

Wasatch Mountain Club

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CLUB ACTIVITIES -

APRIL 1982

SKI TOURING - GENERAL COMMENTS

- * Call 364-1581 for avalanche information. (In Ogden 1-621-2361, in Prevo 1-374-9770)
- * Club probes may be borrowed from Wick Miller, 1404 South 1500 East, 583-5160.
- * Tour leaders may request you bring shovels, avalanche cords, and/or pieps, as they see fit.
- * For general information, see the two articles in the November issue.

HIKING - GENERAL COMMENTS

Spring hikes are generally easy with pace and length adjusted to the party. Since the exact route varies, many do not have numerical ratings. An "easy" hike involves 3 to 5 miles round trip and less than 2000 feet elevation gain. Since the ground can be wet, muddy, or snow covred, wear adequate boots. Also, carry a jacket for protection against cold winds at upper elevations. Contact the trip leader for additional information.

Thurs. April 1	EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. Easy practice climbing and bouldering after work at about 5500 South on Wasatch Blvd. This is the first Thursday night climbing session. This event continues every Thursday night until mid Fall. Place is changed to Storm Mtn. Picnic Area in Big Cottonwood Canyon after the 1st of May. See Mountaineering Ramblings in this issue for more details.		
Sat-Sun April 3-4	EXPLORATORY SKI TOUR TO THE UINTAHS. MsD. Call Dwight Nicholson at 583-6054 for details, and to register.		
Sat. April 3	SNOWSHOERS THIRD ANNUAL GOURMET TOUR. Leader Joy Ray (272-3149) promises sun at Snake Creek Pass. Be at the mouth of the canyon at 9:00 with your favorite dish (no Tom, we're not talking about girls).		
Sat. April 3	SHEEP TRAIL SKI TOUR. NTD. Meet Dennis Zwang (571-8020) at the east end of the K-Mart parking lot at $9:00$.		
Sat. April 3	WOLVERINE CIRQUE SKI TOUR. MoD. Mike Hendrickson (942-1476), at the sign, 9:00 AM. This time we'll make it there, as the avalanche danger should be low.		

Cover: Park City White Pine ski tour (If this looks more like a hot tub scene than a telemark turn, then you need to read the trip write-up in this issue.) Photo by Bob Wright.

Sun. April 4	GREENS BASIN SKI TOUR. NTD. Call your leader, Diane Schoenberg, at 943-9857.					
Sun. April 4	WHITE PINE TO RIDGE TO THUNDER MOUNTAIN SKI TOUR. A hard MsD. You must be properly equipped and must have the requisite skills. Bob Myers (307-789-5076) is leading, but call Wick Miller (583-5160), Bob's SLC contact man.					
Wed. April 7	KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. Practice will be held on six consecutive Wednesday nights, from 8-10 PM. The pool is located at the Northwest Multi-Purpose Center, 300 North 1300 West. Cost: \$3/person/night. You must bring your own equipment.					
Wed. April 7	BICYCLING KICKOFF! Attention Bikies - we want your body and your ideas at the annual bicycle planning meeting. Come and get your favorite ride on this year's schedule. We also want to nominate and elect a cycling coordinator. We will meet at Pandos, 479 East 300 South at 7:00 PM. For additional information, contact Kermit Earle - 255-3330.					
Thurs. April 8	EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. After working hours.					
Fri-Mon Apr 9-12	DEATH VALLEY CAR CAMP. A hike up Telescope Peak (11,047) with the 2 mile straight down view to the floor of Death Valley is planned (rating 9), so is day hiking into Marble Canyon (rating 5-6) and other areas the group may find interesting. Contact Fred Zoerner, 1555 North Sierra, Apt. 129, Reno, Nevada 89503, telephone: 702-323-6275 (leave message as long as you want).					
Fri-Sun Apr 9-11	CANYONLANDS BACKPACK (NEEDLES AREA). A base camp will be set up a short distance from the road and day trips will be taken from there. Contact leader, Ann Cheves, for details. Work: 486-1811, Home: 533-9074.					
Sat-Sun April 10-11	EXPLORATORY SKI TOUR TO THE RUBIES. Lori Webb (566-0868) is leading, so register with her to ski these fine desert mountains in Nevada.					
Sat. April 10	RED PINE SKI TOUR. MoD. Meet Karl Lagerberg (581-9826) at 9:00 at the geology sign.					
Sat. April 10	NORTH OF CITY CREEK SEASON OPENER. Rating 2 or 3. A leisurely walk up the ridge behind the Capitol accompanied by Carl Bauer's ever popular identifications of native plants. Meet leader at the leaves at a Capitol C					

RED PINE LAKE SHOWSHOE TOUR. Last one of the season, so Elmer (969-7814) decided to lead it. Meet at 8:30 at the sign.

the lower gate of City Creek Canyon at 9:00 AM. Phone 355-6036.

BIG BEACON. Rating 3.5. This always popular hike is a good warm-up for those who hibernate during the winter. Meet at the

Leader:

Mike

east end of Hogle Zoo parking lot at 9:00.

Hendrickson, 942-1476.

Sun. April 11

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WILLOW LAKE SKI TOUR. NTD. Time for spring skiing with Oscar Robinson (943-8500). Starting time: 9:00 at the geology sign.

Tues. April 13

NEW RAFTERS' ORIENTATION MEETING. 7:30 PM If you're new to WMC rafting, you must attend this meeting. Kerry Amerman & Co. will be there to discuss rafting as a sport in general, Club trip procedure and personal equipment requirements, show slide illustrations, and answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church recreation room (door on west side of building) at 1070 Foothill Drive.

Wed. April 14

KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. See April 7 details.

Thurs. April 15

EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. After working hours.

Sat. April 17

BUILD YOUR OWN IGLOO (or go condo with a friend). Bring a shovel, saw and lots of waterproof and extra clothes. After the campfire (marshmallows provided) you may opt to spend the night (BYOBB - Bring your own Bag and Board). Winter tent and snowcave campers welcome too. Kimbrite (or is that Whitbrough) Expedition and Construction Company will logisticate. Call Harry (263-2937) or Andy (484-5158) by Thursday the 15th to register.

