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WMC PURPOSE

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

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The Editor wishes to thank Pat Beard, Diane Little, Phyllis Papan, and Geoff Freethey, who put together last month's issue while the Editor was off seeking (and finding) adventure on the other side of the planet.

COVER PHOTO: The Wildkitten Gang on top of Mt Raymond. Photo by Kathy Jacobs.

NOVEMBER COVER PHOTO

The November cover photo was taken by Fred Nash.





EVENTS AT A GLANCE

7 Permit Party Dec 23 Moab Day Hikes Dec		BOATING HIKES LODGE		Jan Jan Jan
Dec 3 Catherines Pass 3 Leader's Choice 9 Willow Creek 9 Trial Lake 9 Avalanche Class 10 Scotts Pass 10 Peifferhorn	16 Ski Skating Clinic 16 Desolation Lake 16 Days Fork 16 Silver Fork 17 Powder Park 17 Willow Peak 17 White Pine	SKI TOURS 23 Maybird Gulch 24 Greens Basin 25 Leader's Choice 27 Cutler Ridge 30 Beartrap Fork 31 Peifferhorn	1	Open Lodge Night Jan Hangover Ski Tour Adv Avalanche Class
10 Lake Mary Dec 3 Easy Snowshoe Tour 10 Lower Silver Fork Dec	16 Dog Lake	SNOWSHOE TOUR 30 Park City Red Pine SOCIALS VOLLEYBALL	7	Jan Albion Basin Jan Nominations Banquet

VOLLEYBALL (Monday Evenings except Dec 18, 25, & Jan 1, 7:00 at Highland High School)

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS are welcome on ALL club activities, with these exceptions:

1) Thursday Evening Hikes are for members only. However, prospective members may attend if the hike is their second qualifying activity for membership and they submit their dues check and application form to the leader before the hike.

Boating trips are for members. However, prospective members may attend a weekend trip if they use the trip as their qualifying activity (each day counts as one activity.)

A trip leader may choose to limit a trip to members, especially if there is limited space.

WMC SKI TOURS: Here is an explanation of ski tour ratings:

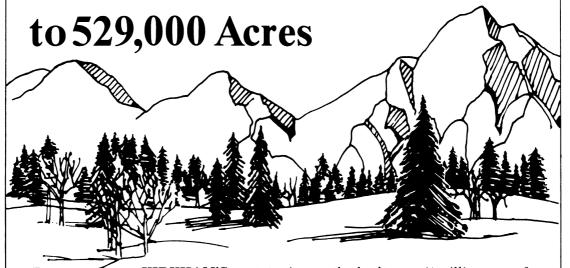
NTD (Not too difficult): Terrain is mostly gentle. Participants should be able to do a kick turn, snowplow, and descend a slope by traversing. Usually no avalanche danger.

MOD (Moderately difficult): Proficiency climbing and descending intermediate slopes is rquired. Pieps and shovels may sometimes be suggested or required. If a Pieps is carried, this implies knowledge of how to search for a buried companion.

MSD (Most difficult): Strenuous. Usually involve long ascents, steep or narrow descents. Pieps and shovel always required.

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Sat. Dec 2

MOUNTAIN CLUB <u>SKI DAY</u> AT THE LODGE. 9:30-11:30 am: telemark lessons on the lifts at Brighton, provided free by volunteer instructors (you pay for your own ticket). 3:30-4:30 pm: PIEPS clinic. During the day you will be able to use demo skis provided by Kirkham's and Wasatch Touring for one hour free of charge. Come and polish up your technique! If you have any questions, call the organizer, Walt Haas, at 534-1262 (H) or 581-5617 (W).

Sun. Dec 3

EASY <u>SNOWSHOE TOUR/HIKE</u> (NTD). Call Doug Stark at 277-8538 for info on trip location, meeting time and place and snowshoe rental locations.

NTD-MOD CATHERINES PASS FROM BRIGHTON <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Meet at 9:00 A.M. at Hillside Plaza. You can call Jim Nichol at 261-5857 if you have any questions.

MOD+ LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. Call Kira Kilmer or Terry Rollins in advance to see where the tour will go. 596-1836 or 467-5088.

Mon. Dec 4

<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>. 7:00 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 S. 1700 E.). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. Call Doug for information at 269-1833.

Thurs. Dec 7

BOATING PERMIT PARTY AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING. NOTE NEW DATE! Boaters take note. It is time to plan for next year's permit applications. All those interested in boating next year are welcome. We will have information and instruction on how to obtain permits. Meet at 7:30 pm at Jeff Barrell's at 5429 South Woodcrest Dr. (1690 E) and bring your pencil.

Sat. Dec 9

AVALANCHE CLASS. 8:00 am at the Zions Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill. Free. An introductory class, no experience necessary. See announcement elsewhere in this issue. If you have any questions, please call Walter Haas at 534-1262 (H) or 581-5617 (W).

MOD+ WILLOW CREEK <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Larry Stewart asks that you have pieps, shovel, and skins. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 A.M. 485-7818.

FOURTH ANNUAL SNOWBIRD TRIATHALON. Ski, swim, and eat. Enjoy a hot tub and potluck at the Iron Blossam Lodge after you ski tour. Call 355-4115 to find out details. Cindy Cromer is the organizer of this extravaganza.

NTD TRIAL LAKE <u>SKI TOUR</u>. In the Uintas. Meet at the Regency Theatre parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30 to car pool. Janiece Pompa will lead. 485-3116.

Sun. Dec 10

NTD SCOTTS PASS <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 A.M. Call Jim Frese at 882-5222 if you have questions.

MSD PEIFFERHORN <u>SKI TOUR</u>. That's all that needs to be said. Pieps, skins, shovels and lots of skill and energy. Call George Westbrook to register, 942-6071.

NTD LAKE MARY <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Meet Leslie Woods at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 A.M. 484-2338.

LOWER SILVER FORK SHOWSHOE TOUR. (NTD) Meet Leigh Cowley (467-9802) at 10:00 A.M. at the Hillside Plaza (7000 South 2300 East.) This will be an easy paced trip through the forest to the mine.

Mon. Dec 11

<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>. 7:00 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 S. 1700 E.). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. Call Doug for information at 269-1833.

Sat. Dec 16

SKI SKATING CLINIC AT THE JEREMY RANCH. The Jeremy Ski Touring Center will provide instruction and a ticket to the course for \$10.00 (normally \$19.00--a great deal). There will be a one and a half hour clinic from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. We need at least 5 for the group rate. Also, Wild Rose Mountaineering will have demo equipment available at half price. You can rent either Friday night or early Saturday morning. Got all that? Call Cindy Cromer by the evening of Dec. 13 to register at 355-4115.

MOD DESOLATION LAKE <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 A.M. Arthur Griffin will lead. 363-1996.

NTD-MOD DAYS FORK FROM BIG COTTONWOOD <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Meet at 9:00 at Hillside Plaza (7200 South and 2300 East) and Mike Hendrickson will lead this scenic tour. 942-1476.

MSD DAYS FORK FROM ALTA <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Come and ski the head wall with Allan Gavere. Meet at the Hillside Plaza at 9:00 and bring pieps, shovel and skins. You might call Allan to see if he is going to take the bus or if he needs help with a shuttle. 486-1476.

NTD SILVER FORK <u>SKI TOUR</u>. From the base of Solitude. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30. Bill Rosqvist will lead this delightful tour. 295-0458.

DOG LAKE <u>SNOWSHOE TOUR</u>. (NTD) Go as far up Mill D North as the group wants to go with your leader, Janet Friend (268-4102). Meet the group at 9:30 A.M. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Sun. Dec 17

MOD POWDER PARK <u>SKI TOUR</u>. (Desolation Lake area.) Pieps, shovel, and skins are required to ski with Jim Piani to this popular area. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 A.M. 272-3921.

