



# The Rambler

WASATCH MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB

# Wasatch Mountain Club

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## THANKS:

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# Club Activities

## Dec. 1978

NOTE: THERE IS A PAPER SHORTAGE IN UTAH,  
FOR OFFSET PAPERS USED IN PRINTING SUCH  
THINGS AS THE RAMBLER. BECAUSE OF THIS,  
A NUMBER OF TRIP WRITE-UPS HAD TO BE POST-  
PONED FOR FUTURE ISSUES.

AVALANCHE INFORMATION is available from the Wasatch National Forest sports information recording, 486-6333. Avalanche probes, cords, shovels, and pieps are required on tours at the discretion of the leader. Club probes may be borrowed from John Riley, 3639 Palisade Drive, 485-2567.

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- Sat, Dec 2 Intermediate Ski tour, White Pine. Leader, Dick Leining, 583-1616
- Sun Dec 3 Intermediate Ski tour, Catherine Pass, Leader, Al Wickham, 272-7996
- Sat Dec 9 Intermediate Ski tour, Days Fork from the bottom. Leader, Trudy Healy, 583-3411
- Sun Dec 10 Beginning ski tour, snowshoers and Nordics welcome, Lake Solitude. Leader, Joyce Sohler, 272-2624.
- Dec 9-10 Lodge Open. We need someone to host the lodge for this weekend.
- Sat - Sun Call Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856, for details.
- Sat Dec 16 Ontario Canyon, Park City, NTD, Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632
- Sun Dec 17 Honeycomb Fork, MoD, Jim Byrne, 582-5631
- Fri. Dec.22 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT YOUR LODGE. 7:30 pm. COME ONE, COME ALL: SHARE YOUR FAVORITE DISH AND HOLIDAY SPIRITS. LET'S MAKE THE LAST PARTY OF THE YEAR ONE OF THE BEST!!! BRING A FIREND OR TWO, OR THREE. REMEMBER, THE LODGE WILL BE OPEN DEC.22-25. Admission: \$1.00. For more information call Karin: 942-6065, Ilka 581-1978, Nelson: 571-7926. BYOB - DANCING- POT LUCK.
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COVER: Mike Hendrickson on ski tour to the Club Lodge for Christmas Party to be held Dec. 22. See details in Schedule.

Photographer unknown.

Sat Dec 23 Catherine Pass, NTD, George Swanson, 466-3003

Dec 23-25 Lodge Open. We also need a host for this Holiday weekend. Call  
Sat-Mon Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856, for details.

Sat Dec 30 Red Pine, MoD, Danny Thomas, 561-5667

Sun Dec 31 Lake Mary, NTD, Wick Miller, 532-7412

Mon Jan 1 Dog Lake (Mill D), NTD, Steve Swanson, 484-5808

Dec 30- Lodge Open. Host needed. Call Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856,  
Jan 1 for details.  
Sat-Mon

Sat Jan 6 Scotts Pass, NTD, Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856

Sat Jan 6 Cardiff Fork, MoD, Chuck Ranney, 363-7285

Sun Jan 7 Maybird Gulch, MsD, Rolf Doebbeling, 467-6636

Sun Jan 7 White Pine, Park City, MoD, Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632

Sun Jan 7 Broads Fork, MoD, Snowshoers Only, Elmer Boyd, 969-7814

Jan 6-7 Lodge open. A host is also needed for this weekend. Call Mike  
Sat-Sun Hendrickson, 278-9856, for details.

Sat Jan 13 Mt. Wolverine, MoD, Pete Hovingh, 359-4791

Sat Jan 13 Snake Creek Pass, NTD, Jim Calgleish, 295-8749

Sun Jan 14 Alexander Basin, MsD, Dwight Nicholson, 583-6054

Sun Jan 14 Bench Creek, Woodland, MoD, Tom Stevens, 486-2994

Sun Jan 14 Silver Fork, NTD, John Riley, 485-2567

Sat Jan 20 NOMINATION DINNER. Join us for this annual dress-up event to  
solemnize the choice of these intrepid enough to run for the board.  
Place: Andy's Smorgasbord, 3350 Highland Drive.  
Time: Social hour 6:30 - 7:30.  
Price: \$8, includes set-ups.  
Your check for the appropriate amount will constitute your registration.  
Please make checks payable to WMC and send them to Karin Caldwell,  
3645 Golden Hills Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84121.  
Deadline for registration is January 13.