Sat. April 17

KING'S PEAK SKI TOUR. MsD. Everybody's welcome but you must register with Larry Swanson (278-3269, home or 298-6679, work). Group will leave Friday night and spend a long but not technical day on the hill Saturday. Scenery to knock your sox off.

Sat. April 17

AN EASY MsD SKI TOUR. Go with the Caldwells. Where? Depends on conditions. Call 'em at 942-6065. (I promised you an easy MoD, but I lied; WRM, your Lame Duck Ski Director.)

Sat. April 17

DRY CREEK. This hike follows a small canyon behind the University Hospital. Plenty of time will be available to ovserve birds and flowers. Meet at 8:30 at the Shriners Hospital parking lot. Leader: Carl Bauer 355-6036.

Sun. April 18

RAFTING WORK PARTY - 11:00 AM. Time to do a pre-season check on the equipment and finish up anything we didn't get done last fall. You bring your grubbies, I'll bring the beer. If you took any equipment home to clean at the fall work party, please return it at this time. The work party counts as an activity eligible for WMC membership, so bring your application form. The location for this activity is The Storage Center, 4317 South 300 West, Unit #214. In case of foul weather, this event will be postponed one week (April 25), same time and place. Any questions, call Kerry Amerman 943-6322.

Sun. April 18

OQUIRRH RIDGE. This is a chance to explore the west side of the Oquirrh Mountains and offers fine views of the lake and the ranges and valleys to the west. Meet at S.W. corner of 13th East and Simpson Avenue at 9:00 AM. Leader: Norm Fish, 487-0937.

Sun. April 18	THIS YEAR'S GOURMET SKI TOUR. THEME: TTT, The Tacky Tour. Bad taste in dress but good taste in food. Our destination will be a scenic knoll near the Desolation Lake trail, just off the Dog Lake trail. Meet for ride consolidation at the sign at 10:00 AM. The buffet will be open at 12:30. Bring Gourmet Goodies to share around. Your Tacky Hosts: Gail and Ann Dick.
Wed. April 21	KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. See April 7 for details.
Wed. April 21	BEGINNERS' CLIMBING COURSE EVENING CLASS. 6 PM at 1169 Sunnyside Avenue (850 South Street). See article elsewhere in this Rambler for details.
Thurs. April 22	EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. After working hours.
Sat. April 24	WEBER RIVER ICE BREAKER. Hopefully we will have water this year - makes it more fun ya' know. Bill Sill is our traditional leader, 278-1193.
Sat. April 24	BEGINNERS' CLIMBING COURSE all day on-the-rock class. Storm Mountain Picnic Area, Big Cottonwood Canyon. See article elsewhere in this Rambler for details.
Sat. April 24	FOOTHILL HIKE. Another trip to the area behind the university. Children are welcome on this hike. Meet at the northeast corner of the University Hospital parking lot at 10:00. Leader: Yukio Kachi, 466-8418.
Sun. April 25	SHEEP TRAIL. Despite the name, this is a pleasant walk between Parley's Summit and Mountain Dell Golf Course. The leader plans an easy pace with plenty of time to stop and snoop. Leader: Andy White, 484-5158. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Parley's Way K-Mart (Regency Theater).
Wed. April 28	KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. See April 7 for details.
Thurs. April 29	EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. After working hours.
Sat-Sun May 1-2	CANOE TRIP on the Colorado River by Moab. One day of flat water paddling from Cisco to Dewey Bridge (18 miles) and one day of beginning whitewater practice. We will be car camping. To register call Mary Manley, 277-6307 between 5 and 10 PM only. Please, you must already know how to paddle a canoe.
Sat. May 1	BEGINNERS' CLIMBING COURSE all day on-the-snow class. Storm Mountain Picnic Area, Big Cottonwood Canyon. See article elsewhere in this Rambler for details.
Sat. May 1	RIO MAYO RAFT TRIP. This is the deadline to get in your deposit

of \$100.00 to Wick and Joanne Miller (1404 South 1500 East, 84105, 583-5160). We leave Salt Lake City September 13, 6:03 PM, return in about 16 days. Chance of optional side trips before or after, including the world's most scenic train trip through the mountains of SW Chihuahua.

Sat. May 1

SNAKE RIVER CENTURY BICYCLE RIDE. (100 miles or metric century of about 60 miles.) This is a benefit ride sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Blackfoot, Idaho. This is a very scenic ride over flat terrain along the Snake River. Those interested should contact Kermit Earle at 255-3330 by April 15 as advance registration is required. Registration fee approximately \$12.50 which includes breakfast, lunch and snacks along the way.

Sat. May 1

PENCIL POINT Rating, as far as you want to go. Even though the subdivisions are creeping relentlessly upward, this ridge just north of Parley's Canyon remains an excellent spring hike. Meet at Regency Theater parking lot at 8:30. The leader, Carl Bauer, needs a ride from the Avenues. 355-6036.

Sat. May 1

STANSBURY ISLAND. Actually a peninsula on the west side of the lake, Stansbury Island provides a moderate ascent of a ridge with fine views of the lake and desert. Meet at corner of 13th East and Simpson Avenue at 8:00. Leader: George Swanson, 466-3003.

Sun. May 2

LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN. Rating 6.5, Elevation 8,062. A good conditioning hike of moderate length. This hike offers fine views of the city and should be relatively snow free but be prepared for a bit of snow near the top. Meet at the N.E. corner of the University Hospital parking lot at 8:30. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.

Wed. May 5

MOUNTAINEERING ORGANIZATION MEETING. 7:30 PM, 1169 Sunnyside Avenue (850 South Street - Lew Hitchner's home). Help plan this year's climbing activities and mountaineering trips. Call Lew at 583-2439 for questions or suggestions if you can't make it.

Wed. May 5

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER FOR COOKING HAMBURGERS OR BRINGING BEVERAGES TO THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN. Other methods of selecting members for this club service activity will be employed after this date! Call Lew Hitchner at 583-2439 to VOLUNTEER.