MOD WILLOW PEAK IN BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Meet Dave Morris and Teresa Overfield at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 and discover a great place to ski powder. 359-6274.

Sun. Dec 17

MOD WHITE PINE CANYON <u>SKI TOUR</u>. In Little Cottonwood Canyon. Pieps and shovel required and skins are suggested. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 A.M. Anna Cordes Hibberd will lead. 467-9430.

Mon. Dec 18

No volleyball tonight - next volleyball session is January 8th. Call Doug for information at 269-1833.

Dec 23-25 Sat.-Mon. CHRISTMAS IN MOAB <u>DAY HIKES</u>. Second annual event with Sandy and Geoff Freethey leading day hikes to scenic areas around Moab. We'll spend our nights at Jean McDowell's house, eating well, partying and sleeping inside or out. Exploratory hikes will be moderate, with rock scrambling a good possibility. Limit 20. Call Sandy & Geoff to reserve a spot or for further info. 485-5989.

Sat. Dec 23

MSD MAYBIRD GULCH <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Ski to the base of the Peifferhorn and eat lunch on the narrow ridge separating upper Maybird and Hogum Cirques. What a spot for lunch! Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 A.M. and call Tony Torri with any questions at 942-2472.

Sun. Dec 24

MOD UPPER GREENS BASIN <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Skins, pieps, and shovel required. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 A.M. and enjoy Christmas Eve day with Jim Piani.

Mon. Dec 25

MOD+ LEADERS CHOICE <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Call Kira Kilmer, 596-1836, if you have already emptied your stocking and before you eat any big Christmas meals.

No volleyball tonight - next volleyball session is January 8th. Call Doug for information at 269-1833.

Wed. Dec 27

MOD-MSD CUTLER RIDGE <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Must have skins, pieps, and shovel to tackle this 2,500 vertical climb. Meet at 8:30 at the park and ride lot in North Ogden/Pleasant View on I-15. Leader Fred Duvall 782-5565.

Sat. Dec 30

MOD+ BEARTRAP FORK <u>SKI TOUR</u>. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 A.M. Bring pieps, skins, and shovel. Leader Terry Rollins. 467-5088.

PARK CITY RED PINE <u>SNOWSHOE TOUR</u>. (NTD) Enjoy a snowshoe tour in a new area with Joanne Miller (1-649-1790). Joanne will meet snowshoers at 9:00 A.M. at the Kimball Junction McDonalds. Carpools can meet at the Regency Theatre parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30 A.M.

Sun. Dec 31

MSD PEIFFERHORN SKI TOUR. Boy is this going to be the year of big tours or what? Must have skins, pieps, and shovel and call Dave Smith to register. 276-6515.

Dec 30-31

NTD <u>SKI TOURS</u>. No one wanted to commit to leading a tour on this weekend. If you would like to volunteer, please call Terry Rollins at 467-5088 to volunteer and I will leave a message on my answering machine so others can find out the details.

Mon. Jan 1

HANGOVER SKI TOUR. (NTD) Wick Miller (1-649-1790 or 583-5160) has once again consented to lead this tour. It leaves at the crack of noon at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The tour will go to the Lake Mary overlook and possibly beyond depending on the capabilities of the participants. This tour is designed to purge ones self of the prior year's sins and will be at a relaxed pace, but this is not for rank beginners.

No volleyball tonight - next volleyball session is January 8th. Call Doug for information at 269-1833.

Sun. Jan 7

FOURTH ANNUAL BEGINNER'S SKI CLINIC. What a way to start! If you have been thinking of learning how to cross-country ski, but didn't know how to get started, this is it! Once again Audrey Kelley of Timberline (near Summit Park) has offered her expertise and hospitality to all beginners. Audrey says, "All you need to know is how to put on and take off your skis. Try to rent wider skis than the racing variety, and more substantial boots, but don't worry if that's not possible." The day will start at Audrey's hearth with warm refreshments and encouraging words. After a morning of instruction, meet again in Audrey's home to discuss your new skills and partake of the lunch which Audrey is preparing. Fond memories of a magic day are a certainty. If you would like to talk with Audrey, feel free to call her at 1-649-9884. For car pooling, meet at the Regency Theatre parking lot on Parleys Way at 9:00 A.M. Drive up I-80 in Parleys Canyon to the Parleys Summit exit and follow the Kelley signs (there will be many). Please park on the frontage road above and below the mail boxes. Park on the south side of the road and hike into Timberline from there.

ALBION BASIN <u>SNOWSHOE TOUR</u>. NTD; MOD to Catherines Pass. Snowshoe to the picturesque Albion Basin or to Catherine's Pass to lunch with the chickadees. Meet Doug Stark (277-8538) at 9:00 A.M. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon for this leisurely trip.

Mon. Jan 8

<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>. 7:00 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 S. 1700 E.). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. Call Doug for information at 269-1833.

Jan 13-15 Sat.-Mon. ALASKA MOUNTAIN SAFETY CENTER <u>AVALANCHE CLASS</u>. A 3-day advanced course with class instruction at the WMC Lodge and on-the-mountain training. Prior experience, such as the Dec. class, is highly recommended. Register with John Kortbawi, 485-7916. <u>WMC</u> members will receive preferential rate. Space is limited. Reserve your place now before the class is announced to the public.

Sat. Jan 13

NOMINATIONS BANQUET. 6:00 P.M. at Bird's Cafe, 1355 E. 2100 S. \$16 per person. Reservations MUST be made by January 4. Setups NOT included. Send check, payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club, to Leslie Woods, 456 East 3335 South, # 14, SLC, UT, 84115. See full page ad for details.

Sun. Jan 14

TOLL CANYON <u>SKI TOUR</u>. NTD, or MOD to ridge near Murdock Peak. Everybody's favorite ski leader, Audrey Kelley (1-649-9884) will lead this tour above her home at Timberline. Audrey is a good host, so she will finish the day by the fire with a something-or-other. Meet for car-pooling at the

Regency Theatre parking lot on Parleys Way at 9:00 A.M. To find your way to Audrey's home, see the Jan 7 Beginners Ski Clinic listing.

Sat. Jan 27

OPEN LODGE NIGHT. Hosted by Earl Cook, noon Saturday to noon Sunday. Come and visit in the afternoon or evening or come and stay noon to noon. \$3 per person overnight fee to help pay for lodge expenses or \$1 for day use. Come and plan to have a good time. Don't forget it is ski in, ski out access for Brighton - just imagine 3 feet of new, light, Utah powder and the canyon is closed for avalanche control so you have no competition for first run on any slopes! You also have a warm, dry, nearly private lodge to have lunch & return to after skiing.

Feb 3-4 Sat.-Sun. BRIANHEAD SKI RESORT/BRISTLE CONE HOSTEL WEEKEND SKI TOUR. A weekend for NTD touring in a rustic cabin or plush accommodations in a mountain hotel. Reserve the time now for a fun out-of-town vacation. Call Ken Kraus at 363-4186 for details. Hostel participants should call by Dec. 30.

FUTURE OUT OF TOWN ACTIVITIES

David Minix (967-3864) would like to lead a trip into the Tetons from 3 days to a week in length. He wants to use Rendevoux Ski Tours and is open to yurts or snow camping or motel camping. He is flexible and open to group desires.

Steve Susswein (583-9322) is considering leading a hiking/backpacking trip over Christmas and New Years in Hawaii. Call and let him know if you're interested...

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SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1990 GOVERNING BOARD

Your nominating committee, Donna Kramer, Ken Lovisa, and I, Hank Winawer have been hard at work attempting to line up candidates to run for your next Governing Board. A plea in a recent issue of *The Rambler* was somewhat shy of the billions and billions of volunteers we anticipated. Here is just a partial list of excuses used by some of those who declined to run.

