



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

The Rambler

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Club Activities December 1977

AVALANCHE INFORMATION is available from the Wasatch National Forest winter sports information recording, 486-6333. The information is more complete and up-to-date than in the past, so their recommendations can be relied upon. If you have any further questions on avalanche conditions, call Dave Hanscom at 487-6065. Avalanche probes, cords, shovels, and pieps are required on tours at the discretion of the leader.

REGISTRATION WITH THE TRIP LEADER is important for ski tours as weather and snow conditions can cause cancellations or changes in destination. It also aids in organizing car shuttles early enough to avoid delays. Register by some

reasonable hour on the day before the tour is scheduled. Registration for all tours is recommended. Snowshoes are satisfactory for any Beginning Nordic Tour. If there is no snow, tours as planned may be converted to hikes at the discretion of the leader.

(Note: See article and charts by Dave Hanscom & Dwight Nicholson in this Rambler for a more detailed description of and ratings for the more popular Wasatch ski tours. Also a book, "Wasatch Tours" by Hanscom and Kelner describing all the local tours is available at local mountain stores, price \$5.00.)

HIKING INFORMATION: Members participating in easy or intermediate hiking (rating below 7.0) are generally not required to register with the leader. Unless otherwise stated, advanced hikes (rating above 7.0) do require registration. Adequate equipment is a must for advanced hiking. You can participate in these events only if you have demonstrated your ability on other hiking activities and if you have adequate and well broken-in boots with good Vibram-type

soles and suitable protective clothing. Special equipment, such as an ice axe, may be specified and you are expected to be able to handle such equipment. Remember that these restrictions are set for your safety as well as that of your fellow members.

Children are permitted on hikes with a rating of less than 3.0; however, permission of the leader is required on hikes with a rating between 3.0 and 5.0.

December 3 Saturday	LAKE BLANCHE. Ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Alexis Kelner 359-5387.
December 4 Sunday	LAKE SOLITUDE. Ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Joyce Sohler, 272-2624.
December 4 Sunday	HIKE? If there is sufficient interest and conditions permit, we will take a short hike of easy to intermediate difficulty. For details call Fran Flowers, 581-9083.
December 10 Saturday	DAY'S FORK FROM ALTA. Advanced Ski Tour. Car spotting necessary, call for details. Roly Pearson, 277-8546 or 487-6065.
December 11 Sunday	HIKE? Same as for December 4 hike.
December 11 Sunday	SCOTT'S PASS. Beginner-Snowshoe Tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00. George and Georgia Randall, 322-2360.
December 17 Saturday	HONEYCOMB FORK. Intermediate Ski Tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30. Oscar Robinson, 943-8500.
December 18 Sunday	HIKE? Same as for December 4 hike.
December 18 Sunday	ONTARIO CANYON-PARK CITY. Beginner Nordic, Snowshoe Tour. Meet at Golf Club House opposite Conoco Station, 9:00. Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632.
December 26 Monday	CATHERINE PASS FROM BRIGHTON. Intermediate Tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00. Bill Rosquist, 295-0458.
December 31 Saturday	WHITE PINE LAKE. Intermediate Tour. Leader needed, call Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632.
January 1 Sunday	LAKE MARY. Hangover Tour, Beginner Ski/Snowshoe Tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at noon. Wick Miller, 582-6051.
January 2 Monday	MAYBIRD GULCH. Advanced Ski Tour. Will do Red Pine if insufficient snow. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:00. Dave Smith, 1-649-8798 .
January 7 Saturday	MOUNT WOLVERINE. Intermediate Ski Tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30. Theresa Overfield, 583-4508.
January 8 Sunday	ALEXANDER BASIN. Advanced Ski Tour. May be some bushwacking at the bottom. Call for details, Dave Hanscom, 487-6065.
January 8 Sunday	DOG LAKE. Beginner Snowshoe Tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00. Leroy & Barbara Kuehl, 582-6890.

January 14
Saturday

AVAILANCHE COURSE. Details in next month's Rambler.

January 14
Saturday

NOMINATION DINNER at the Log Haven Inn in Millcreek Canyon. Happy hour begins at 6:30 p.m. (BYOL) and is followed by the dinner an hour later. Your check for \$7.50 per person will also constitute your registration. Please make the check payable to The Wasatch Mountain Club, and send it in an envelope marked "Nomination Dinner" to WMC, 3155 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106 before January 4.

