

# The Rambler

THE

WASATCH

MOUNTAIN CLUB

Salt Lake City, Utah

APRIL 1966

#### CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 1966

#### Register for all trips at Club Headquarters, 363-7150

LAST AFTER SKI SOCIAL -- At the home Apr 3 Sun. of Bob & Marie Demint, 1623 Lone Peak Drive (277-5056). Come and partake of their customary hospitality.

Apr 8 HANSEN'S PLANETARIUM -- At 15 South Fri. State St. To assure choice seating, be there by 7:30 pm. \$1.00 admission. AFTER PLANETARIUM SOCIAL at the home of Mel & Clare Davis, 4647 Idlewild Road (278-3174). A "heavenly" evening is guaranteed!

Apr 9 GAD VALLEY SKI TOUR -- Register before Sat. 6:00 pm Fri. 8 Apr. Meet at base of Wildcat Lift at 9:30 am.

Apr 10 ALTA TO LAKE BLANCHE -- The final scheduled Lake Blanche ski tour for this season. Sun. Bring climbers, lunches, camera, sun lotion. mediate and advanced skiers only, please. Register before 4:00 pm Saturday, 9 Apr. Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 am. Leader: Milt Hollander.

I C E S K A T I N G -- Meet at Hygeia, 1208 E. 21st S. Apr 13 (466-8611) at 7:45 pm for an evening of skating. Wed. Admission is  $75\phi$ . Skate rental is  $25\phi$ . We'll stop for pizza afterwards. Leader: Roger Jackson.

ROCK CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK ---Apr 14 Located about 5400 S. on Wasatch Blvd. First practice Thus. session of the season. If you're not a rock climbing fanatic. at least come out and cheer or jeer the initial attempts. Crave for some bonus conditioning? Meet at Pete's Rock at 4:45 pm and try a short jog up the slopes of Mt. Olympus. Whatever your interests,

COVER PHOTO: Blaine Erickson "catches a little air" over a cornice in Gad Valley, near Alta, Utah. Photo by A. Kelner.

CENTER SPREAD PHOTO: The Sphinx (left), Wilson Peak (center), and Pinnacle Ridge (right) in the rugged Wind River Range. Photo by A. Kelner.

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save some strength for after-climbing refreshments. Registration is not required for Thus. evening climbs. Apr 16 & 17 Sat. & Sun.

C A T H E D R A L O F T H E D E S E R T --
L A K E P O W E L L -- Cathedral of the Desert, one
of the more beautiful sites of Escalante Canyon, will
be inundated later this year. We plan to see the
Cathedral first, then visit other interesting
sites. A few people may plan to stay an extra
day. We may do some water-skiing, too.

We need more boats.
Sign-up limited to number
of boats. Details supplied
upon registration. Price,
\$15 to \$20, depending on
length of stay.
Leader: Dale Green
(277-6417).

Apr 16 Sat. TIMPANOGOS SKI TOUR -- A look at the east face of Timp for all but the rank beginner. Trip will start and end at Timp Haven. Bring climbers, lunches, camera, etc. Register before 5:00 pm Fri. Apr 15. Meet at Prudential Savings parking lot, at 33rd S. and State. Leader: Carl Bauer.

Apr 17 Sun. BRIGHTON-ALTA-BRIGHTON-- A fairly easy all-day ski tour via Twin Lakes Pass and Katherine Pass. Those wishing to do only half the tour must arrange their own transportation from Alta or Brighton. Bring climbers and lunches. Register before 5:00 pm Apr 16. Meet at Millicent Lift at 9:30 am. Leader: Charlie Keller.

Apr 21 Thus.

ROCK CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK—Veteran climbers will leave some room on the slopes for those participating in the first session of the HIKER'S CLIMBING CLASS which meets at 6:00 pm at the upper rock. (See Mountaineering Ramblings in this issue for Hiker's Climbing Class information and registration details.) Refreshments afterward.

WOLVERINE CIRQUE&TWIN LAKES --Apr 23 A short, easy beginner's tour offering some of the Sat. finest mountain scenes available in the Wasatch. Bring climbers and a snack. Register before 6:00 pm Apr 22.