- 1 I don't have the time.
- 2 I'm a follower, not a leader.
- 3 I only work for money.
- 4 Maybe in a few years.
- 5 I'm back in school.
- 6 NO!
- 7 It sounds interesting, but ...
- 8 I'm burned out.
- 9 I've already been on the Board.
- 10 I don't think so, but I'd like to recommend
- 11 I'm flattered, but no thanks.

NOTE: To save time, please refer to excuse by number or at least try to be more inventive if you decline.

We were successful however in our efforts to line up an initial slate of officers and the following qualified and willing candidates have offered to run. I wonder if promises of fame, power, and control played a part in their overwhelming enthusiasm.

1990 GOVERNING BOARD NOMINEES

President John Veranth *
Secretary Jim Elder *
Treasurer Nominee needed
Membership Ann Stringfellow
Julie Ann Jones

Boating Jeff Barrell *
Conservation Keith Johnson * and Janet Friend *

Entertainment Connie Seneca Hiking Jim Nichol

Lodge Vince Desimone * and Kathy Klein *

MountaineeringNominee neededPublicationsNominee neededSki TouringNorm FishInformationAaron JonesParham Jacobson

Barbara Jacobsen
Trustee Dale Green *

* designates incumbent

In the spirit of competition, we'd like to see multiple candidates for the Governing Board positions, so let's have more volunteers. Remember, the leadership of the Wasatch Mountain Club is dependent upon the dedication and involvement of members who unselfishly give of their time. Please step forward and offer to run for a spot on the Governing Board. Our operators are standing by to accept your call; and as always your contribution is tax deductible.

Donna Kramer 272-0418

Ken Lovisa 485-0182

Hank Winawer 277-1997



CONSERVATION NOTES

by Keith Johnson.

THE BOARD DECIDES TO OPPOSE THE OLYMPICS

Without apologies to anyone, the decision was based upon real concerns and probably had influence on the referendum vote count.

On the night the Governing Board voted to oppose the Winter Olympics the Club's membership numbered 1201 individuals individuals with widely differing opinions about the Olympics and other issues. deference to these diverse views, the Board had been maintaining a neutral stance on the Winter Games - "not actively opposing but not supporting because of the possibility of venues in the Cottonwoods." Some felt that because the WMC is primarily a recreation club and not an advocacy group we should leave Olympic politics to other organizations. We had hoped merely to present environmental information for the electorate to weigh prior to the referendum. As this information came to light, our concerns heightened and we were compelled to stand against the Winter Games.

If you are disturbed by the Board's decision, remember there are others who were annoyed that the action did not come earlier. There is no way to please everyone and in the final analysis the Directors have to vote on the facts before them, and we did.

On a 17-0 vote, the governing board of the Wasatch Mountain Club changed its position to one of publicly opposing the Winter Olympics. The WMC's position is as follows: "The Wasatch Mountain Club opposes the Olympics because of environmental concerns for the Wasatch Front with particular concern over potential impacts on Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons contrary to the Canyon Master Plan."

The board came to this decision after careful examination of the environmental, social and economic costs likely associated with the

Olympics. Previously, we had been concerned about the possibilities of venues and construction impacts in the canyons.

We had observed the frequent flow of information presented by the promoters well financed PR campaign and felt it was important to learn more about such things as the environmental impact, effects upon communities and the process involved in Olympic decision making. The Club had hoped to remain neutral and merely present environmental information to the voters so that they might weigh these factors in their voting decision.

As more was discovered about the immense power of the IOC, the lack of input that average Calgarians had in the process and the degree of environmental damage inflicted by the Olympic events, board members became more concerned and our position changed.

After months of not opposing the Olympics, the shift began with the September board meeting. The first step involved the choice to conduct an environmental education campaign of which a tabloid was a primary tool. The tabloid offered a balanced presentation of proponents and opponents arguements along with an expression of concern for the canyons. The second step came when it was determined. during the October board meeting, that more concern for the environment could be raised through a press conference. At the gathering, I pointed out our concerns over language in the contract cancelling "...all previous agreements having impact upon Olympics..." That all but two venues had been changed from the time of Calgary's bid and the locations which was finally selected was environmentally sensitive area harboring over 300 head of bighorn were also reasons for concern given the press. This generated three days of coverage on radio, TV, and in the papers. At this point, two weeks before the vote, our public position was still one of neutrality.

AVALANCHE CLASS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1989, 8:00 A.M. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1070 FOOTHILL DRIVE

An avalanche class will be held on Saturday, December 9, 1989 at Zion Lutheran Church at 1070 Foothill Drive. The class is sponsored jointly by the Wasatch Mountain Club and the Salt Lake Group of the Sierra Club, and is open to the public. An optional small donation will be requested, to help defray the expense of giving the class. If you don't have any money come anyway.

The class is designed for persons who have no prior knowledge of avalanches. The topics which will be covered are:

- * The physical properties of snow, and how the mountain snow pack changes over time.
- * The effect of terrain on avalanche hazards.
- * How to choose a route with minimum avalanche hazard.
- * How to organize your skiing party so that the members are exposed to as little danger as possible.
- $\ensuremath{^{\star}}$ How to rescue somebody from an avalanche.
- * How the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center makes its hazard predictions, and how to interpret the recordings.

The class will consist of two parts. The morning half will be a lecture, which will start at 8 AM. Numerous slides and movies will be shown, including a home movie of a local skier being caught in an avalanche. In the afternoon, we will go into the mountains and practice rescue techniques on some appropriate snowy hillside.

You will not need skis or snowshoes, but be sure to dress warmly for the afternoon section. Make your own arrangements for lunch (e.g., bring it). Zion Lutheran is located at the intersection of 2100 East and Foothill. The morning lecture will be taught in the basement, which is entered from the west side (the back of the building).

Experience has shown that the major reason for avalanche fatalities is ignorance. There have been a number of deaths in recent years of people who were apparently unaware that they were in danger. There have also been a number of people rescued alive after being buried in avalanches; in most cases, they lived only because their companions were prepared to deal promptly and efficiently with the situation. Therefore, this course is strongly recommended for all cross country skiers. It is designed to appeal to people who don't have the time or money to take one of the more extensive professional avalanche courses.

The "no support? position was teetering but still in tact when the Board voted in October to bring Calgarian Olympic critic, Brian Horejsi, With the help of several club to town. members, an itinerary was put together and Horeisi with his Ph.D in Ecology and lambasted the international credentials Olympics. Newspaper photo articles, TV and radio interviews, another press conference and more were arranged for Dr. Horejsi to disperse his "bad news" about Winter Games. A radio ad that even one of the Olympic promoters admired hit the air for four days prior to the referendum.

At this point, the Club voted to take a stance congruent with the information that Dr. Horejsi had presented to the Board and the press. Together with these insights and other information about the IOC and the damage inflicted upon the Calgarian countryside, Board Members voted with conviction to oppose the Olympics.

THANKS TO A FEW CLUB MEMBERS

Gay Carver, Kathy Klein, Randy Klein, Janet Friend, Hank Winawer, Ken Lovisa, Milt Hollander, Neil Hinckley, John Riley, Linda Hatcher, and Pete Hovingh are some of the people who helped with conservation this month. The danger in giving public thanks is that you missed someone - I apologize if this is the case and thank you. THANKS TO ALL VERY MUCH!

YELLOWSTONE/TETON UPDATE

A couple of editions back, the Rambler Conservation Notes promised information about Winter Use Plans For Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. NPS literature arrived too late for the last Rambler deadline and now the opportunity for WMC members to comment on this phase of the planning process has passed.