News & Notices

"Beginning" Tours

The other evening at the ski touring committee meeting we were discussing the advisability of establishing specific requirements for participation on various ski tours. We decided that the way the article in the Rambler states the idea is the best criterium. Quote, "A BEGINNER would be the person who has only been on Nordic skis a few times and has a lot of difficulty with down hill sections". To amplify this, a skier going on a WMC Beginning Nordic tour would not be a raw beginner who had never been on his skis before. A raw beginner should attend one of the clinics which are provided free of charge by some of the various ski shops (see page 5 of the November 1977 issue). In these sessions, the beginner is taught and gets experience in stride and balance, use of poles, kick turns, getting back up, basic waxing, etc. These essentials are necessary before one participates in a WMC beginning tour. It is recommended that all beginning tour participants, as well as intermediate and advanced participants, register with the tour leader so if there is any question about the ability rating of the tour, this can be discussed and participation resolved before a person gets into more than he wants to handle. Some of these "Beginning" tours are strictly not true beginning tours but definitely require an average ability of Nordic Skiing--more than the word "Beginning" implies. It is suggested that beginners practice with a friend or by oneself on one of the numerous golf courses--Bonneville, Mt. Dell, or Park City. Practicing the rudiments here will build up one's confidence and allow one to really enjoy the WMC beginning tours, and of course one can progress to the other higher rated tours depending on one's ability and natural proficiency.

(Note: See article and charts by Dave Hanscom & Dwight Nicholson in the November 1977 Rambler.)

Racing Notice

Some of the citizens cross country ski races this year will have team competition. We're putting together a Wasatch Mountain Club team and would like to hear from anyone that is interested. No racing experience is necessary, just desire. We'll help you with waxing, technique, and strategy. Call Dave, 487-6065 or Dwight, 359-6178.□

From the Board

by Dennis Caldwell

DUES

To those of you who have been regularly reading these sundry communications it shall come as no surprise that the board has faced up to the inevitable and raised the dues. As discussed in recent issues of the RAMBLER and at the November 2 general meeting, the basic reason for this is to cover the inflationary increase in operating costs. Specifically, we have reached the point where printing and mailing costs for the RAMBLER are roughly equal to our only guaranteed source of net income, the dues. While our reserves are in relatively good stead, there are evident reasons for leaving ourselves some margin for contingencies and refraining from spending money at least as fast as it comes in.

Accordingly, the following schedule will go into effect on March 1, 1978:

Initiation and Reinstatement	\$5.00
Regular membership	\$10.00
Spouse membership (per couple)	15.00

LODGE

Our Brighton retreat is now at the point where its continued viability can no longer be taken for granted. The salient features of the situation are:

- 1) Several long postponed renovation projects are in the offing, such as rewiring and roof repairs.
- 2) The prohibitively high (and still rising) fire insurance premiums, now standing at around \$1400 per year for \$40,000 nominal coverage, will require the formulation of a long term alternative (five year plan) for building up equity

to defray the costs of repairs and possible replacement in the future.

- 3) It is anticipated that much of the required capital will come from voluntary contributions and increased non-member rental fees in conjunction with investments. Depending on circumstances and the desires of the membership, a certain portion of the club's reserves could also be made available for specific projects of pressing importance.

Spearheaded by the Swanson brothers and Paul Horton, a last ditch effort to gather wood for the lodge was successfully mounted, culminating in the harvest of a huge vanload. Many thanks to those who participated.

NOMINATIONS

The customary process of natural or unnatural election of club officers goes as follows:

- 1) By the middle of December a nominating committee will have a slate of candidates, ensuring that each board position is covered. This list will be published in the January RAMBLER.
- 2) In addition, nominations can be made any time up to and including the Nomination Dinner. A final list will be placed in the February RAMBLER and on the ballots.
- 3) The club continually needs new blood to maintain that delicate blend of past and future vital for our recreational and social well-being. All you need to do to nominate a candidate is to choose a likely prospect and, after establishing their eligibility by virtue of past participation in at least eight scheduled club events excluding purely social affairs, secure a commitment and make it known to any board member prior to the deadline. □

Conservation Comments



Pinecrest Inn in Upper Emigration Canyon. Photo taken during early 20's by W.M.C. photographer W.H. Hopkins. The Inn - long since burned to the ground - was the scene of many early Mountain Club recreational and social activities.