> MILLICENT-WOLVERINE-LAKE M A R Y -- An intermediate tour. John MacDuff will steer us around the Lake Mary cliffs. Register before

Meet at Millicent Lift at 9:30 am. After the tour, take in the Lodge party. Leaders: Bill & June Viavant.

6:00 pm Apr 22. Meet at Millicent lift at 9:30 am. Take in the Lodge party after the tour. SPRING COSTUME SKI CIRCUS --Apr 23 & 24 After the ski tours on Saturday, spend a lively even-Sat. & Sun. ing folk dancing at the Lodge. Ted Wilson will show slides of a ski tour from Zermatt to Chamonix, and some European climbing scenes. Plan to spend the night.

Apr 23

Apr 28

Sat.

follows: 10:30 am - Cross-country race, long or short skis or snowshoes. 11:30 am - Races. Costumed participants will race

Be sure to bring food for your evening and morning meals. Host. Ron Perla. The events for Sunday are as

in the couple baton and balloon race. 1:00 pm - Obstacle course race.

2:00 pm - Costume judging and presentation of racing prizes. 3:00 pm - Potluck dinner.

Registration deadline is 6:00 pm Apr 19. \$1.75 for

members and \$2.00 for non-members. Overnight lodging is extra. ROCK CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK --

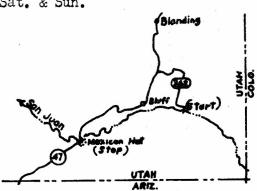
Don't forget the conditioning trek up a short ways on Thus. Mt. Olympus beginning at 4:45 pm. If you can't make it out this early, come for the climbing and socializing as soon as you can. Bring your friends and prospective members to these Thus. evening climbing and socializing events. HIKER'S CLIMBING CLASS at 6:00 pm. (See Mountaineering Ramblings in this issue.)

LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN -- Rating 6.5, Apr 30 elevation 8,062. A popular medium-length spring hike. Sat. We may be crossing snow fields, so wear adequate footgear. Register before 6:00 pm Apr 29. Meet at Shriner Hospital at 9:00 am. Leader: George Smith.

May 1 Sun. GRANDEUR PEAK -- Rating 5.0, elevation, 8,299. A popular Mill Creek Canyon hike with a wonderful view of the valley. Register before 5:00 pm Apr 30. Meet at the Red Carpet Inn parking lot, 3923 Wasatch Blvd. at 9:00 am. Leader: Scotty Imber.

Apr 30 & May 1 Sat. & Sun.

SAN JUAN RIVER TRIP -- About half of this 40-mile trip was run by club members in 1962.



Even though the canyon walls are not very high, those river-runners seemed to think that the sand waves in the river and the Indian artifacts along the way compensated for the lowness of the walls. The first work party of the year will start at 1:00 pm Sunday, Apr 24, at the ice plant at 430 W. 2nd N. (West side of building.) Registration closes Tues., Apr 26. The trip will start on Fri., Apr 29, at 7:00 pm. Place

of departure to be announced at work party. PLEASE come to work party. We need help to get rafts ready. New members need instruction on what to bring, where to meet, etc. On any WMC trip you are not registered unless all or part of your fees are paid. Trip price: \$16.00. Leader: Dave Cook (355-4086).

May 5 Thus. ROCK CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK—Everyone invited: climbers, hikers, socializers.
The HIKER'S CLIMBING CLASS meets at 6:00 pm for the third and final session. Refreshments afterward.

May 7 & 8 Sat. & Sun. KOLOBEXPLORATORY TRIP-- We plan to climb Beatty Point, one of the Kolob Fingers, and descend the Kolob Arch Canyon. We'll enter and leave Kolob by Taylor Creek and Lee's Pass. If there is enough interest to take the bus, we'll also take a group to Kolob Arch by way of Timber Creek (no climbing). Otherwise the trip will be limited to 12 people. Contact C. L. Keller (487-7137). This is a backpack trip; no roped climbing is involved.