Conservation director did respond. I arranged for Keven Brant, Yellowstone Assistant Mgr., to attend the UWLC meeting and explain the planning process. I have since completed a multi-choice questionnaire which offered the

options of increasing, decreasing or maintaining current use levels in the Parts. The questionnaire was designed to obtain public in-put concerning such issues as wildlife impacts, snowmobiling, x-c skiing, snow roads, hotels at Yellowstone, and more.

In regards to snowmobiling, questionnaire response choices included eliminating or dramatically increasing their use within the parks. Extensive snowmobile access within both parks in under consideration. One option calls for the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail to be extended 45 miles through Grand Teton N.P.

The Park Service had been soliciting comment regarding desired changes in winter use. They will now attempt to interpret the data. Unfortunately, their method of obtaining public comment may have biased their sample in favor of snowmobilers.

WMC's conservation director's advice to the NPS was to study before they leap into any changes. Good baseline data is badly needed about the impacts of snowmobiling and skiing on the area wildlife and terrain. Actions to resolve use conflict need to be developed.

DR. HORIJSI'S WORK

by Janet Friend

Dr. Horijsi has been president of the Alberta Wilderness Association. He has done much work researching ecosystems. He has his PhD in Ecology and Animal Behavior and is working in international conservation issues, at present studying the grizzly bear along the US-Canadian border. He has previously worked with moose, elk, and caribou studies, both for the Canadian Government and for private industry.

It seems the griz bear is not on the endangered list in Canada, as it is in the USA, and their numbers are decreasing. In Glacier National Park we still have a good number of bears, but they cross over the boarder and are being killed by ranchers, sportsmen, and lumber men. Dr. Horijsi's group has tagged bears with transmitters to follow their migration north -

to their death. Pressure is being put on the Canadian Government to outlaw the killing there.

This problem compares with the elephant slaughter in Africa. The earth's large animals seem to be doomed with rhinos and elephants being killed for ivory and our large animals killed for sport, or because they kill livestock occasionally, or they are dying young because their grazing ranges now have major highways through them, or houses built on their grass and browsing patches. Many deer die each year trying to graze on Wasatch Blvd or I-80 in Salt Lake.

Our black bears are less in number due to big rifles also. I was part of one group of backpackers being jarred awake at 1 A.M. by big rifle shots from the nearby sheep camp. We'd seen beautiful bear that day high on that Idaho mountain and what a thrill! But what an ending for the bear. That gunshot vibrated the ground in that otherwise silent windless night.

If big animals kee giving way to humans, soon the dog will be the biggest animal loose on earth! My 5 year old grandson asked "Do you remember when dinosaurs were here?" Ugh!! But I hope his grandson won't ask him "Do you remember when bears roamed the earth?"

FROM THE

BOATING DIRECTOR

by Jeff Barrell

Thanks to the 11 people who showed up at the work party. Me, Carl, Neil, Mike Dege, Tim & Liza Poole, Mike Budig, Craig Homer, Donna Kramer, Jim Brown, and Kathy Klein. I hope this small turnout will not be repeated. We looked at the rafts, inventoried our gear, and Mike D. wired some lights. We now have until spring to replace and repair equipment.

I also want to thank Randy and Kathy, Marlene, Jim and Lidia, and of course Carl for their efforts as coordinators. This thankless job really helps Club trips run smoothly. They communicate with the trip leader (or assist if on the trip) to answer questions and help the leader set-up a safe, quality trip.

The Mountain Club has given me the opportunity to work with some good people and have fun at the same time. I would like to encourage more people to participate and put something back into the Club. Trips don't happen by themselves and equipment doesn't repair itself. It takes people, time, and energy to make things happen, and we all share the outcome. We need help for the following activities:

KAYAK ROLL PRACTICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR and SERVICE TRIP LEADERS and CO-LEADERS RIVER CONSERVATION

If you can devote some time to any of the above activities, please contact myself or one of the coordinators for more information. Your help will not go unnoticed.

The Club maintains a file of all boating trips and looking back several years, I have noticed The Club is running an interesting trend. more weekend trips compared to overnight trips (lasting 3-8 days). The only overnight trips offered this year were Desolation and Labyrinth. Gray, Alpine, and Westwater now account for 78% of club boating in 1989. There are three possible reasons: The past three years have been dry and cancellations have occurred due to lack of water. Secondly, weekend trips are easier to lead and require simpler logistics, and third, we haven't had the permits we usually do. We are either incredibly unlucky or we are not doing a good job of choosing or coordinating dates. There will be some changes to the PERMIT PARTY this year (Notice that the date was changed to Thursday, Dec. 7) and I hope all will attend and I also hope we can offer some great overnight trips next year!

3-Day Presented by the Wasatch Mountain Club in conjunction with the Alaska Avalanche School. Avalanche School. Workshop

A special **Backcountry Avalanche Hazard Evaluation Workshop.** Oriented towards
experienced mountaineers and backcountry skiers
who like to ski "the steep and the deep," this
comprehensive workshop will focus on answering
these bottom line questions: Is the slope safe?;
What data are you basing your hazard evaluation
decisions upon?; and, Do better alternatives exist?
Training will cover the latest snow stability
evaluation techniques, terrain analysis, the
mechanics of slab failure, snow metamorphism,

route selection, avalanche hazard evaluation/ decision-making, and backcountry rescue.

Training will be intensive with 33 hours of training packed into three days. Emphasis will be on practical application of key concepts relating to avalanche hazard evaluation and on learning by doing in the field. Cost, including lodge fee and course materials, is \$175. Make check payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

- ► 8 a.m., Saturday, January 13 through 6 p.m., Monday, January 15, 1990
- ➤ To register, contact: John Kortbawi, evenings, at (801) 485-7916 or Kira Kilmer, days, at 596-1836.

3-Day Avalanche Workshop

► Held at the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge, Brighton, Utah, with field training in the surrounding mountains.

Course materials will be sent to each participant upon registration. Preregistration is required and spaces are limited to 30, so don't delay!

Participants must be in good physical condition, able to ski or snowshoe uphill and down in variable terrain and snow conditions, and be prepared to remain in foul weather all day. Pieps, skins, shovels, and avalanche probes are required.

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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP LIST



DECEMBER 1989

CONSTITUTION

of the WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC



AMENDED FEBRUARY 1988 PUBLISHED DECEMBER 1989

Article I:

NAME AND OFFICE

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be Wasatch Mountain Club, Inc.

Section 2. Office. The Wasatch Mountain Club is a nonprofit organization, organized with headquarters at Salt Lake County, State of Utah.

Article II:

PURPOSE

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

Article III:

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Requirements. The membership of the Wasatch Mountain Club shall consist of life, honorary, regular and spouse members, all of whom shall be 18 years of age or older.

Section 2. Rights and Priveleges. As outlined in the Bylaws, any person meeting the admission requirements for a specific membership, whose fees and annual dues are

paid, and who has received a favorable vote of the directors, shall be a member of the club with all rights and privileges of the type of membership which has been approved.

The rights and privileges of members shall include but not be limited to: voting, holding office, attending club functions at member rates, and examining club books and records at reasonable times.

Section 3. Termination. The membership of any member may be terminated by a unanimous vote of the directors. Whenever a membership terminates, all rights and interest pertaining thereto revert to the Wasatch Mountain Club, Inc.

Article IV:

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected by the general membership and serve as directors. The vice president shall be elected by the Governing Board from the directors not currently serving as officers.

Section 2. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall assume the duties of the president until the Governing Board shall elect a president to serve for the unexpired term. Any other vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the president and confirmed by a majority vote of the Governing Board.

Article V:

DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The directors shall consist of at least ten qualified members, as defined in the Bylaws and elected by the membership, and shall include the officers.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office shall be one year or until new directors are elected. New directors shall take office at the first scheduled meeting of the Governing Board following the annual business meeting.