Annexation for Emigration?

by Alexis Kelner

It's almost predicable! Wherever there is a piece of land in an undeveloped canyon, sooner or later someone is going to want to build a condominium complex or a housing development on it.

That's exactly what is happening in Emigration Canyon.

For many years Emigration Canyon has lain undiscovered and undeveloped just a few miles from downtown Salt

Lake City. There has been development of a sort there--it's impossible to miss it as one drives along the canyon--but for the most part it has only been in the form of single family dwellings, and because of the lack of water and sewer facilities, the pace has been quite slow and even.

If a group of land developers who have managed to purchase several hundred acres of land just above Camp Kostopoulos have their way, all that will change, and rather suddenly. Emigration Canyon may well become the next major environmental battle in Utah, except this time, there are a number of positive influences that may help to even up the sides.

While Emigration Canyon borders the city, it is not part of it, and Salt Lake County is responsible for the zoning, schools, sanitation, and for providing other services to the approximately 400 residents living in the canyon. Current county zoning in the canyon is very liberal, allowing a potential developer to do practically anything he may wish to do. But, the nearest county sewer and water services are almost ten miles away. As long as the canyon remains part of the county, no massive development can take place. The developer would like to change all that, and has applied to have his lands, and lands of some adjacent residents, annexed to the city. He has petitioned the City Commission to proceed with annexation as rapidly as possible. To smooth the way, and to speed up the process, he has hired a highly talented lobbying group especially trained in behind the scenes negotiations with our elected officials and representatives.

The City Commission, not interested in repeating the problems it has had with city foothill developments, is taking a very cautious and methodical approach to annexation. They have no canyon zoning ordinances today, they claim, and have instructed the planning

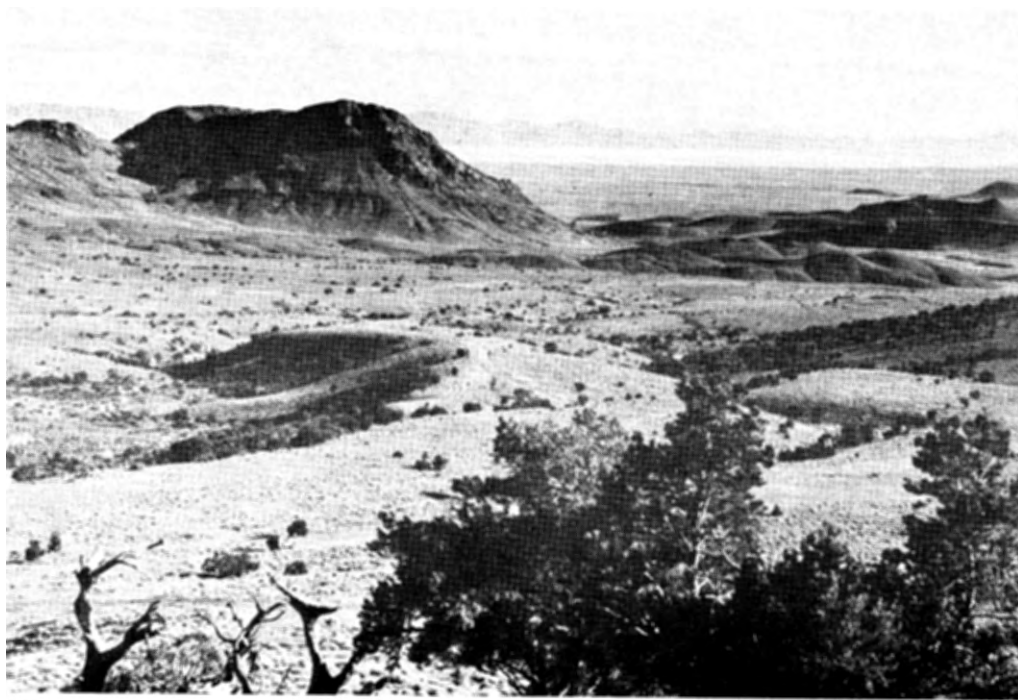
and zoning commission staff to prepare a Canyon Zoning Ordinance that would cover any canyon properties wishing annexation. They would like to have a master plan for the entire canyon worked out before considering any annexation petitions.