Thurs. May 6

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN PICNIC AREA. After working hours. Thursday night climbing with food (hamburgers) and beverages will continue at Storm Mountain the rest of the season until mid Fall.

Fri-Sat May 7-8

ARCHES CAR CAMP. (Mother's Day in Arches). We have a group site reserved for up to 30 people. Join the leader on some exploratory hikes, or do the old favorites yourself. Call Noel de Nevers 328-9376 to reserve a spot.

Sat-Sun May 8-9

ATTENTION POTENTIAL RIVER CAPTAINS!! DEWEY BRIDGE - MOAB RAFTING OPENER (Beginner). Welcome to our traditional season opener; come enjoy the gorgeous Colorado River scenery and clear out the winter cobwebs. This year the trip will have an added feature - it will serve as a training trip for new captains, both on our paddle rafts and our brand -new oar rig. A contingent of experienced captain types have graciously agreed to lend their expertise in this educational venture, ranging from the finer points

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of river reading to the subtle art of getting swacked at happy hour. Departure will be Friday evening from the boat storage center, 4317 South 300 West #214, and return Sunday evening. The work party will be Monday, May 3 at the storage center at 5:30 PM. Send your \$20 deposit to trip leader, Kerry Amerman, 2562 Canterbury Lane, SLC 943-6322.

Sat. May 8

HOUNDS TOOTH. Climb up to this prominent rock outcrop just south of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Those who want to take it easy can turn around early while hardy hikers can continue up the ridge. Leader needed, call hiking director to volunteer or for information, 278-5826.

Sat. May 8

STANSBURY MOUNTAINS EXPLORATORY HIKE. Rating -moderate. If there is enough interest, we will climb one of the summits on this desert range on the west side of the Tooele Valley. These mountains are generally dry and open on the lower slopes and become forested only in higher sheltered areas. Call leader, John Veranth, to register. 278-5826.

Sun. May 9

MT. OLYMPUS. Rating 8.0, Elevation 9,026. For those who have gotten tired of easy hikes, here is a chance to loosed up your legs. This is a good time to do this hike before the weather gets too hot. Meet at the trailhead south of Pete's Rock at 8:00. Leader: Art Whitehead, 484-7460.

Sat-Sun May 15-16

DOLORES RIVER RAFT TRIP (Beginner - Intermediate). Once again the sinister rumor is out that this river is about to be dammed, so this may be our last year to offer what has been one of our more popular trips. The work party will be Tuesday, May 11 at the Storage Center at 6:00 PM. Send \$20 deposit to trip leader Dave Hart, 1518 Sunnyside Avenue, SLC 583-3228.

July 22-Aug 1

OREGON COAST BICYCLE TOUR. 270 miles in seven days. Astoria to Coos Bay. Approximate cost for transportation = \$75.00. Limited to 20. Deposit = \$50.00. Call Bob Wright 1-649-4194 or Trudy Bach 262-4597.

>>>>>>DUES ARE DUE<

LIFE MEMBERS - IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION

A membership/subscription renewal form was recently sent to you by first class mail. This renewal form, with all applicable blanks filled in, must accompany your dues/subscription check.

Unless payment is received by April 15, 1982, you will not receive a May Rambler which will include the annual membership directory.

Don't miss a single exciting issue - pay early!

HOW TO AVOID FALLING ON SKI TOURS By Gale Dick

There are some people who seem to think that Crash-and-Burn is the technique of choice in ski touring. There is a certain air of madcap heroism in this technique and it works, but it is terribly hard labor and leads to bloody lips and swollen ears. People can get quite good at it and it certainly results in becoming very fit - all that struggling to get up is strenuous. There is however, some may be suprised to learn, another way!

Ski touring isn't so much a matter of survival of the fittest as of survival of the craftiest. There are lots of ways to chicken out of the impending fall. They mainly have to do with figuring out ways to slow down. Some suggestions:

- (1) The snow plow. The great work horse ancient, venerable and quite properly venerated. Works in lots of situations.
- (2) Turning into the hill. Almost always works. Essential in narrow gulleys with bad snow.
- (3) Running into the soft snow. You can usually let the snow itself control your speed. Get off the trail and onto the sides of it. Sometimes it is useful to trail just one ski in the soft stuff.
- (4) Traverse and kickturn. Boring but effective tried and true, this will get you through the most appalling snow and visibility conditions.
- (5) The side slip. This is not always easy on skinny skis with 3 pins but it is one of the great maneuvers and will often get you down very steep places in one piece.
- (6) Walking. It is often easier to punch a trail down a steep crusty ridge slope than trying to ski it, falling, and skittering wildly to the bottom.
- (7) Grabbing onto limbs and bushes. Often useful for that tricky move in the bushier passages.
- (8) Avoiding the summer trails. These often turn into no-exit toboggan runs. Method (7) on these can lead to nasty dislocations.
- (9) Keeping your eyes peeled for surprises. Watch for those glistening patches of icy crust, for those cold shadows where snow will freeze onto your skies wet from spring corn snow.
- (10) Avoiding loss of arms. If your ski pole baskets have closed hoops, remove the wrist straps when there is a lot of brush.
- (11) Choice of route. Choose a path that you think you can actually survive. Straight down may not be the one that you will like best. Convex surfaces are usually easier to manage than concave ones.
- Protuberances. Avalanche probes and shovels sticking up or out sideways catch on limbs and bushes dragging you down. It is not always clear how to carry such objects so as to avoid such problems but it is worth some thought.
- Exhaustion. Avoid it. Husband your strength. Snack often. Don't wear yourself out on the climb up. Everyone has his own best pace; find it and keep it. Don't try to prove yourself to be an Iron Man if you aren't one. Keep moving. Many rest stops don't, in fact, rest. It's the steady rhythmic pace that gets you up those long hauls. When you are tired, you fall more and the more you fall, the tireder you become.
- (14) A bad method. If you use climbing skins you will have fantasized that, in really terrible conditions, you could leave them on for the downhill part of the tour. This doesn't work. You keep falling on your face. Also, you get blisters on the front of your toes.