<u>Section 3. Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by appointment by the president, subject to approval of the remaining directors.

Section 4. Duties. Each director shall perform the duties outlined in the Bylaws. If any director be considered inactive or otherwise undesirable, said director may be discharged from office by unanimous vote of the remaining directors.

<u>Section 5. Remuneration</u>. No director shall receive any financial remuneration for services rendered to the club in such capacity.

Section 6. Business. The directors shall conduct business only at regular meetings, or special meetings upon proper notice. A quorum of directors shall consist of a majority of its members.

Article VI:

TRUSTEES

Section 1. Composition. The trustees shall consist of four elected members in good standing and the president of the club. One member shall be elected each year at the annual business meeting for a four year term. Each member shall have served previously for at least one year as a director and shall have been a regular member of the Wasatch Mountain Club for at least five years.

Section 2. Chair. The senior member of the trustees shall act as chair. The chair shall call meetings of the trustees as requested by the president, or at the discretion of the chair upon proper notice. At meetings of the Governing Board each attending trustee shall have one vote on all matters other than those to be brought before the trustees.

Section 3. Vacancy. Should a vacancy in the trustees occur during the year, a new member shall be elected by the remaining trustees to serve until the next annual business meeting of the club, at which time a new trustee shall be elected by the membership to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4. Duties. Each trustee shall perform the duties outlined in this Constitution. If any trustee be considered inactive or otherwise undesirable, said trustee may be discharged by unanimous vote of the remaining trustees subject to the approval of the Governing Board.

Section 5. Expenditures.

- a. Any expenditure of the club that exceeds \$1,000 in a single project, or the sale or disposal of any property valued in excess of \$1,000, shall be approved by a majority of the trustees prior to the obligation of the expenditure or sale. A report of the action taken by the trustees shall be made to the Governing Board within twelve days of the date the trustees are informed of the proposed action.
- b. If the trustees fail to act or fail to approve the expenditure within the specified time, the matter shall automatically be referred to the Governing Board, who may present the request to the general membership for action.
- Section 6. Audit. The incoming chair, assisted by the other trustees, shall be responsible for an audit of the books of the treasurer at the end of the treasurer's term of office. It shall be completed within thirty days.
- Section 7. Annual Financial Report. The trustees shall approve the annual financial report of the treasurer which shall provide in reasonable detail a general statement of the transactions and financial condition of the club. This report shall be presented at the first general meeting held after May 1 and shall be published in the Rambler immediately afterwards.
- <u>Section 8. Constitution Interpretation.</u> The authority and responsibility for the interpretation of this Constitution shall be vested in the trustees.

Article VII:

GOVERNING BOARD

- <u>Section 1. Composition</u>. The Governing Board shall be composed of the directors, including the officers, and the Trustees other than the president.
- Section 2. Responsibility. The responsibility of the Governing Board shall be noted below or assigned by the membership:
- a. The control of all business and activities shall be vested in the Governing Board.
- b. Any action approved by the Governing Board may be put to a vote of the membership for final approval if requested through a petition signed by five percent of the membership as of May 1 of the current fiscal year.
- c. Bylaws, not in conflict with the Constitution, may be adopted, amended, or rescinded at any meeting of the Governing Board by a two-thirds vote of the total board, provided all board members are notified by mail or otherwise. Notice shall include the exact wording of the proposed amendment and date and place of the meeting and be given at least ten days prior to the meeting.
- d. Date, time and place of general membership meetings shall be specified by the Governing Board.
- Section 3. Meetings. The Governing Board shall meet as specified in the Bylaws or as designated by the president with the approval of the board.
- Section 4. Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the members of the Governing Board.

Article VIII:

MEETINGS

<u>Section 1. Meetings</u>. There shall be at least two general membership meetings held each year, one of which shall be the annual business meeting.

Section 2. Notice. A matter requiring a vote of the membership may be transacted at a general membership meeting, provided that notice was mailed to the membership at least ten days before the date of such a meeting, such notice stating generally the purpose, time, date and place of the meeting. A member may vote in person or by proxy, executed in writing by the member.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Election.</u> Election of trustees and directors shall be conducted at the annual business meeting or by a general mail ballot if the Governing Board so chooses.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of business at a general membership meeting shall consist of the members present or represented by written proxy.

Article IX: HISTORY

There shall be a written and pictorial history of the club maintained giving recognition for outstanding services of individuals or groups of individuals to the club. The directors shall appoint a club historian to compile and maintain said history.

Article X:

PUBLICATIONS

The Rambler shall be the official publication of the Wasatch Mountain Club, Inc.

Article XI:

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Wasatch Mountain Club, Inc. in all cases not provided for in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Bylaws or in the standing rules.

Article XII:

AMENDMENT

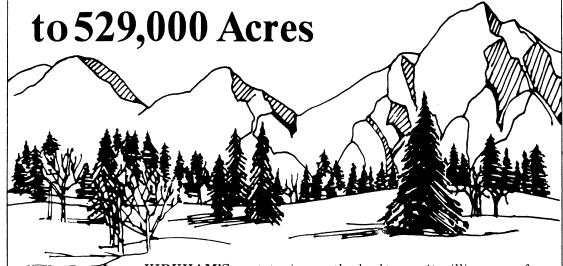
Amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of the quorum of members present and voting at any general membership meeting. Any member may submit a proposed amendment to the Board for consideration, and it shall be referred to the membership on approval of the Governing Board providing that notice has been sent to all members at least ten days prior to the vote.

COMMENT

by Jim Elder, Secretary, WMC

It has been some time since the Constitution was last presented to the General Membership. the Constitution is reproduced for review by the Membership and will be ratified at the General Membership Meeting in February. Any proposed amendments to the Constitution should be forwarded to John Veranth by December 15 so they may be published in the January Rambler.

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Send check, payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club, to:

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ENTERTAINMENT

FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR

by Leslie Woods

The Halloween Party was a great success due to the extra mile that the Windriver Band went to. Their willingness and eagerness to get to the Lodge was beyond the "call of duty." The Club members were impressed and raved about the band's musical abilities, especially the drummer who played with spoons from the kitchen. After this event, they should be considered for honorary membership in the WMC. For an upcoming activity, they will be at the Lodge again on March 24, 1990.

FROM THE

LODGE DIRECTOR

FROM THE LODGE DIRECTORS

by Kathy Klein

Lodge directing has gone well the past few months. The entertainment committee has had several very successful events at the lodge. January and February weekends are booked but mostly with no-profit groups. I would like to encourage members to use their lodge. It is extremely available and extremely affordable. I have very few volunteers to be lodge host even though it is fun and easy!

Here is a breakdown of who has rented the lodge from April through November, 1989: number of nights rented by members was 20 and no-profit groups was also 20. There were 15 nights used by mountain club activities which encompassed dancing, music, food, fun, holidays, retreats and skiing.

Don't forget that the lodge is open to members for overnight use for only \$3 if someone is willing to take responsibility for locking up, etc

RIVER USAGE INPUT NEEDED

by Mike Dege

The Bureau of Reclamation is currently preparing a recommendation for usage of the Provo River corridor below the Jordanelle Dam. This section of the Provo has not been boated by club members much doe to low water levels but the recommendation should be of interest to boaters because management policies like this usually serve as precedents for future legislation.