A draft zoning ordinance has been prepared by the zoning group and has been circulated among residents of the canyon. At a recent meeting of the zoning commission, a petition of some 275 Emigration Canyon residents was submitted against the proposed ordinance and annexation.

The residents have a number of very valid points opposing annexation. They point out that only property owners who were in favor of the development were included in the annexation petition. The boundary of the annexation parcel, they claim, was jerry-mandered to exclude any property owners who are opposed to annexation. In addition, they point out, no studies have been made of the traffic problem that would be generated by a vast development as planned. The city planning commission, they also claim, does not have data on the total number of acres of private lands that are suited for development in the canyon, and without such data cannot possibly prepare a master plan for the entire canyon.

Another reason for opposing annexation is the change in the style of development that will take place. Most residents are happy with the present slow system of growth in the canyon, where every new home builder has to go through a "lot of suffering" just to get water rights in the canyon.

For members of the WMC there is little to do right now except to watch and listen and to become more informed of the issues as they surface. With or without annexation one thing is ultimately certain: some development in Emigration Canyon will take place. Will it be slow "clutter" or instant "cluster"? □



Antelope Springs...Photograph of the October 1977 trip by Tom Tollefson, a new club member.

The Maze—Canyonlands

Oct. 15-18, 1977 by Neff Walker

Thirteen backpackers/jeepers met at Hans Flat ranger station at 10:00 Saturday morning under clear skies. Some had driven down the day before and camped in the vicinity; at least one (John S.) left S.L.C. at 0300 Saturday morning to make it on time, and, but for a flat tire, he would have.

After trying to buy out the bookstore in the ranger station, we all loaded into an assortment of four-wheel drives for the 24 mile jeep trip to the Maze Overlook. This was the first time down

the Flint Trail for most and the most exciting part of the trip for some.

Arriving at the Overlook at 2:00 p.m. (exactly on time) we lunched, donned backpacks and took off down the trail. There are several interesting moves on that trail, at least one of which required lowering packs and down-climbing.

The distance from the Overlook to our base camp which Mike H. had chosen was about three miles, which we covered in about two hours, leaving us plenty of time to set up camp and hike to the nearest pictograph panel. It is known as the "Harvest Scene" and is probably the best panel in the Maze.

Sunday morning found most of the group heading back up the same canyon (unnamed on the map, but could well be called the East Fork of the South Fork of Horse Canyon). Most of that group, broken up in several smaller groups, made it out to the top at Lizard Rock. John S. did a solo climb to the top of Lizard Rock and reported a spectacular view from the top. Sherm and Jerry lost the trail on the way back and had to do some fancy ledge-jumping to regain it.

Mike H., Mike S., John O. and I headed up the nearest side canyon to climb up to the Chocolate Drops.

Just as we were about to leave camp, a single backpacker emerged from the mouth of an adjoining side canyon and asked us to deliver a message for him to the park ranger. He was spending a total of four weeks alone in Canyonlands and was trying to keep the rangers apprised of his movements and plans. He had left his car on the East side of Elephant Hill and had walked from there. He had swum the Colorado about two miles above Spanish Bottom and had protected his equipment for the crossing in plastic bags. Such adventure!! We agreed to deliver his message when we went out on Tuesday, and since he planned to try the same route we were about to try, we invited him to join us.

We had been told that the route across

the ledges was marked with cairns, and we diligently searched for them as we ascended higher and higher on the ledges. Our ascent required a number of belays and some pack hauling. Eventually Traver, our new companion, spotted the first cairn two ledges below us with his binoculars. After a pow-wow we decided to keep going rather than go back down and follow the cairns. It turned out to be a good decision as we were able to go up the rest of the ledges with only one more belay.

The view from the Chocolate Drops was truly impressive in all directions. After a lunch break and some geologic identification of formations using the Sierra Club Totebook "Reading the Rocks", we proceeded south up the ridge to The Wall and Lizard Rock. Failing to find Heyduke's cache, we did spot a beautiful arch known as Tibbett Arch in the Entrada (Cedar Mesa?) sandstone in the Fins. We also stumbled across a very large chipping area near the Wall where a large group of Indians had apparently camped at some time in the distant past.