- (15) The sea anchor. Some people find they can control their descent by riding their ski poles in a sort of hobby horse braking fashion.
- (16) A good method. Of course, you can always parallel elegantly down the breakable crust on your 3 pins. In a pinch, actual skiing technique may be used.
- (17) Don't fall. Your frame of mind is important. Often a grim determination not to fall will work. Mind over matter.

If a fall is inevitable, you can usually make it less strenuous by chickening out: sit down, lurch over sideways into the hill.

All of this probably sounds pretty ignominious and shameful. Remember: most of the time no one is watching. Also remember that if you are with a group you may endanger others as well as yourself by the delays and eventual exhaustion brought on by excessive falling.

WMC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING by Penny Smith, Secretary

Date: February 18, 1982

Place: Zion Lutheran Church, Salt Lake City, Utah

<u>Doug Barber</u>, District Forester for the Salt Lake District of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest discussed Forest Service policies and problems. An emphasis was placed on watershed and camping issues.

The President then read Jim Lee's suggested liability release form, inviting input from the membership. He next introduced the candidates for the new Governing Board. Those present spoke briefly. Voting proceeded. When the votes were counted, the following results were announced:

President Mike Treshow (continuing)
Secretary Dolly Lefever (new)
Treasurer Terry Rollins (new)

Rafting Kerry Amerman (continuing)
Conservation Pete Hovingh (continuing)

Entertainment Pat Peebles (new)

Membership Betsy Minden (new)

Hiking John Veranth (new)

Lodge Alexis Kelner (new)

Mountaineering Lew Hitchner (continuing)

Ski Touring Andy White (new)

Kayaking Debbie Carlson (continuing)
Publications Allen Olsen and Torrie Duncan (new)

Trustee Bob Everson (new)

(The designation "new" refers only to service on this Governing Board, as compared to the previous one. Some of these "new" members have given lots of service in the past.)

CONGRATULATIONS to all, and thanks to all who ran for the Board positions!

Renny Jackson rounded out the evening with an excellent presentation on his recent expedition to the Karakorams. It included a detailed description of preparations and materials, as well as a slide show.

FROM THE TREASURER By Dick Honn

The following reports summarize the financial activity for the club in 1981:

	Balance		Τ	ransfers		Balance
Account	(12/31/80)	Revenue		(1981)	Disbursements	(12/31/81)
General Fund	\$13,531.59	\$14,229.39	\$	(923.50)	\$ 7,367.76	\$19,469.72
Lodge	(506.44)	4,235.10		40.00	4,977.18	(1,208.52)
Boating	4,143.85	7,904.21		(20.00)	5,265.15	6,762.91
Mountaineering	1,165.86 ¹	87.50		(579.74)	29.96	643.66
Entertainment	54.06	1,198.00		72.00	1,210.00	114.06
Conservation	1,167.10			851.50	1,413.00	605.60
Ski Touring	438.23	116.30			10.05	544.48
Hiking	57.19				13.64	43.55
Kayaking	65.59	14.00			7.51	72.08
Misc. Donated	2,311.38	1,589.95		559.74	255.00	$4,206.07^{2}$
Funds						
Wasatch Trails	11,543.71	4,406.30				15,950.01
Totals	\$33,972.12	\$33,780.75		-0-	\$20,549.25	\$47,203.62
Checking Account	\$ 2,100.62					\$ 1,124.23 \$46,079.39 ³
Savings Accounts	\$31,871.50					\$46,079.39 ³

NOTES:

- (1) John Gottman Memorial Fund transferred during the year to the Donated Funds Account.
- (2) John Gottman Memorial Fund \$850.44 Bob Frohboese Memorial Fund - \$1,044.25
- (3) Savings/Investments:
 - (a) The Lockhart Company 6 Month Money Market Certificate
 (1981 interest earned = \$1,326.50)

 (b) Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust (Money Market Fund)
 (1981 divend earned = \$2,965.08)

 (c) The Corporate Income (Bond) Fund
 (1981 earnings = \$1,242.81) Book Value

 Total Savings/Investments

 Total \$12,906.09

 \$46,079.39

MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE

		1981	vs	1980
1.	Membership Dues	\$ 8,515.00		\$ 8,384.30
2.	Interest/Dividends	5,532.39		2,464.40
3.	Wasatch Trails	4,406.30		4,826.67
4.	Lodge Use Fees	4,136.10		3,685.50
5.	Boating Use Fee	3,298.37		4,004.53
6.	Donations	1,589.95		4,856.74

MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

		1981	vs	1980
1.	Lodge Maintenance/Improvements	\$ 4,977.18		\$ 9,165.60
2.	Rambler Publishing	4,501.66		3,166.55
3.	Conservation	1,413.00		963.75
4.	Boating Maintenance/Improvements	1,164.31		1,499.35
5.	Wasatch Trails Publishing	-0-		3,752.37



MOUNTAINEERING RAMBLINGS
By Lew Hitchner, Mountaineering Director

The new climbing season is just about under way by now. The club plans to have its usual schedule of climbing and mountaineering events which will be announced in the upcoming Ramblers.

Thursday nite climbing starts this month at Pete's Rock on Wasatch Blvd., about 5500 South. Most climbers show up as soon as they can after working hours to get in an hour or more of bouldering and top-roped 1 pitch climbs (quartzite). A contingent usually convenes at a local pub for food and drink when it gets too dark or cold to stay outside. Come out and meet climbing friends.

"Thursday Night" will move to Storm Mountain Picnic Area in Big Cottonwood Canyon the first Thursday in May (after Daylight Savings Time starts). A greater variety and number of longer climbs are available there (also quartzite). The usual WMC food and beverages will be available at cost. This is provided as a service by volunteer club members who buy the food and drink on their own and then get reimbursed by the eager, hungry, thirsty, grateful and honest climbers. Volunteers for hamburger cook or beverage person should call Lew Hitchner at 583-2439.