- May 14 & 15 DOLORES RIVER TRIP
- May 28 30 M. T. W. A. S. H. B. U. R. N. (Yellowstone Park) and S. O. U. T. H. T. E. T. O. N. -- Ski climbs.
- May 28 31 DESOLATION CANYON BOAT TRIP
- Jun 11 & 12 UPPER ESCALANTE CANYON
- Jun 11 & 12 LONE PEAK CIRQUE -- Camping & climbing.
- Jun 25 & 26 SAWTOOTH RANGE IN IDAHO
- Jul 1 4 CLIMB OF MT. RAINIER
- Jul 2 4 LODORE AND SPLIT MTN. -- River trip.
- Jul 9 & 10 SOUTHERN WIND RIVERS
- Jul 16 31 CANADA -- MT. ROBSON AREA
- Jul 23 30 MAIN CHANNEL OF SALMON RIVER
- Aug 6 & 7 TETONS
- Aug 13 ?? WIND RIVERS
- Aug 20 & 21 TETONS
- Sept 3 5 JACKSON, SNAKE RIVER TRIP

## IF YOU WANT CLUB NEWS -- SEND IN YOUR DUES

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE "THE SILVERTON"?

Several members have expressed an interest in going to Durango, Colorado, and ride "The Silverton", a narrow-gauge train that runs between the towns of Durango and Silverton. The country between the two towns is wild and beautiful. Perhaps a half-day at Mesa Verde could be worked in, too. June is the month being considered. Please call club headquarters, 363-7150, if you are interested. If enough people are interested we will try to take the bus.

Marble Canyon Dam is the most immediate threat in our area to the Nation's disappearing wilderness. Write Senators Moss and Bennett and Congressmen King and Burton urging alternative sources of power. WMC now owns a copy of the Sierra Club film, "Glen Canyon", and at least two members have 16 mm sound projectors. I urge any member who can arrange to show the film to any group whatever to work at it. Marble Canyon Dam can be stopped, and protests and concern by Westerners will carry more weight than those from the East, for we are supposed to be the people dams benefit. Contact Gale Dick or Bill Viavant to use the film.

Western Union has a special rate for 15-word day telegrams to the President and Congressmen. To get it you must ask for the Public Opinion Telegram Rate -  $85\phi$  instead of \$2.15 from Salt Lake. This is also available for wires to your Governor and State Legislature members.

Under the Wilderness Act, the High Uinta Primitive Area is being considered for reclassification as a Wilderness Area. Mineral surveys have been completed, and the report is that mineral potential is not a serious threat. Hearings will probably be held in October.

There is a real possibility that President Johnson will propose a National Trails System to Congress. What do you think about WMC taking a lead in establishing a trail from Grand Teton to Timp'?

Several people have told me about careless WMC'ers dropping candy wrappers, etc., on hikes and tours. Brother - I won't say anything in print, but I'll holler "litterbug" if I see it done! (And I'll pick up the trash and carry it out in my pack.)

We are planning a Conservation Fund Fun Fest for early May. This will be an unbashful attempt to separate you from some of your cash, but to anesthetize the extraction in various ways.

The Sierra Club motto is worth thinking about whenever the boomers try to sell growth as a fundamental virtue --

"Not blind opposition to progress, but opposition to blind progress -- "

THE COURSE OF COURSE

Those who no pay dues Get the no-ride-bus blues.

The Hiker's Climbing Course is offered for all hikers and for those persons who desire to find out if they want to climb. The course will be held on three successive Thursday night practice sessions, April 21, 28, and May 5. (See the schedule.) Register at the first session.

Instructors will be Ron Perla and Tom Stevenson. Subject matter to be covered is as follows:

- 1. Essentials to take on any hike
- 2. How to hike over scree
- 3. How to cope with a short rock scramble
  - a) Use and control of balance on rock
  - b) Use of hands and feet
- 4. Fundamentals of roped climbing
  - a) Two knots bowline and bowline-on-a-bight
  - b) Sitting and standing hip belays
  - c) Calls used in climbing
  - d) A rappel, the Dulfersitz
- 5. Participation in a short climb

This course could serve as a testing ground for those who don't know if they should take the Beginner's Climbing Course. We hope to see all trail stompers there. The Hiker's Climbing Course is recommended for all hikers, whether they have been path-finding for years or want to begin. A 50¢ fee will be charged to cover the cost of handout material.