# Ski Touring-1979

## Ski tour classifications and ski touring general

A new ski tour rating system is being established.

|                  |                     |                         |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning tours, | New classification, | NTD, Not Too Difficult. |
| Intermediate     | New classification, | MoD, More Difficult.    |
| Advanced         | New classification, | MsD, Most Difficult.    |

The ski touring committee has discussed the advisability of establishing specific requirements for participation on various ski tours. We decided that a participant in a beginner or NTD tour should have been on Nordic skis several times, but not necessarily be very proficient on down hill sections. To amplify this, a skier going on a WMC, NTD, Nordic tour would not be a raw beginner who had never been on his skis before. He should have mastered uphill techniques, at least. A raw beginner should attend the clinics which are provided free of charge by some of the various ski shops. These clinics are held on Saturdays and offer beginning instruction and in some cases more advanced instruction. Some also offer evening discussions (such as, at Timberline Sports). However, in all instances, it is important to call the respective shops and find out the details:

|                          |                     |          |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Timberline Sports        | 3155 Highland Drive | 466-2101 |
| Wasatch Mountain Touring | 779 East 311 South  | 359-9361 |
| Village Sports Den       | 1384 Foothill Drive | 582-5611 |
| The Mountaineer          | 207 South 13th East | 582-2338 |

The ski touring clinics provide a very good way to get into the sport and enough instruction to participate in a WMC NTD tour. All shops have equipment for rent which is a good way to find out what kind of skis one really wants. 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 NTD tour. It is required that all NTD tour participants, as well as MoD and MsD participants, register with the tour leader. 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 NTD tours do 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 buildup one's confidence and allow one to really enjoy the NTD tours, and of course, one can progress to the other higher rated tours depending on one's ability and natural proficiency.

If you question whether you are capable of participating in a NTD or a MoD tour, you can contact George Swanson, 466-3003, or Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632, and one of them can arrange to meet with you some late afternoon and review your progress.

Snowshoers, with experience, NOT BEGINNERS, are welcome on all NTD tours, For participation on MoD tours, discuss with leader.

For advanced, or MsD tours, a qualification system is being established. In order to participate in an MsD tour, you must have proven your ability on one or more intermediate tour and then contact Milt Hollander, Dave Hanscom, or Dwight Nicholson and make arrangements for your skiing ability to be reviewed. We will test your ability to turn on steep terrain as well as your endurance. This procedure is for your and other members safety and enjoyment. Cooperate with the program and we'll all have a great touring season.

In order to get this program started, a list was compiled from the 1977 membership list of skiers whom the committee felt was qualified. The following tourers will not have to qualify:

Gerry Horton, Bob Irvine, Yukio Kachi, Charles Keller, Alexis Kelner, Dwight Nicholson, Roly Pierson, Dave Smith, Larry Swanson, Tom Stevens, George Swanson, Steve Swanson, Allan Taye, George Westbrook, Bob Bamford, Fred Bruenger, Ray Daurelle, Tom Dickman, Mel Fletcher, John Gottman, Dale Green, Trudy Healy, Greg Janiec, Harley King, Gary Larsen, Dick Leining, Bino Leavitt, John Mason, Robt. Meyers, Wick Miller, John Moelmer, Ross Pearson, Paul Rubinfeld, Andy Schoenberg, Diana Schoenberg, Jim Shane, Wayne Slagle, Max Townsend, Mike Treshow, Tim Viavant, Peter Viavant, Neff Walker, Ron Weber, Al Wickham, Laura Webb, Robt. Wright.

Joel Bown, Dennis & Karin Caldwell, Gail Dick, Rolf Doebbeling, Bob Frohboese, Dave George, Cal Giddings, Harold Goodro, Charlie & Emily Hall, Dave Hanscom, Milt Hollander, Pete Hovingh

If your name is not included it is not an oversight but an error of judgment of the committee or that you have joined the club since the 1977 membership list was compiled.

All tours limited to 12 participants. Reservations not accepted more than 5 days in advance. See the January issue for ratings of tours not rated here. Ratings can vary depending upon route, Discuss with leader. Avalanche information, call 486-6333.

Equipment - Club probes may be borrowed from John Riley, 3639 Palisade Drive, 485-2567. Tour leaders may request you bring shovels, avalanche cords, and pieps as they deem necessary.