The Beginners' Climbing Course begins the end of April for those who want to learn the basics of rock and snow climbing (see article elsewhere in this Rambler). All club members interested in climbing with no experience so far are encouraged to take this course. Experienced club climbers are asked to volunteer to help with the instruction and practice climbs (call Lew Hitchner).

An organization meeting for summer climbing activities will be held at Lew Hitchner's house (1169 Sunnyside Avenue - same as 850 South Street) on Wednesday, May 5. All members who are interested in leading club climbing trips, or suggesting trips to be taken or events to be held, or who are just interested in finding out what local rock climbing and out-of-state trips are available should plan on attending.

BEGINNERS' CLIMBING COURSE By Lew Hitchner, Mountaineering Director

The goal of the Begineers' Climbing Course is to teach the basics of rock and snow climbing. The course will cover introductory safety practices for belaying, rope handling, rapelling, hiking on steep snow slopes, and the use of the ice ax. In addition students will have the opportunity to make short practice climbs following experienced leaders on technical routes. Participation in this class will be sufficient preparation for joining WMC experience climbs (at local areas) and mountaineering high camps (usually held in Wyoming). This class is also recommended for those who do not intend to pursue technical rock climbing but want to learn about climbing and use of ropes for general mountain or canyon country hiking.

WHO:

WMC members only. The class will be limited to 20. No experience is necessary, just an interest in learning to climb. Previous students who want a refresher or a make-up of a missed class should call for information.

WHEN:

There will be 3 class sessions (you must attend all classes):

- 1. Wednesday evening, April 21 at 6 PM at Lew Hitchner's home, 1169 Sunnyside Avenue (850 South), Salt Lake City. This will last a couple of hours.
- 2. Saturday, April 24 at Storm Mountain picnic area, Big Cottonwood Canvon (all day session).
- 3. Saturday, May 1 at Storm Mountain (all day session starting at 7 AM).

INSTRUCTORS:

Noted local and Teton climber Paul Horton will instruct the rock climbing sessions. Paul has several years experience as a professional guide and instructor for Jackson Hole Mountain Guides (Teton Village, Wyoming), as a University of Utah climbing instructor, and as the WMC class instructor. Former Mountaineering Director Bob McCraig will Bob has much experience on instruct the snow climbing session. glaciers and snow in Colorado and the Cascades. Voted "Best dressed Utah Mountaineer of 1981". Club members assist with instruction and leading practice climbs.

REGISTRATION: Register with Lew Hitchner (Mountaineering Director) by calling him at 583-2439 no later than Tuesday, April 20. Registration is mandatory!

FEE:

\$10.00 payable at the April 21 evening session (cash or check to WMC).

EQUIPMENT:

Heavy duty boots or rock shoes which are comfortably broken in are the only equipment you will need ahead of time. Other suitable shoes may be substituted. Climbing helmets and ice axes will be required for the Saturday sessions. Some equipment will be available to borrow from the club. Local mountain shops also rent these items. Call Lew for questions about equipment. No purchases should be necessary.

WARNING:

ROCK CLIMBING CAN BE A DANGEROUS SPORT! Even though this course will only cover fundamentals and is taught on an informal basis, the subject matter is deadly serious. Students will be asked to sign a release form. Climbing equipment is merely an aid which hopefully will prevent mistakes from becoming serious accidents. Learning proper technique and respect will help keep those mistakes from happening.

!!! ACTION ALERT !!! - WHITE RIVER By Peter Hovingh, Conservation Director

The State of Utah Division of Water Resources has applied to the Army Corps of Engineers for a 404 permit (for construction of the White River Dam). The Corps of Engineers is asking for public comment on this project and for reasons for holding a public hearing. Letters to the Corps of Engineers must be received by April 12, 1982. Refer to:

SPLCO-O
Sacramento District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
650 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Update: The Division of Water Resources has not yet waited for the Final Environmental Impact Statement to be published. A great deal of questions have been raised on this project. These questions have not yet been answered. The Biological Opinion concerning the endangered species came out with new information of the project - some of which contradicts the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. For instance, the hydroelectric capacity was increased from 5-8 megawatts to 15 megawatts and the active reservoir capacity was increased from 70,000 acre-feet to 75,000 acre-feet.

There has been no mitigation plan for the loss of riparian/wetland habitat that is associated with the White River. There has been no mitigation plan for the loss of canoe recreation opportunities on the White River. The State is asking that 104 cubic feet per second be utilized for energy developments. The lowest monthly flow on the White River was 139.9 cfs (July 1979). The average flow is 350 cfs except during spring runoff. The Ute Indians are asking for 224 cfs. Thus most of the year there is sufficient water for everyone – without the dam. Then there is the ground water aquifers in the region. Conjunctive use of the White River and ground water would provide sufficient water for everyone.

It seems that alternatives have not been discussed or considered in the State's proposal. Nor has the time for which the water is needed been considered. It takes 8-10 years for a commercial oil shale plant to be in operation. There are not any commercial oil shale plants at this time, although there are numerous pilot plants operating.

Thus one would recommend that the Army Corps of Engineers deny the Utah Division of Water Resources its 404 permit at this time. If there are any questions on this subject that the Corps of Engineers feels should be asked or discussed, then the Corps should hold a public hearing on this matter.

In the meantime, you better see the White River...



Remember - The Rambler <u>deadline</u> is the 15th of each month!





HIKING - 1982 By John Veranth, Hiking Director

General Information

To help new members understand the club's hiking program, a few general comments are in order. A rating system based on distance and elevation gain plus difficulty of terrain has been devised to help individuals to select hikes suited to their strength and ability. Hikes rated up to 3.0 are easy, 4.0 to 7.0 are moderate, 8 and above are difficult. Ratings will be discussed more fully next month.

Spring hikes start in the foothills north and east of the city with a few trips to the west desert ranges. Since the ski tour season overlaps hiking, only two hikes a weekend are scheduled in April. As the snow melts, hikes move up into the canyons and increase in number. Longer, more difficult hikes start in May.

