.  
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Richard Bradley  
1730 N. Cascade Ave.  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Kurt Rosenfeld  
144 Reade St.  
New York 13, N.Y.

Margaret Piggott  
% H.A. Piggott  
7 Maple Avenue  
Cheadle Humme  
Cheshire, England

Vera Van Tongel  
Signal Division  
Hg USAREUR  
New York, N.Y.

Bob H. Wright (not to be  
6366 Cobblersrock (confussed with  
Salt Lake Lane (Bob J. Wright)

Bob and Kathy Wright are now the proud parents of a baby boy.

We don't know what Kurt Rosenfeld is doing in New York, but he  
sends best wishes to everybody.

Anyone skiing these days???