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THANKS....to Lois Shipway, Dale Green, and Alexis Kelner.

John W. Gottman

By Paul Horton

John Gottman was killed in a fall January 29, 1980, while climbing Mt. Cook in New Zealand. He and his partner, Jared Israels of Winnipeg, Canada, fell from near the summit down the Linda Face, coming to rest in an area of the Linda Glacier known as the Gun Barrel. A helicopter search determined that the area was too hazardous, being under overhanging ice cliffs, to attempt a recovery of the bodies. John was in New Zealand with a group sponsored by the Iowa Mountaineers.

John first came to Salt Lake in 1972 on temporary assignment for his employer Sperry Uinvac. Although all his life had been spent in the Midwest, he was greatly attracted to the western mountains and moved here permanently in 1974. Since then he had been a fixture in local outdoor activities, particularly those revolving around the WMC.

From the very beginning, a modest hike up Reynolds Peak, his enthusiasm was remarkable. Filled with compulsive energy, he partook of climbing, hiking, skiing, canoeing, river running and partying. I think John felt an indebtedness to the WMC for providing him with new horizons, for he certainly gave of his services freely. He was a regular trip leader and host, and was on various committees, most recently the nominations committee. He served as Mountaineering Director in 1975 and 1976, initiating and solidifying a new high level of interest and involvement in club climbing activities. The club presented him with a service award in 1978.

Long distance running was increasingly important to John, but his greatest love was climbing. Although ice and mixed alpine terrain were his forte, I think he was proudest of a route he discovered and ascended with my brother on the huge rock face of the Great White Throne in Zion. Locally, the North Face of Mt. Olympus particularly fascinated him, and he would return there again and again to repeat various routes. Always an adventurous climber, he pioneered new routes in Little Cottonwood Canyon and in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming. Ever willing to share his skills, he helped instruct the Beginners Climbing Course and initiated and directed the Ice Climbing Course. His service to the climbing community culminated with his authorship of the guidebook Wasatch Quartzite.

John was a unique man. It was not just those outlandish socks and hats that he wore, nor was it his outrageous social capers that made him stand out. Much more remarkable was his intensity and drive and enthusiasm. His excitement and humor were contagious. He could be outspoken and direct to a fault and yet quietly, sort of on the sly, he was a man of extreme sensitivity and generosity. Those of us who knew John well knew a man of complexity and depth. He was a great friend.

I am sure that John would be quite satisfied with his fate. Though I find it appropriate that he remain forever in his cherished mountains, I wish they were closer to home. In more ways than one John has gone too far away.

Cover photo: John Gottman on a ski tour to the Pfeifferhorn, January 1976. Photo by Renny Jackson.

Club Activities—March 1980

Ski Touring, General Comments

- Call 942-4059 for avalanche information.
 - Club equipment--probes, may be borrowed from John Riley, 3639 Palisades Dr., 485-2567. Also, a portable toboggan is available.
 - Tour leaders may request you bring shovels, avalanche chords, and pieps as they deem necessary.
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- March 1
Saturday
BRIGHTON AREA MOONLIGHT TOUR(S), NTD. The solution to no moonlight tours this season is to organize one! And what better night than when the lodge is reserved for club members. Lake Solitude, Dog Lake, or Snake Creek Pass are candidates, maybe all if a big turnout. Plan to attend a BYOB after party and sleepover at the lodge. Leader, Fred Zoerner, 467-3416.
- March 8
Saturday
SNOWSHOERS' DISCOVERY HIKE INTO DAY'S FORK, MoD. No destination; the tour will be its own reward. Phone leader Andy White, 484-5158, for meeting time.
- March 8
Saturday
8:30 p.m.
ANNUAL MOUNTAINEERS HORIZONTAL ICE CLIMBING PARTY. Hygeia Iceland, 1208 East 2100 South. Once again the climbers challenge all club members to don some one-bladed crampons (ice skates) and attempt to circumnavigate Hygeia Iceland. The public session is from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 P.M. The party following the skating will once again be hosted by Lew Hitchner and Paul Horton at 1075 Princeton Avenue.
- March 8
Saturday
SNOWSHOE TOUR. Phone Joy Ray, 272-3149, and suggest a new tour or an old favorite. Ideas welcomed.
- March 8
Saturday
WOLVERINE CIRQUE. Rating 2,2, MoD. This is always a popular tour. Call leader Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856, to register.
- March 9
Sunday
NAOMI PEAK. MsD. An interesting tour to an area that the club does not ski often. Call the leader, Yukio Kachi, 466-8418, to register.
- March 9
Sunday
BOX ELDER PEAK. MsD. A very demanding trip. Call the leader, Rolf Doebbling, 467-6636, to register.
- March 15
Saturday
SETTLEMENT CANYON. Rating MoD - MsD, depending on snow conditions. This tour is on the Tooele side of the Oquirrh. Skins, climbers or Fishscales are recommended. Call to register with Danny Thomas, 561-5667.