The Beginner's Climbing Course (B.C.C.) is open to those club members or their children who pay a tuition fee of \$3.00 and have the following gear:

- 1. Hard hat
- 2. Piton hammer
- 3. Pitons

- 4. Carabiners
- 5. Ten feet of sling rope
- 6. Rubber-soled shoes

Ice axes for snow climbing can be borrowed. Payment of tuition and checking of equipment may be accomplished any time before April 30, by calling Ron Perla at 466-6578 and making arrangements. If you have any questions concerning registration or equipment for the course, please inquire.

The B.C.C. will be conducted in three, 8-hour periods held on week-ends. The dates for the periods are: lst period - May 7, 2nd period - May 14, 3rd period - May 21.

The course work will involve approximately 9 hours of lecture and 15 hours of practice at Pete's Rock, Storm Mountain, and Gate Rocks. Subject matter to be covered is as follows:

- 1. Basic ability to climb
- 2. Calls
- 3. Knots
- 4. Rope handling
- 5. Belays and falls

- 6. Pitons and carabiners
- 7. Rappels
- 8. Multipitch climbing
- 9. Snow climbing
- 10. Climbing dangers

Requirements for completion of the course are as follows:

- 1. Attendance at all instruction periods
- 2. Participation in three rock climbs of at least three pitches each
- 3. Participation in one snow climb.
- 4. Satisfactory demonstration of climbing ability in a testing session
- 5. Satisfactory demonstration of knowledge of climbing in a testing session

The testing sessions will be scheduled after the classes at various times. Graduation recognition will be given.

The Senior Committee on Mountaineering feels that this course will be well worth one's time and money, provided he or she has a desire to learn the basics of technical climbing. Upon graduation from the course, the student will be able to follow a grade 4 lead in nearly any mountain region.

The Intermediate Climbing Course (I.C.C.) is open to those club members or their children who pay a tuition of \$2.00 and have the following:

- 1. All B.C.C. gear
- 2. Good piton selection
- 3. Eight carabiners
- 4. Climbing shoes
- 5. Crampons and ice axe
- 6. First-aid kit
- 7. Summit pack

- 8. Parka
- 9. Three manila prussik slings
- 10. 10' nylon webbing
- ll. X' parachute cord
- 12. One year climbing experience

Payment of tuition, checking of equipment and assessing of climbing ability can be accomplished any time before April 30, by calling Tom Stevenson, 364-5268, and making arrangements. If you have any questions concerning registration or equipment for the course, please call Tom.

The I.C.C. will be conducted in three phases. The first phase will consist of one 8-hour period held on May 15. The second phase is participation in several climbs with an instructor throughout the summer. The third phase is participation in seminars with climbers working on their Mountaineer requirements.

Subject matter to be covered is as follows:

- 1. Basic climbing proficiency 6. Snow and ice climbing
- 2. Piton craftmanship
- 3. Rappels
- 4. Belays
- 5. Prussiking

- 7. Direct aid climbing
- 8. Trip planning
- 9. Route finding
- 10. Lead climbing

Requirements for completion of the course are as follows:

- 1. Attendance at all instruction periods
- 2. Participation in at least nine rock climbs
- 3. Participation in at least two snow climbs
- 4. Satisfactory review by his instructors
- 5. Completion of the Advanced Red Cross First-Aid Course

The course will be concluded in late summer. Graduation recognition will be given.

If all requirements are not met for completion of the B.C.C. or I.C.C. courses, the students may wait until the following year, re-register, and complete the course at that time.





"Can you direct me to Pete's Rock?"



### YOU, TOO, CAN WEAR THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB PATCH!

The slicing, keen, raw wind ripped and howled around the narrow snow-covered tower of rock that thrust upward from the rest of the mountains and was know with fear throughout the area as "The Devil's Needle". John Jellyfingers hardly noticed the cold, biting wind as he hung from the ledge, his left foot slowly, ever-so-slowly, slipping from the precarious, ever-so-slim contact it had with the slippery rock. He was a fool, he thought with rue. It was madness to attempt "The Devil's Needle" alone after only one Hiker's Climbing Course lesson! A large section of the ledge came away to the left of him and crashed with a terrible roar below. "Rock," he croaked.

Far, far below, the feeble cry was heard and soon the trembling John Jellyfingers could see a tiny figure making its way up the verticle face of the rock. In spite of his condition, Jellyfingers marveled at the technique of the ascending climber. Such wizardry! Such command! Up, up it came until it was no longer just a moving black speck but a recognizable person; a moving life-force on the sterile bleak rock.