Spring hiking depends on the weather. Slogging through soft, melting snow, cold weather, and even fresh snow are common occurrances on April hikes. Also remember that cold winds are often found on ridge tops while the valley is warm and sunny. Be prepared, carry a jacket, lunch, and water. If you have questions, call the trip leader or the hiking director for information.

Hiking Schedule

The hiking committee assists the director in scheduling the trips each month, but we need your help. Hiking is an activity that involves members of every ability and interest. Suggestions regarding the hiking program are needed to develop a schedule that reflects the interests of the full club membership. Do you want more leisurely bird and flower hikes, more strenuous death marches from Alta to Draper, more hikes suitable for families with children? If you have any comments, call or write the hiking director.

Trip Leaders

The club's ability to schedule hikes is limited mainly by the availability of trip leaders. As in every organization, a few loyal, hard workers carry most of the load and their help is much appreciated. Still, they cannot lead every trip. An updated list of trip leaders is being compiled. If you have been leading hikes in recent years, you are probably on the old list, but I would like an update on what types of hikes you prefer and how frequently you wish to lead trips. New trip leaders are needed. If you have joined the club in the last few years and would like to start leading trips, please call to volunteer. Old-timers who have a favorite trip they like to lead are encouraged to give me a call early in the month so we can include it in the schedule and give you first choice of dates.

RAFTING - 1982 By Kerry Amerman, Rafting Director

Where did the winter go?? I hope everyone had as great a ski season as I did. But, as a friend of mine says, When the snow melts, run it!

The response to permit applications for this year has been excellent. I'd like to thank all of you who spent so much time and effort toward this end; due to your endeavors, we received permits for most of our major trips. Because I am still waiting for affirmation on a couple of rivers, I am postponing giving out a complete trip schedule at this time. It will appear in the May Rambler (I promise) so please be patient and do not bombard the Director with phone calls on this subject.

If you look through the Club Activities for this month, you'll observe that there are two important pre-season functions, the work party and the new rafters' orientation meeting. Of course everyone will show up for the work party (right?) and if you're new to Club rafting, you must attend the orientation meeting. It's very important that you be aware of how our trips are organized and what is expected of you. This will be covered in detail at the meeting. You'll notice that the work party will count as an activity eligible for Club membership.

In May, our usual beginner kick-off Dewey Bridge - Moab will also be a captains' training trip (see the Activities for details). If you have any inclinations toward captaining at all, please come. WE NEED MORE CAPTAINS!! Also, we have recently purchased a new Miwok raft and rowing frame. So anyone interested in learning how to operate it should come along for some tutoring. This is your big chance!

The following is a list of some of the more important protocol pertaining to raft trips. There have been a few changes since last year, so please read carefully.

- You must be a WMC member.
- 2) In order to reserve a place on a trip, a \$20/person deposit is required. This deposit is non-refundable, so consider your personal/business schedule carefully before signing up. The only exception to this rule will be the case where you have been placed on a waiting list because of a full trip and you do not get to go.
- 3) When sending in your deposit, also jot a few lines concerning your previous river experience, and whether you would be willing to captain. This will greatly help a trip leader who may not know you in balancing out boat crews.
- 4) Trip size will be limited not only by permit restrictions (if any), but also by the number of qualified captains who sign up. Qualification will be determined by the trip leader or rafting director. In general, participants will be accepted on a trip in the order in which deposits are received, but captains will be given priority if necessary.
- 5) The following are the requirements for qualifying as a participant in beginner, intermediate, and advanced trips:
 - (a) Beginner Physical ability, willingness to participate and help out, WMC membership.
 - (b) Intermediate Same as (a), plus experience on at least one other trip.
 - (c) Advanced Same as (a), plus experience on at least two intermediate trips, ability to handle intermediate and advanced river situation.

In addition to these basic criteria, acceptance on <u>any</u> trip may be subject to the discretion of the trip leader and/or Director.

- 6) There is a work party prior to each trip, usually held two to five days before departure. It is extremely important to attend, as at this time cooking assignments are given, transportation and departure time are arranged, and remaining money collected.
- 7) Each trip participant is required to sign a release of liability form which recognizes that river running is an inherently dangerous sport and releases the Club, trip leader, and captains from liability.
- 8) The cost of a raft trip is \$4/person/day for use of the boats and equipment. Transportation and food costs vary with each trip and are divided equally among the participants.
- 9) Kayakers participating on a raft trip will be charged \$2/day if the rafts carry their food and gear, or \$1/day if the rafts carry only their food.
- 10) The following are the requirements for individuals who wish to rent the Club rafts for private trips:
 - (a) The person sponsoring the trip must be a WMC member.
 - (b) The cost of renting an Apache is \$35/day; a Miwok is \$30/day.
 - (c) A \$50 damage deposit will be required.

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR IN THE MAY RAMBLER:

- 1) Trip schedule for the summer.
- 2) River Runners, Season Kick-Off Barbeque.
- 3) Notice of Desolation Canyon and/or San Juan trips.

See you all soon!

OFFICIAL RAFTING NEWS LEAK

That's right. We have a couple of permits which require that a trip participant list be submitted to the river gods in the near future. If you are interested in going on any of the following, please call the permit holder indicated. This will not commit you to the trip, but will give us something to go on. We can substitute up to 50% of the lists later if necessary.

YAMPA - June 25. Call Tom Silberstorf by May 20 at 359-5310.

MAIN SALMON - July 4. This trip also needs a leader, please volunteer. Call Tim Pine by April 10 at 487-2876.

KAYAKING By Debbie Carlson

The rumors are true. We do have a pool for Kayak practice, and we did start two weeks ago.

I tried to get a larger pool for this year. Finding and reserving the pool was not difficult, but our choices for hours of use were not compatible with most of our sleeping habits. I would like to thank Lois Shipway for being my downtown connection.

The pool we will be using is located at the Northwest Multi-Purpose Center. Please refer to the Club Activities section for details. The door through which we will enter the pool area is on the north side of the building.

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All levels of Kayakers are welcomed and even encouraged to come to pool practice. The inverse relationship between time spent in a pool and frustration levels on the river has been adequately demonstrated. In order for us to have any pool practices at all, we must have strong Club support. I still do not have the funds to subsidize these sessions.