At this point we left our friend Traver, who was headed for Pete's Mesa. We found a route marked by cairns back into the Maze and got back to camp just in time for happy hour.

The party that evening was quite memorable???!! Everyone had brought plenty of cheer and hors d'ourves, which turned out to be dinner for some. We ate, drank and sang around the "campfire" (a small candle lantern carried in by Mike H. Fires are prohibited). I was told the next morning that I didn't put my block-flute away early enough!

Monday found groups going in all directions. Trudy, Ruth, Jerry, Susan, Daisy and I decided to explore South Fork. Every two or three hundred yards we would come to the mouth of a most interesting side canyon just begging to be explored. A person could spend weeks just in this one corner of the Maze to do it justice.

The Maze (continued)

After an early snack Jerry and I decided to make tracks for the head of South Fork to see if that was another route in and out of the Maze. South Fork splits in a major Y just east of The Gap, and the decision to go up the left fork proved to be the wrong one. We were compensated, however, by a beautiful pool in which we washed our bodies and our shirts (what relief). Upon returning to the Y, we met John O., Mike H. and Mauritia, who had done the Chocolate Drops again and found a way down the right hand end of South Fork.

There are rumors that there are horse trails into the Maze, probably blazed by Joe Biddlecome after he established a cattle ranch in the Robber's Roost country in about 1908. One is said to drop into the head of Horse Canyon near the Park boundary; the other is said to drop into South Fork from somewhere near Elaterite Butte. Confirmation of these rumors must await a future trip (or a phone call from someone who knows. Call 262-9022).

John S., strong hiker that he is, attempted a trip down Horse Canyon to

its confluence with the Green, a distance of some 11 or 12 miles each way. He reported it goes to within a half mile of the Green at which point is an un-passable 100 foot drop. At that point he scrambled up the ledges to the mesa on his right and was able to get to its edge and look down on Stillwater Canyon, one of the most beautiful stretches of the Green.

All the rest of the group took hikes in ones and twos down Horse Canyon to the drop or to side canyons too inviting to pass up. No significant ruins or panels were reported but some small petroglyphs were found.

Tuesday morning found us leaving camp by 0830 for the long hike/jeep trip/highway drive back to Salt Lake. Trudy, Susan, Daisy and I took the route through Capitol Reef and have never seen it more beautiful with the Poplars and Cottonwoods all turning brilliant yellow; A fitting climax to a great extended week-end.

Participants: Mike Hendrickson (leader), Mike Sattewhite, John Osgood, John Sloan, Sherm Dickman, Ruth Holland, Jerry Powelson, Eveline Bruenger, Trudy and Susan Healy, Daisy Chadee, Mauritia Daily and Neff Walker.□

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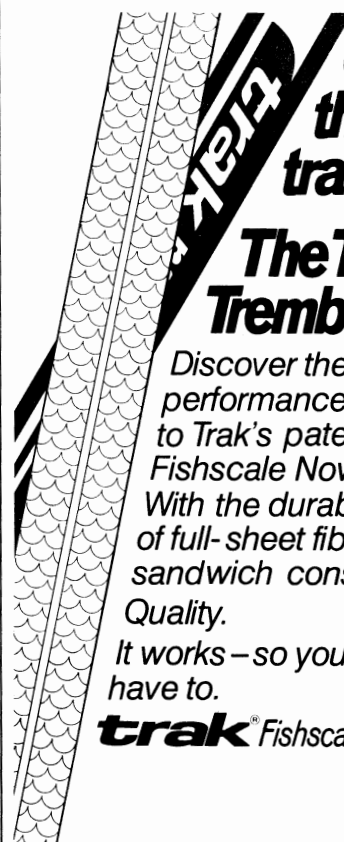
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Silver Fork — Honeycomb Fork Loop