Time and time again he was amazed and astounded at the skill exhibited before him, and time and time again he was sure the rescuer would surely fall to his death; it rivaled the classic climbs of the Eiger north face. "This rivals the classic climbs of the Eiger north face," Jellyfingers muttered to himself. Soon the rockwizard was level with John Jellyfingers, and he, John, could study his rescuer more clearly.

He was a fine figure of a man; he had a towering physique, finely-molded features, and splendid equipment. In short, the apex of all that is dear and good. He flashed a brilliant smile and, balancing lightly on one toe and two fingers of his right hand, addressed Jellyfingers. "Having a little trouble?"

John Jellyfingers could only stare, for affixed upon the superhero's tailored nylon tunic was the brilliant-hued emblem that garnered admiration wherever connoisseurs of the outdoors gathered. Jellyfingers, with trembling lips, spoke. "Is...is that the patch of the...the Wasatch Mountain Club, worn with pride by all members upon their nylon tunics and given free to each new member?"

The stranger laughed a silver laugh. "Why, yes, we all wear this patch to each club function and, in fact, wherever we are, for the patch serves a dual function: 1) It identifies all members to one another, and (2) it is a splendid advertisement for the club when

we wear it on the slopes as we ski and/or lounge around the lodge. In fact, we all wear the WMC patch werever we go, for we know it is the best way to let others know about the club. In fact, it you are interested, I think I just happen to have a membership application down in my car. It will just take me a sec! to get it..." And in a flash he was gone.

Minutes later, as John Jellyfingers' nerveless body slipped noiselessly from the rock and plunged through space, he wondered how many WMC patches he should order. He counted them off one by one on his chilled fingers: "Let's see, there's my parka, my dress suit, my pajamas, swimsuit, underwear...."

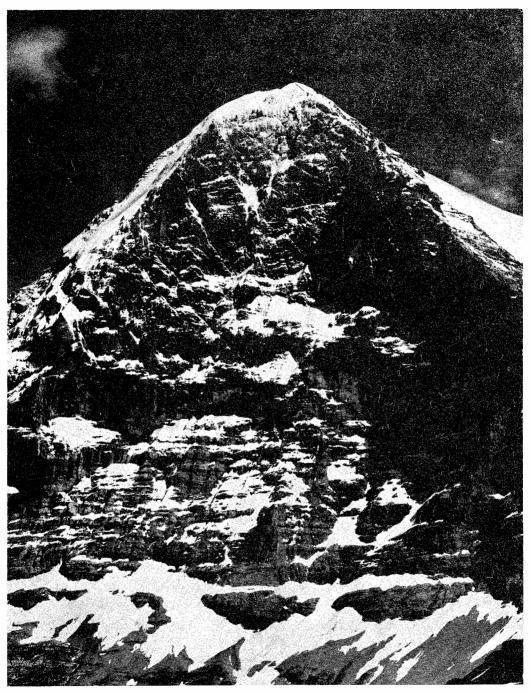
### RAMBLER EDITOR NEEDS HELP --- to mail out The Rambler

Collate, staple, label and stamp. Pick your game. We meet at my house, 2459 E. 6600 S., one evening at the end of each month. Call Jack McLellan (277-7214) if you would like to get together with friends and do something easy but extremely worthwhile and necessary.

I would very much like to find someone to take over the responsibility for mailing The Rambler. Duties would include arranging small groups of 4 to 6 people to collate, stamp, staple, and label; buying stamps; possibly picking up the copies from the rinter; and maintaining a current, perfect mailing list. Time involved is about 10 to 12 hours a month. The work is easy but it must be performed in a most responsible manner. Rewards are few but the satisfaction is immense. Interested?

Whether you wish to head up the mailing group or spent on evening a month helping to mail <u>The Rambler</u>, give me a call. NEW MEMBERS ESPECIALLY, give me a call -- it's a good way to get acquainted and do something for your club.

As long as you've gone to all the trouble to read this, how about taking just a minute more to write out a check to The Wasatch Mountain Club for your dues. Send it to 425 S. 8th W., Salt Lake City, Utah 84104. \$6 regular dues, \$3 extra for spouse memberships, and \$3 for out-of-state members. New members have to kick in an extra \$2. See membership blank on back cover. Don't procrastinate -- hastenate!