The Club does not have the equipment nor facilities available to properly instruct beginners. So I encourage all those interested in learning to Kayak to enroll in a beginners class. The University of Utah has elementary, intermediate and advanced kayaking classes. They also have an open pool practice on Sundays. If you have taken elementary classes and are still a bit shakey, please feel free to attend our pool practice sessions. There are several people who will be willing to help you improve and we will have some time set aside for exercises designed to sharpen reaction skills. You must, however, bring all your own equipment.

Since many Kayakers enjoy the luxury of raft support, I would like to see kayak support for the Rafting Work Party on April 18 (see Club Activities for details).

In closing, I have a simple, possibly insignificant little questions to ask; did <u>anyone</u> get a permit? for anything?

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MT. RAYMOND

by Gale Dick

This tour was interesting and instructive. It presented the participants with a virtual museum of snow conditions: mashed potatoes, breakable crust, clinging goo, setting-up cement, boiler plate and many other rarities and collectors' items. It rained. Actually, we knew that it was going to rain, but there is a ponderous battleship-like momentum in an announced Mt. Club tour which nothing so mundane as common sense can deflect.

During lunch at the Raymond-Gobbler's pass, the so-called leader announced that he wasn't going to the storm veiled summit, claiming disabilities connected with a month of flu. Everyone else went for it. Richard Randall actually made the summit on skis, another rarity. Is it a first?

On the return trip, it became clear that this tour had collected together a remarkably talented group. We are ready to compete with other groups in survival under significantly miserable conditions. We are on 24 hour alert, so when the crust is breakable and the visibility zero, give us a call. You'll see what sort it takes to swashbuckle through these conditions and worse, with an insouciant smile.

Misery Specialists: Nick Benvegnu, Gale Dick (so-called leader), Allan Gavere, Larry Larkin, Erik Miller, ZoAnne, Mike Swing, Richard Randall, Greg Ziegler. Date: February 14, 1982.

SKIING POWDER COURSE

The snow was unbelievably good for the scheduled Nordic Skiing Power Course, largely because of the lower than normal temperatures which had prevailed for a week. The early morning sub-zero

temperatures made the sunny south facing slopes almost necessary and very aluring. Little wind was evident except near the ridges, which was a definite plus. Our course was held on several pleasant sunlit slopes in Mill "F" North.

Dave Morris, Jim Dalgleish, Bob Myers, and Tim Pine provided instruction and demonstrations of telemark techniques. Their efforts were much appreciated and reflected in the definite progress made by John, Hank, LeRoy, and most of the other students.

Student participants were: Irene Zytra, Gary and Sandra Lindstrom, Hank Winawar, Ellie Ienatsch, Jeanne Leigh, Barbara Hendron, Margy Batson, John Kennington, LeRoy Kuehl, Mel Johnson, Tom Silberstorf, Mike Budig, Ken Dougherty, Becky Burrage, and Allan Gavere.

POINT SUPREME

by Bob Woody

Cold scared a lot of people out of the canyons in early February. So much the better for touring.

The Point Supreme Tour (February 7) was a pleasant episode — about four hours from beginning to end. We parked in the upper end of the Alta parking lot, then followed the Albion Basin Road to Catherine Pass. We did about a third of a mile on the pass, then took off up slope to take Point Supreme from behind.

No sweat. A marvelous day. Cloudless. Sunny. Good powder.

Tourers: Pat Canivan, Mark Bertelsen, Kermit Earle and Jim Watts. Leader: Bob Woody.

WILLOW FORK

by Kathy Reeder

A series of avalanches during the preceding week provided ample justification for choosing Willow Fork as an alternative to the planned outing from Brighton to Alta and back.

The chosen route proceeded uphill through several groves of winter-stark aspen before flattening abruptly into a broad meadow that allowed us to catch our breath and admire the view on both sides of the canvon. Several energetic individuals took turns breaking trail as we again began to climb toward our lunchtime destination. There occasional glimpses of feeble sunshine, but for most of the trip the flat light of an overcast sky predominated.

Lunch was quickly consumed due to the wind and the temperature, but there was enough time to discover that the group included visitors from Colorado (Frank Kreith) and Georgia (Randy Hicks).

The climbing proved worthwhile as people began, with varying degrees of skill, to head downhill. Several open expanses provided the opportunity to practice turns, and the tree-filled areas were challenging to those of us who are still novices.

A stop at the Canyon Inn gave fans of both teams a chance to catch up on the Super Bowl score and feel virtuous for not having spent the entire afternoon in front of the television set.

Participants: Phyllis Robison (leader), Oscar Robison, John Kennington, Frank Kreith, Mike Conklin, Vicki Pearson, Jim Watts, (note the "s"), Randy Hicks, Tom Silberstorf, and Kathy Reeder. Date: January 24, 1982.

SCOTT'S PASS SNOWSHOE SOIREE

by Chuck Reichmuth

Seven sober stalwarts on silent, sturdy snowshoes, and one sneaker on skis, stalked skyward to Scott's Pass Saturday, January 30th to celebrate FDR's birthday by not once mentioning his name. George Randall led this band of intrepid sasquatchs up the snowy slopes for a brief repast while watching and downhillers from Park City pass by in a not-so-silent, but graceful manner. The return was uneventful, but early enough for some to get ready for the big banquet. Fellow "recreants" included Gene Hall, Greg Hughes, Christine and Sherie Pater, Chuck Reichmuth, Irene Schilling and Doug Stark.

BOX ELDER

By Bob Myers

Well it was left, right, left, right all day as we took steps. The way lay straight ahead. I have never had as enjoyable trip, as I had in the last trip up Box Elder Peak - it just happened.