October 2, 1977

Due to a nondescript announcement in the Rambler, occasioned by the hiking committee recruiter's elation in locating a trip leader, few of the twenty-five people who appeared for this hike knew where it was going. After the leader described the intended route, most of them still weren't sure where they were going, but as the day unfolded, the Silver Fork-Honeycomb Fork Loop turned out to be an interesting and enjoyable trip. It followed a newly improved road from the lower Solitude parking lot to the Alta Tunnel in Silver Fork, where mine work intended to provide a water supply for the new Solitude ski area was examined. Then an old trail and indistinct road were followed into the head of Silver Fork. Many old mines in that area provided relics worthy of examination, such as a boiler and pump at one of the lower mines, and another boiler, winch and collapsed remains of the lift tower at the Prince of Wales mine, high on the Silver Fork-Honeycomb Fork ridge. The Prince of Wales mine road was followed over the pass between Silver Fork and Grizzley Gulch, then left behind as the group climbed to the top of the Honeycomb Cliffs, where a sheltered spot with a splendid view of Honeycomb Fork and the entire Brighton area was chosen for a lunch stop. All twenty-five hikers arrived there within a span of a few minutes, an event unique in the annals of WMC hikes.

After a relaxed lunch, badly seasoned by shaggy dog stories, the group descended to Twin Lakes Pass. Here the WMC hiking syndrome came to the fore, and the group split, the faster people disappearing down the Twin Lakes trail, never to be seen again. The slower group crossed the pass between Twin



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Lakes and Honeycomb Fork, following a little used trail above the Black Bess Mine and descended to the Woodlawn Mine farther down the fork. The three cabins at the latter mine were examined; it was the consensus that last rites were in order, since the roofs have collapsed and the walls are sagging badly. The hike ended by continuing down Honeycomb Fork to the Silver Fork road, then back to the cars at Solitude. Only twelve of the original twenty-five were left at the end. Of the other thirteen, all of whom missed the pass into Honeycomb Fork, eleven went past Lake Solitude and followed the more direct, but less interesting road back to the cars. The remaining two stayed on the trail and found themselves in Brighton. A little hitchhiking brought them back to their car.

This scattering of the fold

emphasized some comments made by the trip leader earlier in the day. This was one of his many favorite hikes in the Wasatch, hikes the club does not include in its hiking repertoire, and hikes that do not follow well defined or well known trails. The WMC hiking tradition that has members of the group scattered from one end of the trail to the other can only lead to difficulties on this type of hike, and thus has made him reluctant to lead any of them as club trips. His reluctance was well justified.

Hikers included: Trudy Healy, John Riley, Theresa Overfield, Sandra Taylor, Fred Zoerner, Mary Jo Sweeney, Richie Calvin, Clay Benton, Bill Viavant, Pat Fairbanks, Trudy Bach, Lynne Larsen, Jack Roddy, Bob Woody, Barbara Woody, Rip Johnson, John Verbiscar, Ray Schott, Susan Schott, Mike Treshow, Audrey Stevens, Susan Healy, Chris Cunningham, Gail Borden, Charles Keller-trip leader.□



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John F. Moellmer

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I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club and enclose \$ _____ as my annual membership dues for the year _____, \$ _____ of which is for a subscription to the Rambler for the year and \$4.00 entrance fee. (If joining during January thru August, dues are \$6.00 of which \$5.00 are for a Rambler subscription -- Spouse dues (non-subscribing) are \$3.00 additional. If joining during September thru December, dues are \$3.00 of which \$2.50 are for a Rambler subscription -- Spouse dues (non-subscribing) are \$1.50 additional. Add \$4.00 entrance fee to each application, single or couple. Subscriptions are not deductible from dues. I (do) (do not) desire to receive the Rambler.

I have attended two Club activities in the past 12 months as required for membership such as hikes, ski tours, camping trips, rock-hound trips or work parties and have been recommended by two trip leaders who are Club members. Events such as lodge parties, winter socials, lectures, meetings, etc. are not activities qualifying for membership. I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Club as specified in the Constitution and Bylaws as determined by the Board of Directors.

I am specifically interested in the items checked below:

Hiking _____ Ski Touring _____ Boating _____ Mountaineering _____ Cycling _____

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CLUB ACTIVITIES ATTENDED:

1. _____ Date _____ Signature of recommending Trip Leader _____

2. _____ Date _____ Trip Leader _____

(Note: The signature of a Director may be substituted for one Trip Leader.)

Signature of Applicant

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