North Face of The Eiger

#### **EDITORAMBLERIZING**

No one closely associated with the sport of mountaineering likes to write about the death of a climber. It is a job that must be performed, however, especially when the victim is an alpinist of international fame. The following short paragraphs are a tribute to JOHN HARLIN, RECENTLY KILLED IN A FALL FROM THE EIGER.

John Harlin, a member of the American Alpine Club and one of the foremost American Alpinists, died Tuesday, March 22nd, in a fall from the difficult north face of the Eiger near the town of Kleine Scheidegg in Switzerland. John fell nearly 4000 feet to his death in an attempt to pioneer the first direct ascent route on the face. He was the first American to scale the 6000-foot wall by the standard route on the north face.

Harlin was apparently climbing to join the advance party on "The Spider", a huge, steep icefield not far from the summit, when he fell. He had led a British-American team onto the mountain nearly three weeks before to attempt the first direct ascent. After many days of storm his party joined with a German group also attempting the face, to make a combined, all-out push for the summit.

Harlin, originally from Los Altos, California, was a pioneer of modern mountain climbing. He was director of the International School of Modern Alpinism at Leysin, Switzerland. Layton Kor, another member of the group, is an instructor at the School. Kor, of Boulder, Colorado, and Chris Bonnington of Britain reportedly were the first to reach John's broken, twisted body. He was the 26th climber killed on the Eiger's north face.

As "The Rambler" goes to press, no word has been received whether or not the climb will continue. It is anticipated, however, that if at all possible the international team will attempt to complete the ascent. Harlin would certainly have wished them to do so.

To John, a stocky, sun-and-wind-burned individual, the mountains of rock, ice, snow, and wind were life itself -- and now they have caused his death. Mountaineers all over the world will mourn John Harlin. Perhaps his mountains will, too.



John Harlin

#### TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Having at times in the past offered dissident views on junior membership, I would like to present a reconsidered opinion.

It is true that a few of our members will feel offended by simply having a junior membership and also true that, again, the same few will feel displeased by having to share their outdoor enjoyments with a few persons younger than themselves. But is it not also true that we live at a complex time in which our civilization is tending away from nature and the outdoors? And, it is true that about half of our population is under the age of 18.

Then, by summing these truths (which are obviously only a few of the many involved), it can be seen that a greater good for more persons results when the club has some membership program for younger persons than it now counts as members. This "good" is derived from club trips, conservation efforts, and association with older and respected persons. "good" is increasing young people's appreciation, awareness, and sense of responsibility to the upkeep and preservation of our wilderness environs. "good" will greatly benefit the club and greatly benefit its members, even the few who will feel imposed upon.

So, we have as an end result that everyone benefits to some extent and in most cases far more than MAIL YOUR OUR FUN, they believe or are willing to believe.

NAME WITHHELD

#### NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The Board of Directors is again sponsoring a contest to bring in new members. (See status of present membership contest elsewhere in this issue.) The basis for judging will be the number of people whose membership application card is signed by a contestant.

FIRST PRIZE - \$50 worth of certificates good for any club trip or party, except nomination dinner

SECOND PRIZE - \$25 worth of certificates

THIRD PRIZE - \$15 worth of certificates

- ALSO One free party pass for every three new members recommended by a person will be given; however, the party pass will not be good for the nomination dinner.
- RULES: 1. Only new members actually voted into the club by the Board of Directors will count. Spouse memberships count as 1/2 regular membership.
  - 2. First prize must bring in at least five new members; second prize, four; and third prize, three.
  - 3. Duplicate prizes in case of tie
  - 4. Certificates not redeemable for cash
  - 5. The Board of Directors is not eligible.
  - 6. If husband and wife are both members, they may combine their totals for one prize.
  - 7. Contest starts May 1, 1966, and ends Sept. 7. 1966.

The reason for the contest is to encourage more members to participate in recruiting new members. Our experience has shown that the largest percentage of people who join are friends of present members, and this source is just barely tapped. Merely handing an interested friend's name to the membership director is not enough. A more personal contact is needed, which you can provide more easily than anyone else.