The trip was just over, hastened by good All of these people were there: Milt Hollander, Nick Benegnue, Dolley Lefever, Larry Larkin, Dave Smith, Lori Webb, Milt Hokenson, John Kennington, Harold Hafterson, Mel Johnston, Paul Jones and Rolf Doebbling, our leader. They say they were there. The top of the hill was there. Why were Lori, Dolley, and Harold falling so much on the way down? They kept falling in holes, all the way down. Such glorious words to our ears. Box Elder is about a 5000 ft climb out of the Alpine parking. The trip has been done in cloudy, snowy, damp and dreary days. The winter approach is up the Northern slope and an old winding jeep road to freshen anyone's memory. A mind boggler. Date: January 30, 1982.

SOLITUDE LAKE SKI TOUR

by Paul Keyser

Those of you who did not join us on Saturday 2/20, missed good weather (we all got sunburned) and lousy wine (I got a headache). Those who went were Marilyn Tueller, leader, and John Riley, Linda Mayo, Paul Wehan, Mike Budig, Carol Kalm, Sharon Williams, Elvin Beach, Sue Gardner, Ann McDonald, Greg Hughes, Annette Sund, Sheri Pater, Uli Tlegwald, Chuck Ranney, Gene Hall, Jan Larsen, and me — Paul Keyser — followers.

We learned that vaseline works great on Trak Skiis when they are snow packing. Also, it works great on your face downhilling when it is really cold. The ski up was great, the company entertaining, the ski back tough (lots of falls), and the beer at the Brighton Store helped headaches. We were delayed by a slide coming down, but one and all had a good time.

Join us next time!

TWIN LAKES TO HONEYCOMB

by Joanne Miller

Lots of smiling faces due to a warm, sunny, Sunday morning and new snow just 36 hours before. Some scowling faces from downhillers as we start up beside the Evergreen lift. An incredibly beautiful day. Contrast between white snow, dark rock, and a blue, blue sky at the cliffs is breathtaking. Huge cornices that defy gravity cast sharp shadows below. A few brave members go up the ridge and traverse over to the highest snow field. They come down in the new, heavy powder as though in slow motion. "It's like skiing in a dream", states Kathy. Then the long downhill back to the car spotted at Silver Fork. Too much for yours truly but not for Kathy Archer, Sue Gardner, Dave Morris, Wick Miller, Overfield, Bryan Whittaker, Jim Watts, Bob Toth, Scott Allen, Hank Winawer, Bill Viavant, Terry Rawlings, Allen Gavere. Date: March 7.

PARK CITY WHITE PINE TOUR by Bob Wright

After assembling at the Park West parking lot, there was considerable debate as to priorities of hot tubbing as compared to skiing, but finally skiing won out temporarily. It was a bluebird day - a little icy at the bottom and corn at the top. There were no guards to slow our progress, even though the leader had a special permit.

Upon reaching West Monitor Flat we had lunch at the White Pine Hilton while Lori practiced telesplotz turns on a nearby cruddy hill. The tigers of the group went on up to the divide overlooking Big Cottonwood while the rest of us experienced the zen of a truly beautiful place.

The return to civilization was interesting, down a narrow, steep and icy trail. Then we got down to the real reason for the tour - the Wright's hot tub. We all mellowed considerably soon thereafter, and decided the next time we would reverse the order of business and perhaps omit the second part (the tour).

The hedonists: Emily and Chauncey Hall, Lori Webb, Russ Wilhelm, Sandra Taylor, Bob Speer, Bob Myers, Jim Walls, Mary Walls, and leader, Bob Wright. Trip date: February 21.

MILL F TO SCOTTS PASS SKI TOUR by Greg Hughes

I woke up at 7 AM one Sunday in early March (March 6). Then again at 7:15, 7:30 and so on 'till about 8:10 it dawned on me I was to ski to Scotts Pass this glorious blue sky day.

I got to the proverbial sign at 9:05. Of course, half the crew hadn't arrived yet, so I suggested we go out for coffee while waiting. No response. Oh, hell, here we go. The seven of us promptly piled into two cars and drove to the trailhead.

After unloading our gear and about to begin trekking, some fascist showed up and said we can't park there. Drivers Kermit Earle and Michael Budig reparked another quarter mile up the canyon and we were on our way. A diverse group we were, reflected in both skill level and equipment. Trip leader Kermit made sure no one got lost as we ascended the well defined trail. Carol Kalm and myself, both novices, trailed the pack most of the way. The trail seemed steeper than it did when I last negotiated it on snowshoes. Depending heavily on our ski poles for support, and also traversing a lot, we were able to reach the summit a little winded but otherwise in good shape.

Ken Dougherty, Don Ashton and John Croft were in the middle of lunch by the time the rest of us arrived. We kicked around the pass for about an hour, soaking in the rays, talking and watching other skiers eat it. Kermit suggested we take a more southerly route back. It turned out to be a fantastic idea as we found six to eight inches of light powder, much of it untracked, on several fairly meadows separated by clumps of trees. In a work, it was an exhilarating experience for each of us. Don was flying, Mike was styling, Carol was screaming, I was pretending I was on downhill skis, and Kermit never seemed to fall down. Once we got back to the packed trail, the main problem was stopping, which most of us solved by repeatedly falling down. But on a warm Spring day, why not? We skied to the cars, arriving a little red faced, still feeling the excitement of the trip down, as warm westerly winds picked up, a precursor of tomorrow's storm.

CONQUEST POSTPONED

by Andy White

By the time they reached the precipitous East Rib, only three remained. Dr. Tom Silbersdorf called a break. The men shouldn't demand any more of their bodies without a rest. The glacial crust and metronic winds had taken a toll.

Navigator John Dawson scanned the ever tightening ring of visibility and shook his head. Logistics manager Andy White refueled his tired body as he wondered if they should "call if off"; if the "Rib Route" was too much, even for such a macho crew, in the heart of such a perilous storm. Only howling wind broke the silence.

When "Doc" gave his "okay" they began to stir, but they all knew. At first, no one spoke, but they all knew.

Then voices -- "My wife's baking bread today." "Is the ballgame on TV?" "I think I left the water running in the shower."

It was over.

Catherine's Pass is not unconquored. It's been strided many times by many people from many routes, but our records must show the East Rib still unscaled, but next year... Date: March 14.