- March 15
Saturday WAXES AND OTHER UPHILL MIRACLES. Planned for beginners/intermediate who want to discover how and why skiing uphill works. Leader's choice of location and time. Call Andy White to register at 484-5158.
- March 16
Sunday MAYBIRD. Rating 3,5, MsD. Call to register. Leader Alexis Kelner, 359-5387.
- March 16
Sunday SNAKE CREEK PASS SNOWSHOE GOURMET TOUR. NTD. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10 a.m. Leader, Shelly Hyde, 583-0974.
- March 16
Sunday SKI SOCIAL at Lori Webb's house, 8698 Gladiator Way, 966-0868. Call for directions.
- Mar. 21-23
Fri. - Sun. PORTNEUF RANGE, IDAHO. MsD. This will be an exploratory trip. Explore the mountains and hot springs around Lava Hot Springs. The hot springs and hot spots are NTD. Early registration required "to get it together" and assure reservations. Leader Harold Hafterson, 1/479-5739.
- March 22
Saturday WHITE PINE. Rating 3,2, MoD. Call the leader to register. Leader Dave Morris, 359-6274.
- March 22
Saturday SNOWSHOE TOUR TO AREA ABOVE THE ONTARIO MINE (PARK CITY). NTD - MoD. Meet at the east side of Parley's Way K-Mart parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Leader, Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.
- March 23
Sunday WHITE PINE - PARK CITY, MoD. The route will go up Thayne's Canyon to Scott's Pass and down White Pine. Meet at the Park City Golf Course Club House at 9:00 a.m. Call to register with Lyman Lewis, 1/649-9632.
- March 23
Sunday DESERET PEAK, MsD. Bring a good lunch and extra clothes and expect a late return. Any kind of equipment, snowshoers welcome. Meet at Odell Peterson's boot repair at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Leader Larry Swanson, 278-3269.
- March 25
Tuesday BEGINNING RAFTING CLASS. If you are interested in rafting rivers with the club this year you must attend this class if you have not done so in previous years. We will discuss equipment, rules, rafting techniques, etc. The class will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Blvd. (back door). If you have any questions, call Chuck Ranney or Wayne Slagle. There will be a charge of \$1.00 per person.
- Mar. 29-31
Sat. - Mon. MOUNTAINEERS ASSAULT OF KING'S PEAK. A select team of climbers will attempt an alpine style ascent of the precipitous Sheeputurdzzi Ridge of King's Peak. To be selected for this elite team you must be able to correctly identify the winter residence of the climbers on Thursday evenings. Register with the leaders, Joe Hall, 561-4029, or Dan Stright, 278-2279.
- Mar. 29-31
Sat. - Mon. SAN JUAN MTNS. MsD. Winter ski/camping trip. This is a first for the club. The skiing will start at Silverton and go to Vestal Basin. Call George Westbrook for details, 968-9984.