Currently the land owners committee has proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation that foot traffic and fly fishing only be allowed, prohibiting boating, floating, motors, or horses. The Utah River Guides have adopted a resolution supporting recreational navigability of the river, and in fact Utah law supports our right to river usage for boating. We need to provide our input to the Bureau so that this and future policies reflect the needs of Utah boaters. You can do this by writing or calling the following Bureau of Reclamation employees:

Kirk Carpenter P.O. Box 51338 Provo, UT 84605 Phone: 379-1101

Don Olsen P.O. Box 11568 Salt Lake City, UT 84147 Phone: 524-5458

SOME THOUGHTS ON SCREENING TRIP PARTICIPANTS

by Walt Haas

Over the years I have developed my own technique for sorting out who is qualified to go on a hard trip. This method is now refined enough to be quite successful. Since the issue is frequently raised I have written down what I do in hopes that other trip leaders may benefit.

My basic strategy is to ask people to be open about their own past experience and encourage them to make an honest comparison with the difficulties expected. I start long before the trip by making notes about what issues will arise. Issues include such things as exposed scrambling, avalanche hazard, extreme temperatures, distance, and altitude.

The trip description in the Rambler should describe the issues objectively and state what is expected of participants. Example: "Pieps and shovel required," "Ability to belay and follow 5.6 on a rope required." If the trip is difficult, I INSIST on talking to each individual who wants to come. When I talk to the person, I start by saying in a friendly, non judgemental voice, "Tell me about your [skiing, climbing, backpacking, hiking] experience." I ask about "experience" rather "ability," than "experience" can be described in objective terms but "ability" cannot.

Then I LISTEN PATIENTLY to both the words and tone of their reply. It is important not to interrupt or rush this process. Most people will describe exactly what they have done in a serious tone of voice. Some will try to gloss over a lack of experience by making vague general statements; I pick this up by the tone of voice as well as the vagueness of the statements, and insist they be specific.

If I have any doubts about their experience I ask questions to clarify what they have done. If the coming trip is strenuous I ask about their fitness: "How many miles did you hike on that trip? How long did it take you? How long ago did you do those things? What do you do to stay in shape?" Some people who

were once in good physical condition and well adapted to altitude have been inactive for several years. These people may not realize how much they have lost. I also ask how they feel about any unusual situations they will encounter. On a recent trip to Buckskin Gulch I screened participants for claustrophobia.

By now I have a mental picture of the person that I can compare to the trip I'm leading. If the person's experience is clearly adequate I encourage them to come. If their experience is clearly inadequate they will probably recognize this and decide not to come. A few people will have marginal qualifications; if the trip is not dangerous I negotiate with them, asking them to accept responsibility for the decision to push their limits and discussing any problems they may run into.

There are a very few people who will press to come on a trip which they are not qualified to Usually these people seem to have NO experience at all; they apparently leafed through a sporting goods catalog and decided that, for example, the best way to start backpacking is on a carry-water trip in the desert featuring successive 14 mile days. I first try to make them realize what they are Sometimes I wax poetic about asking. dehydration, flash rattlesnakes, scorpions, and blistered feet. Describing a few fatal accidents is often helpful. As part of this process I usually try to suggest an appropriate way to gain experience, giving them the opportunity to bow out gracefully and sign up for an easier trip. Only as a last resort do I tell people that they can't come.

Some people will ask if their friend can come. Unless the person asking the question is someone I know well and trust, I insist on talking to the friend who wants to come.

I usually do NOT place an emphasis on equipment. Experienced people know what they need to bring. When dealing with beginners, I do however discuss equipment needed. Usually this involves talking them out of buying every fancy thing in the store; only rarely is it necessary to insist they spend a large amount of money on something like a shovel and a Pieps.

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LEADERS ONLY WESTWATER WHITE WATER

Sept. 29-Oct. 1

by Pooley

The "Leaders Only" Westwater Trip was no doubt a fun time. But unbeknownst to everybody but me, the trip was actually a leadership evaluation for this year's boating leaders. The leaders were evaluated for several leadership traits based on the Performance Scale (PPES) - not to be confused with the better known PPS (Pooley Pleasure Scale). A PPES 1 is extremely poor where a PPES 10 is excellent. The results were attained by questioning the followers of the trip and are as follows:

Organization - PRES 9. At the work party, Jeff Barrell was quoted as saying there were "too many chiefs and not enough indians". His organizational prowess was then proven by the speedy coordination of filling slots with followers three days before the trip. Some may say that three days prior was poor organization, but since the followers called were happy to be called, and happen to be doing this evaluation, we gave the leaders a PPES 9 for Jeff's organization.

Professional Image - PPES 9. Jim Elder's river hairdo is responsible for this high score. Jim spiked his hair with Colorado River Mousse to stick out of the holes in his helmet. Apparently, Lidia DiLello was also impressed and tried restyling her hair by sticking it in the electric blow-up pump at the put-in. The lost lock of hair was mounted in her tent.

Motivating Subordinates - PPES 9, Since my first trip ever through the infamous Skull Rapid was spent mostly upside down, I was greatly appreciative of Jim Elder's encouraging words. He congratulated me for obtaining the club record for the most number of successful rolls in Skull Rapid - four! This motivating

laurel inspired me. I decided not to give up and to aggressively attack the same rapid the next day. Jim pointed out that the worst thing that could happen is I'd beat my own record.

Lidia DiLello also contributed to this high rating. Her rafting crew was exhilarated after the final 6 mile flat water paddle out against a serious headwind. It took 4 hours of continuous paddling and afterwards her crew needed to be motivated, In true Mountain Club spirit, this leader excused her crew from Sunday's run and took them to the Grand Junction Hilton Hotel for champaign brunch instead.

Honesty - PPRS 10. Randy Klein nailed a huge wave with expert canoe surfing finesse. He stood up, turned around backwards, turned around forward, and with a purposeful straight up leap, he jumped out of his boat. It all looked graceful and acrobatic even as he and his canoe floated separately down stream. We later asked him the purpose of his trick. His answer, "I lost my balance, so I jumped out and away to prevent banging myself on the boat." A leader without integrity would have said, "It was a fancy technique of exiting a wave." But thanks to Randy, the leaders scored a PPES 10.

Flexibility - PPES 10 The leader's flexibility was proven when only 3 of the boats followed their scouted trek at Skull Rapid. Kathy Klein exemplified this flexibility. On Saturday her plan was the scenic route on the left far from Skull Hole. She was praised for her actual route which boldly skimmed Skull Hole. She proudly chose that daring route for Sunday, but her actual path was the riskless route on the left. When asked about the

deviations (by a rookie she was leading through) she boastfully replied, "Flexibility is the key to white water." or something sophic like that.

<u>Training Subordinates</u> - PPES 8. During dinner Jim Brown showed us the importance of practicing rolls. His lawn chair demonstrations looked awkward but proved the point. His lawn chair, by the way, earned the distinct nickname of the "Class 5 Chair" as it kept knocking him over.

Overall PPES 10. No doubt, our river leaders are perfect.

On a serious note, it was an outstanding trip with moments deserving to be remembered. Among them are:

Counting Pleiades with the naked eve. Summer temperatures throughout. Blue skies never saw a cloud. Challenging flow - about 2800 cfs. Breath-taking canyons. Bald Eagle sitting. Four kayaks, four canoes, one raft. Chaotic, exciting Skull runs. Magnetic Wall raft seizure and sterling escape. Last Change Rapid failed - Liza and Lou stayed in the boat. Superb captaining by Chris - safely took the most fun lines. Tasty Mexican food upon return (thanks Kathy and Allan). 3:00 a.m. coyotes. Snoring Lou - or was it Craig? Chet and Mimi - you really carried the dictionary in your canoe? Colorado National Monument rafters' side trip. "Give me my bond!"

Thanks to Jeff for organizing this grand trip. It pegged a 9 on the PPS.

Participants: Jeff Barrell, Chris Rowins, Randy Klein, Kathy Klein, Allan Gavere, Tim Poole, Liza Poole, Lou Williams, Craig Brown, Jim Elder, Lidia DiLello, Jim Brown, Chet Morris, and Mim Lemaire.