# From the Board

By: Dennis Caldwell

## Elections:

It is time again to get the machinery in order for selecting next year's board. There will be several open positions:

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Secretary     | 5. Membership     |
| 2. Rafting       | 6. Mountaineering |
| 3. Entertainment | 7. Kayaking       |
| 4. Hiking        |                   |

Needless to say, all the other positions are open as well, but at the moment the incumbents are willing to give it another try.

Now is the best opportunity for those of you with distinctive ideas on how the club should be run to come forward and put them into practice. A nominating committee has been formed and qualified members should contact:

Dale Green 277-6417  
Larry Hoskins 272-1754  
Dian Schoenberg 943-9857  
Carol Wiens 272-3182

# Life Memberships

By: Dale Green

In the September Rambler, our President suggested changes to be made in the Life Membership bylaws. The life membership provisions in our Constitution and Bylaws have also been questioned in the not too distant past because conditions have so greatly changed since the inception of this class of members about 30 years ago.

Not every 'old-timer' I've talked to agrees as to how or why life memberships were established. The most common story is that many members wanted to honor those who had founded the Club or those who had worked so hard for 25 years to keep the Club going. Life membership was to be an honorary position bestowed for service. The sole criterion of 25 dues-paying years was probably valid at that time. Anyone who stayed with the Club from the early 20's to late 40's must have devoted much of their time. Several years ago, at the prompting of a life member, I undertook a serious look at life memberships and its ramifications on the Club. What follows is an abbreviated, updated account of what I found.

1. Right after the new rules were passed, a new type of dues payer emerged, those who paid dues for the sole purpose of acquiring life membership. As a result, we now have Life Members no one else in the Club knows. Some of them were active 5 or 10 years, then paid dues until granted life memberships. More disturbing are the ones where there is no record of them ever attending a trip and no other long-time member I've interviewed knows them. Is this what life membership was intended to honor? (In fairness, our records are incomplete. They must have attended something.)
2. Ramblers cost 50¢ each at present, \$6 per year, with costs going up all the time. We now owe life members free Ramblers for the rest of their lives - 20, 30, 40, maybe 50 more years.
3. A review of membership records from the 1940's to present shows that most non-dues paying life members will be so for substantially longer than they were dues paying members.
4. No money from dues has ever been set aside to defray the costs of life memberships.
5. From the late 1930's to 1958 club membership was between 100 and 150. New members were relatively infrequent, 5 to 10 a year. For a few years there were only one or none. In 1959 conditions drastically changed. Membership shot up to 200, 300, then to 700 with around 100 new members a year. Four years ago I made a list of potential life members based on those who had paid dues over 15 years. It averaged about 1.5 names per year for those who joined from 1952 to 1959 (would become life members in 1977 to 1984). In the next two years there were 5 times as many names as the previous 8 years combined! Some have subsequently dropped out but the WMC may soon experience a Life Member explosion like the baby-boom after WW II.

It was for the above and other reasons that 4 years ago the Board changed the bylaw to add a 'service to the Club' provision. The present Board is now defining what constitutes service. In my opinion, far more drastic action is needed.

I recommend:

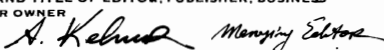
1. Write a grandfather bylaw to protect all those who have obtained life memberships for whatever reason.

2. Grant no more life memberships. Establish instead 25-year-member recognitions, maybe even designate every additional 5 years in the membership list. If those about to become life members object too strongly, write a bylaw clause to wait a few years for this to take effect.
3. With Board-designated exceptions, everyone, including present life members, should at least pay for their Rambler subscription. Exceptions should be made to retired people over 65 on limited incomes.

According to one life member, establishing life memberships was anything but a unanimous vote. A substantial minority thought it was a big mistake. I agree. Certainly recognition should be given where recognition is due but the logic of granting a membership for the rest of a person's life escapes me. It's time for a change and the longer we wait, the harder it will be.

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# TRIP Talk

Upper Red Pine Lake Joanne Martin

"Oh, no, - there won't be snow down that low" I was assured by the hike's intended leader the previous evening. "I don't think we need to worry about snow today" stated the actual leader when we met at the foot of Little Cottonwood. Then later, after he'd been told by Ranger Gene that there was 8" of snow at Lower Red Pine, "I can't believe we'll find that much." The Eternal Optimist. (You can tell by the perpetual smile on his face.) But the hikers with the knee-high gaitors on were looking rather smug, I thought.