- March 29
Saturday MT. WOLVERINE. Rating 2,3, MoD. Call to register. Leader Diane Schoenberg, 943-9857.
- March 29
Saturday TWIN LAKES PASS FROM ALTA. NTD. Here is your chance to ski with Rolf Doebbling on something less than Box Elder peak. Call to register, 467-6636.
- March 29
Saturday BRIGHTON AREA MOONLIGHT TOUR(S). NTD. Again the lodge is reserved for us! Come enjoy a moonlight tour and party after at our lodge. Sleep over on this early spring weekend. Day tourers welcome! Leader, Fred Zoerner, 467-3416.
- March 30
Sunday PARK CITY TO MIDWAY. MoD. This tour ends at the Homestead (Midway) for dip and dinner. Call to register, John Veranth, 278-5826.
- March 30
Sunday SILVER FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR. NTD-MoD. We may go beyond the mine if the group wishes. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader, Joy Ray, 272-3149.
- March 30
Sunday SUPER BASH, SKI SOCIAL AND DRAWING FOR RAFFLE PRIZES. Dinner and refreshments at Ruth Rogers' Hidden Lake Condominium Club House, 4673 Blackswan Drive. (Turn off Murray-Holladay Blvd., 4780 South at 1000 East. Keep to left around circle one block. Club House is opposite office.)
- April 5
Saturday LONE PEAK. MsD. Any equipment (alpine or nordic), showshoers welcome, ice axes helpful. Tour leaves Draper Corners promptly at 7:00 a.m. Leader Larry Swanson, 278-3269.
- April 6
Sunday BALD EAGLE MTN. NTD. This area is destined to be another downhill ski resort. Call to register. Leader John Riley, 485-2567.
- Apr. 11-13
Fri. - Sun. MT. WISTER-TETON SKI MOUNTAINEERING. Ten-mile ski tour into Alaska Basin on the west side of the Tetons. The climb will involve several roped pitches along a snow ridge. Leave Friday at 5:00 p.m. Call John Rehmer for details, 467-0184.
- Apr. 11-13
Fri. - Sun. RUBY MOUNTAINS. MsD. This is an exploratory trip. Call early to register as there will be a limit to number of participants. Leader Dwight Nicholson, 583-6045.
- April 12
Saturday GREENS BASIN. MoD. Call to register. Leader Mike Treshow, 467-1022.
- April 13
Sunday LAKE BLANCHE TO MINERAL FORK. MsD. Alpine equipment only. Call to register. The leaders are none other than Dave and Annie George, 359-8177.

- April 13
Sunday
10:00 a.m. RAFTING WORK PARTY. Put on your grubbies and help check out the rafts. We expect those who want to raft this year to come and lend a hand. Location: The Storage Center, 4317 South 300 West, Unit #214. In case of rain or snow this event will be postponed until one week later (April 20), same time and place. Questions, call Chuck Ranney or Wayne Slagle.
- April 19
Saturday THE ANNUAL GOURMET SKI TOUR. Rating Delicious. A high gourmet tour this year to Catherine Pass. This is a formal affair, black tie, table cloths and napkins.
- Apr. 26-27
Sat. into Sun. KING'S PEAK. Aged leader considering making a single long day of skiing Utah's highest peak. Registration required. Leader Larry Swanson, 278-3269.
- April 26
Saturday UTAH WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION. Hotel Newhouse, Salt Lake City.

The club owns a print of the Sierra Club's 16 mm film on Glen Canyon. No one seems to know where it is at present. If you know its whereabouts, please tell me or someone on the board. Thanks. Dorde Woodruff, 277-5526.

To John Gottman

Your body
Crystals
Frozen
Ice and Snow
The risks you took
One you did not know.

Mt. Cook
Enshrouded Spirit Mountain
You take more lives
Who are you?
Are
You?

Echos
Your thoughts, John
Your life
As you went down.

Echos
Your name, Gottman
Appropriate
Mountain Clasp
Blue-Silver Setting
He's claimed you back
Did you know?

Infinity of minds
You are
Here
Your laughter
Mirthful eyes
Are still
Still
Are.

Echos
One who did not know.

-Anonymous Admirer of John

Postscript from the 1979 Board

By Dennis Caldwell

Conservation

Utah's version of the Sagebrush Rebellion has recently passed its first milestone. The Legislature's formal endorsement of this concept was pretty much of a foregone conclusion, as is the ultimate adjudication of its unconstitutionality. Meanwhile environmentally oriented groups need some program to keep afloat in the wake of this debacle. While there are no sure bets, this may be the time for a little reorientation. Doubtless most supporters of this maneuver do not expect to be handed the deed to millions of acres of federal land; however, this mode of expression is intended to extract as many concessions as possible in future land planning decisions.