NEFFS CANYON HIKE

September 30, 1989 by Jan Coskey

The brisk morning hike up Neffs Canyon began at the early hour of 8:30. For those of us who schedule our hike the morning of, it was one less cup of coffee and a quick shower. However, the hike was well worth the effort. We also had the pleasure of harassing the leader who set the early morning time for novelty.

The trail was blanketed with colorful autumn leaves that just last week were on the branches of the trees surrounding us. Affirming the end of another season, the heavily wooded trail contained a stream with only a trickle of water in it. The cool refreshing breeze regulated the lively pace that advanced us up the steep trail.

A chance to rest and get acquainted was welcome at the notch that joins the Thaynes Canyon Trail. The panoramic view filled us with the fantasy of freedom, like the redtail hawk flying above us. On the hesitant climb down to civilization we encountered strong gusts of wind from an approaching storm.

After reaching the safe harbor of our cars at the bottom of the trail, we moved on to the Round Table for pizza. We had to apologize for our earlier harrassment and congratulate our leader for his wise choice of starting time and his remarkable imitation of a wild boar.

Those that enjoyed the hike were: Tom Walsh, Ann Wechsler, Joan Proctor, Trudy Healy, Bruce Nibley, Lisa Roschnitzke, Joan Stewart, Joyce Lukken, Amy Morton, Ray Williams, Jerry Reesor, Bill Baranowski, Jan Coskey, and Mary Fleming.

WILDCAT AND WILDKITTEN

by Tom Walsh

PART I - WILDCAT

The June Rambler said, "Our most difficult regularly scheduled hike will go up Mount Olympus, along Wildcat Ridge to Mt Raymond. Plan for a long, hard, thirsty, high altitude day on a hike rated 15.4." For the eight who did the Wildcat Ridge hike, the Rambler notice proved to be an accurate statement.

Leader Steve Carr met his group at 7:00 AM as planned. Steve spotted his big ugly station wagon at the Terraces in Millcreek Canyon. He demonstrated outstanding leadership characteristics by issuing annotated xerox copies of topographic maps and remembering to stock a cooler for our recuperation at the day's end.

The warm up exercise was the ascent to Mount Olympus, which went rather quickly with only a brief stop at the stream crossing. At the summit we entered the sun for the first time that morning. We stretched out, sipped potables, munched our trail food, and became lethargic. However Steve would not allow any slacking off at this early point, so he spurred us into motion. About 100 yards onto Wildcat Ridge a shout from behind announced that one of us left a camera behind. The good citizen who found the camera promised to leave it at Zions Lutheran Church. He was true to his word.

Olympus is the last turn-back point for about 6 hours before reaching Neffs Canyon. We all decided to continue beyond the turn back point. Weather was nearly perfect with temperatures in the 80s accompanied by mostly clear skies. That was fortunate because the route had become VERY hard between Olympus and Triangle Peak. Gawd, it was awful! Route finding was really slow requiring careful foot placement and strenuous moves along a ridge that was only a little short of mountaineering. If there was any doubt of the exact meaning of Exposure, this hike certainly illustrated the concept. At one point if you dropped your water bottle, the only question

was whether it would fall what seemed like half a mile to the right, or half a mile to the left. To confound the exposure and scrambling problems, there were numerous low lying shrubs which obscured safe footing and snagged our backpacks. One unspoken concern that was continuously in mind was rattlesnakes. Fortunately we encountered none.

Even though the temperature was moderate for a summer hike, the exertion of scrambling over the Ridge was sweaty. My two quart water bottle was running low. We began looking for snow patches to fashion snowballs to suck on. Steve Carr and Doug Blount both had more than 4 quarts of water and used every bit of it.

It was apparent that the group was a cohesive one with everyone of about equal capability. No one lagged behind or outdistanced the rest of the pack. We took turns route finding, and whenever one person wasn't confident about the right moves to get around the obstacle of the moment, another person would find an alternate path.

Eventually we got to the base of Triangle Peak. This was a relief, because the scramble to the summit was easy compared to that dreadful ridge. At the top we relaxed and read the summit register. The only signatures on it were from the WMC Wildcat Ridge hike of the previous year. Beyond this point the difficulty relented somewhat and we began to enjoy the hike. There was less need to concentrate on route finding and handholds. An occasional snowball was seen flying - many a tall tale was told about heroic (and exaggerated) deeds on the mountains.

The pace was now steady with stops to suck snowballs and eat. Time passed as we bagged peak after peak. At the juncture of Mill B North Fork and Neffs Canyon we met a couple groups who didn't believe where we had come from. From this point we could see Mt Raymond, the last peak. By now it was late afternoon with the calm cool air of the mountain evening settling in. We took off with a renewed burst of enthusiasm (if not energy) to gain the last summit. At this point we split into two groups, one going along the trail on the side of the mountain, and the other

going up and over. Steve insisted that the up and over route would be more fun; perhaps he was right, but the other group got to the base of Raymond much sooner and got to rest.

Doug Blount tore off at a killer pace straight up Raymond. Our whole group gathered there in a few minutes for a last look at Wildcat Ridge, backlit from the sinking sun. We didn't talk about the time of the day because we were tired and knew that cognizance of time would remind us that we had been going all day long. We did eight summits - nine if you count a flyer that Norm Pobanz forced me to do. From Raymond it was all downhill - but a considerable length of trail lay ahead. Steve reminded us of his cooler at the Terraces. What a motivator that was!

The sun had set and long dark shadows crept out on the endless trail. We began to meet hikers as we got near the trailhead. We must have looked haggard because they asked the same question: What happened to you guys? We may have looked bad, but we felt good. It was tremendously satisfying to do a challenging hike with an amiable and cohesive group. It was completely dark when we collapsed around Steve's ugly station wagon. In my lifetime I cannot remember better tasting beers than the ones after finishing Wildcat Ridge.

Total time for the hike was 14 hours. Participants: Steve Carr (leader), Spenst Hojma, Doug Blount, Norm Pobanz, Martin Lange, Peter Hanson, Tony Torrie, Tom Walsh.

PART II - WILDKITTEN

The idea of Wildkitten was to do part of the Wildcat Ridge hike, but without the exposure and severity. The proposed route was to start up Millcreek Canyon, go to Alexander Basin, go to Gobblers Knob, then to Mount Raymond, and descend via Neffs Canyon. This exploratory hike rated at 10 looked good on paper.

Apparently it was interesting enough so that nine Club members gathered at Bagel Nosh to try it out. In mid October it is frosty cold at 8:30 AM. There was apprehension about doing a long hike rather late in the season. No

problem - in a couple hours we had perfect fall weather.

Kira took the lead at the trailhead and promptly got us off the trail onto a straight-up, root-entangled, mud-chute. It was about as miserable as the north trailhead to Bells Canyon. However Kira was bright and cheerful so no one dared to complain.

Our gully climb took us to a ridge on the north side of the drainage in which Alexander Basin rested. All we had to do was to traverse around clockwise to intersect the trail going to Gobblers Knob. Except for a little bushwhacking it was no trouble at all. Once we found the trail the going got easy. The steep part was done and we only had the long part to go.

Our predetermined lunch spot - Gobblers Knob - was in sight. With steady hiking we gained the summit where we ate and debated which summit of Gobblers was the higher. Like a magician pulling rabbits out of a tophat, Kira amazed us with the variety of food she kept pulling from her backpack. Personally I thought a 14 entree lunch was impressive.

Onward to Mt Raymond! It was down a saddle then up another one to the summit of Mt Raymond. There was just a skiff of snow here and there in shady places. Anxiety about hiking on slippery new snow proved to be unfounded. Because the group pretty much stayed together we all got to the summit about the same time and relaxed with drinks, food, and reading the register which contained the names of the Wildcat Ridge hikers.