Dale Green, the membership director, has several names of people who are interested in the club. Some of these are even eligible to join right now but need a little encouragement. Dale will send "The Rambler" to anyone you request it be sent to. Application blanks are published in "The Rambler" or they may be obtained from Dale.

A scenic 2-1/2 hour drive from Beirut takes you up to the historic Cedars area. In this brief time you experience a drastic change in climate, first driving north along the blue Mediterranean with its warm sea breezes and then turning off to meet genuine winter weather "upstairs" as the natives amusingly refer to the ski area. For lodgings, you can select anything from first class hotel rooms to inexpensive dormitory accommodations. Our choice was an economical full board arrangement at the Hotel Chebat, about 15 minutes below the Cedars. It was early evening when we arrived, so we soon were attracted by the warm glow from the burning olive wood in one of the two fireplaces. When dinner was announced, we were surprised to see only seven guests in the very large dining room, but quickly recalled some weekday crowds in our Utah resorts. Food was served family style and was delicious. One memorable course was tender slices of beef wrapped around a whole carrot and prepared in a delicious sauce delicately flavored with cinnamon. Then, early to bed and early to rise for that first day of skiing. We awoke to a blinding blizzard and were advised to have a leisurely breakfast as the road was being cleared. By the way, this meal was a bit unusual consisting of spicy olives, goats' cheese, native flat bread, sour cream dip, and tea. Soon we heard Ramon honking his horn in front, so we piled in with our skis and poles which had beautifully survived the many miles of travel. The scenery? Blinding snow-fortunately so, I think, as we wound up the road on hairpin curves that required Ramon to stop and back his taxi several yards in order to continue. Finally Ramon stopped, said "teleski," and lead us to the lodge. Inside, the proprietor Hassib was waiting for his customers, we were his first. Hassib explained that Teleski had two lifts - double T-bars - and that there was a nearby chair lift. None were running, but when two more patrons appeared, he volunteered to start a lift when we were ready. Two runs were enough in the blinding, burning wind and snow, but it did appear to be a nice slope even though we followed the towers down. The second day, the weather was worse, so Hassib did not show up until word was sent to him that a group of skiers were waiting for him to open up. Besides, many of us had left our skis inside. A few more hardy souls skied that day, but a few runs were all we could tolerate. What's more, life inside the lodge was quite pleasant. Around the big fireplace were inviting benches draped with individual sheepskins. Another asset was the local bar favorite - fresh hot tea served in mugs and spiked with a choice of rum, cognac or brandy, then garnished with lemon and sugared to taste. Included as side dishes were mixed nuts, potato chips, carrot sticks, pickled turnips, dip, and native bread. Being

the genial host that he was, Hassib offered extended credit until he had a busy day and collected a supply of scarce small change. Well...that third and last day was worth waiting for. The sun was shining, the show was fresh and powdery, and the scenery was beautiful. On our drive up we finally viewed the grove of stately cedar trees, and they lived up to their famous reputation with their covering of new snow. The Cedars area, one of several in Lebanon we learned, has some impressive runs: long, gentle open bowls and very steep courses for those who want more challenge. Surprisingly, the peaks range from 8,000 to 10,000 feet. As that third and last day progressed, snow conditions became very springlike; but at day's end we were satisfied with a full day of good skiing, and we were delighted to know that there is such ideal skiing so close to our desert home here in the Middle East. Those making the trip...Joe and Connee Gates. Before concluding, I'd like to add a note on a most desirable service available at the Teleski area: this was a young man who did nothing but put on everyone's skis at the beginning of the day and after lunch (but not after tumbles). How pampered can we get!



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#### STATUS OF PRESENT MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

In the August 1965 issue of <u>The Rambler</u>, we announced a membership contest. First prize is \$50 worth of certificates good for any trips or parties (except the nomination dinner), 2nd prize is \$25 worth of certificates and 3rd prize, \$15 worth of certificates. Unfortunately only a few decided \$50 was worth the effort. The current standings of those with more than one new member brought in are:

Leon Edwards	8
Barbara Evans	3
Clifton Reid	2
Cal Giddings	2
Ron Perla	2
Fred Bruenger	2

The contest is still on until April 20th. If you bring in four new members, you may get 2nd prize of \$25.

#### FOLK DANCING

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