On the other side of the fence, there are pending a number of wilderness proposals by the Forest and Park Services, along with a massive inventory by BLM. It would be unrealistic to suppose that all the desires of both sides could be commingled into a single legislative package involving mutual concessions. The closest concrete proposal centers around possible wilderness legislation which would include the release of certain areas from further consideration. While this might be tempting as an expedient to gain a few prime areas, it may prove to be in the long run a dangerous precedent for Congress. It would be difficult to forestall a spate of bills whose sole purpose is such release.

Traditionally the most effective form of release from wilderness consideration has been development. So far a tolerable balance has been maintained between wilderness and multiple use areas through the juxtaposition of economic development and protective legislation. This suggests the consideration of a broad strategy in which the environmental community studies existing plans within the state and supports a package which includes the development of some de facto wilderness lands along with Congressional designation for others.

Unpalatable though this may sound, there is no doubt that the aftermath of the Sagebrush Rebellion will bring substantial concessions from the federal management agencies. It is up to us to see that they are coupled with similar concessions to the Utah environment.

Lodge

The Board has submitted an application to have the Lodge considered for the State and National Register of Historic and Cultural Sites. Without involving any particular constraints on our management of the property, this will serve to give this structure some much deserved recognition as one of the few surviving buildings in the canyons from a bygone era. It will also make us eligible for matching funds should the Club wish to pursue the more extensive phases of the Lodge renovation project. We wish to thank Clare Davis, Alexis Kelner, Ron Weber, Larry Vanderplas, and Roy Reynolds for their help in implementing this application.

Constitution

Pursuant to the questions recently raised on WMC governing procedures, a Constitution and By-Laws Committee has been formed with the following members: Gale Dick, Emily Hall, Paul Horton, Leroy Johnson, and Judy Thomas. During the next few months they will study the matter and work toward drafting a proposal which may be submitted through the Board for a vote by the membership sometime during 1980. They will be amenable to any constructive comments which individuals may wish to pass along.

Wasatch Front Nordic Ski Patrol

By Paul Rubinfeld

The Wasatch Front Nordic Ski Patrol, part of the National Ski Patrol System, is currently active in the Salt Lake area, and is interested in both providing service and obtaining additional candidates. Our main objective at this time is to educate ourselves in winter mountaineering and survival techniques, understanding avalanche conditions, and learning how to conduct or participate in avalanche rescues or search and rescue operations. There are several training requirements, but expert skiing ability is certainly not needed.

We are presently affiliated with the Brighton Touring Center, and have received support from the Brighton Area management and alpine patrol. If we develop successfully, we should function as a major part of an organized search and rescue group in the future.

All skiers and snowshoers should be interested in our radio program on KRCL (91 FM) Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Topics will include Forest Service policies, weather forecasting, avalanche forecasting and control, new equipment, etc. Not only can you call in with questions or advice, but you can suggest and participate in programs that interest you.

For further information, contact James MacMurray (278-4233), Henry Anderson (467-7802), or Paul Rubinfeld (467-2615, home; or 532-3666, office).

Raffle Progress Notes

By Ann McDonald

- GREAT** We already at this writing (early February) have a hundred returns. By the time you read this we should have everybody's ticket stubs and \$\$. If you have not mailed yours in yet, please DO IT NOW and thereby save Larry Hoskins much telephone time.
- SUPER BASH** As you will notice in the schedule, the Super Bash will be on March 30 at Ruth Rogers'. I noticed a slight error in our printing of the tickets: We neglected to write the place of the drawing on the stub. Therefore, would you please, please tell your non-Mountain Club friends who don't know where to go, where it is!
- DONATIONS & PRIZES** If the tickets keep coming in all month the way they have so far then the prizes we purchase will be very good indeed....So far Mel Davis has donations promised from Timberline Sports (\$140 X-country skis); Mountaineer (sweater, hat); Holubar; and Frostline. I have been hitting up the merchants I deal with and have several small items (why don't each of you do the same and let me know the results at 277-5433 p.m.) AND....I have a wholesale outlet for such things as TV's, stereo's and microwave ovens which we shall use as soon as we know the amount we have collected.
- MARCH 30** So - See you at the Super Bash - and if you haven't mailed in your stubs, do so now - and tell your friends the address (Hidden Lake Condominium Club House - details in the schedule).