And so we ascended, through the aspens which just a few short weeks before had provided a solid golden canopy over our heads. Now their white and black silhouettes against the incredibly blue sky provided a totally different, but just as rare, beauty. A stream midway up seemed to provide a dividing line between fall and winter. ("Like stepping into Shangri-La", said a companion on the way down.)

Indeed there wasn't 8" of snow at Lower Red Pine, only about 6" - but the depth rapidly became directly proportional to the altitude from there on up. "I know there are fewer boulders to the west but I think it would still be easier to hike where there are tracks." Fool's gold. "Does that patch of snow have some-

thing sustaining underneath or will I fall through up to my neck (or worse)", soon became the question of the day. Some of the "hops" by the longer-legged (and no doubt braver) men turned into a hands-and-knees affair for yours truly. Not to mention having to be rescued from a cul-de-sac by Steve. It was well into the afternoon before we could find a dry place to sit down for lunch. Fortunately my hypoglycemia attack had been allayed earlier by a kind donation from Frank West: a bagel spread with cream cheese ("the world's most dense organic material" said his companion). We'd been rejoined a few minutes earlier by John and Karl who had climbed as far as the ridge. (Surely they hadn't taken the same route as we did.) Steve cooled his lone can of beer in a snowbank and shared it with those of us who go in for That Sort of Thing.

And so I climbed into my car a couple of hours later: boots and shoes soaked through, levis wet to the knees, and full of good feelings of beauty, achievement, and friendship.

Those participating: Steve Gersten (leader), Margaret Strickland, Bob Myers, Wanda Rice, Karl Lagerberg, John Riley, Jim Prain, Larry Vanderplas, and Clay Benton.

## Notice

The Winter Socials rank among the great WMC traditions. Despite the fun, there is a catch: people are needed to host them. Believe it or not, there are some rewards amidst the drudgery. We'd like to see some new faces on the circuit this year. Anyone interested please contact Karin by December 15. Phone 942-6065 (home, 581-7168 (office)).

# Ramblings....

by Dale Green

HELLO to new members: David Calhoun, Harold Clayton, Connie & Joe Gates (reinstatement), Carol Greely, Peter Harvey, John Houston, Randy Lang, Donald Mayer, Marilyn McDonald, Margery Miller, Jeri Parker.

Hitched - Dennis Tolboe and Lynn Rea on April 29th. A few weeks after the wedding, Dennis decided to get the wander-lust out of his system and left for a 5-month trip around the world. They met on a Thursday night hike.

Anyone who has ascended Notch Peak in the past few years can't help but be impressed by a summit register entry relating that Yvon Chouinard, Royal Robbins and Tom Stephens had climbed Notch's incredible north face. Mike Young of the BLM's Richfield District just sent me a photocopy of a postcard from Chouinard saying it's a hoax. Neither he nor Robbins have ever climbed Notch Peak.

A Salt Lake County fire station has been completed at Brighton just behind the store at the bottom of the circle. It will house a four-wheel drive pumper and a grass fire truck and will be manned by two part-time and 13 volunteers. Members who frequent the Lodge should become familiar with the facility and its alarm system.

A new public dining facility will be constructed in Brighton. To be known as the Brighton Lodge, the three-floor building will feature a cafeteria, dining room, ski shop and lounge facilities. It will be on the site of the old Alpine Rose Lodge which is north of the Mt. Majestic Manor. They plan to be open for summer dining in 1979.

WANTED - News. Send it to Dale Green, 4230 Sovereign Way, Salt Lake City, Utah or call Dale at 277-6417.

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## SWAP SHOP NEWS by Mary Manley

The first annual Mountain Club Swap Shop was a great success. We had good weather, lots of bargains for the smart buyer and good participation from Club members. The Lodge Fund is now approx. \$500 richer and maybe we will get the kitchen remodeled next spring. Thanks go to all those who helped on Saturday; Without them, the swap shop would not have happened. We appreciate all those who supported this activity by buying or selling. Thanks also to the Tribune and Deseret News, and any of the other media who carried our press release.

This may turn out to become an annual event for the Club. Thanks again for your support.





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