Goodbye Winter

By Lori Webb

The winter was slow in arriving, now it is fleeting past. The hikers are lacing their boots, the skiers are mourning their loss.

The club has had another great ski year thanks to Milt Hollander, Dwight Nicholson, Joy Ray, Rolf Doebbling, Greg Janiec, Diane Schoenberg and John Riley. And thanks to the many people who led tours. Thanks for getting us through another winter.

Public Hearing Notice

By Peter Hovingh

9 April 1980. 7:00 p.m. Salt Lake City Commission Chambers in the City/County Building at Fourth South and State Street.

Topic: White River Project as sponsored by the Division of Water Resources. Bring your own slides of White River. The natural history will be discussed. The background of the Division of Water Resources proposed project and the latest update on the project will be discussed. Coordination of recreational activity for this final year of the free-flowing White River should be accomplished. There should be one White River canoe trip each month from April through October.

Sponsored by White River Watch.

Contact: Peter Hovingh, 359-4791.

The White River Project consists of a dam located on the White River about 40 miles southeast of Vernal and six miles south of Bonanza. Facilities would include a dam and reservoir and a hydroelectric plant on the White River.

One of the stated purposes of this dam is to stimulate oil shale development in the neighboring region. Some of the water may be used to irrigate Indian lands. The amount, timing, and end use of water for oil shale and tar sand processing is in many respects unknown since the technology is being developed and the relative national priority of these energy resources is evolving. There are numerous alternative water sources for oil shale development.

One effect of the dam on the White River is that another river and its wildlife habitat will be destroyed. This is another clear case where the state of Utah is willing to destroy wildlife habitat and wildlife and unique recreational opportunities just to entice (oil shale) development.

The State Division of Water Resources hopes to start constructing the dam in 1981. This year (1980) may be the last year to see the free-flowing White River, its unique riparian habitat, and its abundant wildlife.

Conservation Comments

The Petroleum Situation

By Walter Haas

As gas becomes more expensive, and we ponder whether it will be available at any price, the Club must consider its response.

First, we might wish to implement a policy that members who ride with others are expected to contribute toward gas burned by the member who is driving. This is now done informally by many people. Some hiking clubs have a stated transportation charge on long trips, which all riders are expected to pay the driver.

Second, we may wish to coordinate hikes and ski tours with the availability of public transportation. This means the UTA along the Wasatch Front. Away from the local area, public transportation is in a dismal condition.

For camping some distance away (southern Utah, Wyoming), we may wish to lease vehicles as the river runners now do. As of September 19, 1979, rental rates for a 15-passenger van were \$44 per day or \$260 per week with 150 free miles per day and a charge of 27 cents for each additional mile, plus gas. Cruising radius of such a van with an auxiliary tank is 400+ miles. As of May 1979, it cost \$965 to rent a Trailways bus, holding 45 people, for a round trip to the Dolores River in western Colorado. This charge includes everything.

The Club might also consider certain policy changes, as follows (note that I am not necessarily advocating any or all of these options at the present time):

1. Making the trip leader responsible for organizing car pooling.
2. Some members will likely have more appropriate vehicles than others. Traditionally, the Club has never assumed any liability for members' vehicles on trips. It might become necessary to change this policy in order to induce those members who have the most appropriate vehicles to let the Club use them.
3. Parties at the lodge might require two "organizers": one to run the party, the other to take reservations and organize the car pool.
4. The Club might consider actively lobbying for more public transportation.
5. We might add a Transportation Director to the Board, if transportation became a full-time job.

If rationing went into effect, we would also need a system for pooling our ration coupons. This can be discussed in detail if/when rationing is announced.



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