Descending the west side of Raymond, we chose to go straight down. This would not be a problem normally. Unfortunately we happened to get into a steep gully with loose rock. Leader Jim Sewell made sure that we went down one at a time and kept well out of the way of moving rocks.

Wildkitten and Wildcat Ridge both go over the same route between Raymond and the top of Neffs Canyon. Like on the Wildcat Ridge hike, it is all downhill from Raymond. The little used trail connecting to Neffs Canyon looked much the same as when we did it earlier. This was probably because there were few deciduous trees or shrubs to change to autumn colors.

At the top of Neffs Canyon our group met Bruce Nibley, who wanted to meet the Club for one last hike before he and his wife moved to Oregon. Coincidentally it was discovered that he was a cousin of Gerry Nibley who was with the hike from the beginning. They had never met.

Going down Neffs Canyon was fast on a long smooth downhill trail. We all got to the cars about 5:30 PM. In the post mortem we

decided we could have done the hike faster, and still had ample time to rest and contemplate. We also decided Wildkitten is a great hike and should become part of the WMC repertoire.

Participants: Bruce Nibley, Gerry Nibley, Mike Budig, Norm Pobanz, Kathy Jacobs, Kira Kilmer, Don Thorpe, Karen Perkins, Jim Sewell (the leader), and Tom Walsh.

On Gobblers Knob. Photo by Kathy Jacobs.





REFLECTIONS OF A NEOPHYTE

Van Cott Peak October 8, 1989 by Marilee Yerkovich Photos by Richard Zeamer.

As a first time hiker in the WMC, I surveyed the steep ascent up to Van Cott Peak with some misgivings. Rated a 2.8 "easy jaunt", the dry, vertical terrain looked a bit challenging. Indeed, two of our eleven member party turned back shortly into the climb.

The weather was typical for early fall in Utah - that is to say **beautiful**. The temperature that morning was 70, with a blue, cloudless sky. Outer layers of clothing were quickly peeled off, as sweat glands kicked in.

The jeep trail just north of the U of U Medical Center quickly faded into a single file path. Vegetation was sparse on the lower foothills, but one could look down into Cephalopod Gulch to see autumn's transformation on the brush below.

We stopped occasionally to rest and assess the view as we assaulted the incline. Camaraderie developed as we discussed Utah vs. the East and Far West, our canyons, and naturally, the great Olympics debate.

We "peaked out" at an elevation of 6300+ feet and stopped to enjoy the panorama. Red Butte Canyon lay just at the base of Mt. Van Cott. Looking south, we saw the Wasatch Range all the way to Mt. Nebo. The slight haze that reached across the valley had a clearly defined

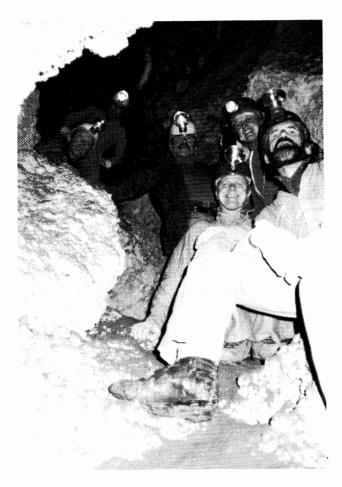
upper stratum. Toward the west, the Oquirrhs, and then the Lake defined the horizon.

Richard Zeamer was our hike leader. He shared his considerable knowledge of the lore of the land. Example: in the Paleozoic Era, this identical morning walk would have been along the shore of the Pacific. Conjecture has it that in some future era, it may again be beachfront property. Interesting...



The entire experience was invigorating at the very least. Is hiking the Wasatch addictive? I'm afraid I'm hooked.

Participants: Pat Fields, Sherrie Wilkes, Marilee Yerkovich, Marylyn Gull, Robert Silk, David H. Nelson, Sally M. Trost, Wendy Gulczynski, Marita Farfield, Christina A. Christensen, and leader Richard J. Zeamer.



CRYSTAL CAVE

November 12, 1989 by Cynthia Anderson Photos by Hank Winawer.

Ten of us headed out for West Wendover to hike and explore a little known cave under the expert and thorough direction of Dale Green. We briefly stopped at Nevada Crossing for provisions and bathrooms and after traveling on grueling dirt and sagebrush roads had an impromptu picnic before climbing up to the cave entrance.

It didn't take more than a few minutes of bending and contorting our bodies in strange and abnormal ways for us to all realize that this was not going to be your run of the mill caving experience. We wormed our way, snake fashion on hands and knees and bellies and thanked God that some of us wore knee pads. Our hard hats often hit with resulting pings as we bumped and scraped along the narrow passages.

Dale pointed out strange and wildly beautiful cave coral and occasionally we found narrow caverns where we could assume a more upright position. Our carbide lamps gave wonderful illumination to the formations of unicorn coral, a special type of heliotite, lacy flower corals, "sea-fan" corals, white seed-looking pearls, and massive walls of what looked like brain coral. In addition, the light helped us see pack rat nests without their residents, a moldy dead rat, bat and rat dung besides the dirt on our eager faces. We wasted a flash as Dale showed us the afterglow in the coral that shone an irridesent green.

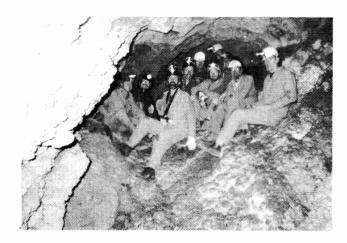
As we squirmed and sometimes felt short of breath, Dale reassured us that while we may think there wasn't enough oxygen, there really was plenty. At one point we inched our unwilling bodies with back on one wall and feet on another past a gorge with icy blue water twenty feet deep reflecting off our terrified faces. It was thrilling. adventurous. We crawled through passages where weight and size could mean getting stuck. One passage allowed feet first through a "birth canal" where one would drop below, uncertain if feet would touch. Climbing back



out required group effort as footholds and handholds were difficult to find.

Pat Beard bravely manned the group photo and attempted to forage his way back to the group before the flash went off. We found the "signature room" where names and graffiti from 1926 had been painted. We did our version of mountain cave climbing where we scrambled up walls of one cavern that rose some fifty vertical feet.

After three plus hours in the cave and with our carbide running out, we headed back through the cave to the entrance where a few fiendish fellows tried to scare each other in the winding tunnels. All of us agreed that the day had been an experience and one we would repeat. The adventure complete, we cleaned up and headed for a casino dinner before the trek back to Salt Lake.



Participants included Dale Green as leader par excellence, Hank Winawer, Marc Hutchinson, Jason Kato, Cynthia Anderson, Ron Perez, Monty Young, Kevin Maley, Tom Walsh and Pat Beard. Cynthia was the lone "token" cave woman but proved being female wasn't a factor of being an able bodied speleologist. I encourage you women to get out and cave with these guys, you'll love it, and guys look good with hats and carbide lamps.

NOTCH PEAK

October 21, 1989 by Bob Weirick Photos by Hank Winawer.

"The fantastic season finale" as it was listed got off to a sleepy eyed start when 20+ people gathered at 6 am at Denny's. The caravan went down Redwood Road in total darkness. Nearing Elberta, dawn was coming through a cloudy sky over the Wasatch. Jim Frese was waiting at a rendezvous west of Eureka and then it was on to Delta and the Circle K gas/coffee/pit stop where two more car loads appeared. The caravan moved west on US 50 to mile post 53 and north over several very dusty dirt roads to the trail head in, of all places, Miller Canyon. Trip leader, Wick, had an excellent map and description prepared.

After a final head count of thirty people and two dogs, the group started up the open wash and settled into rolling conversations and comfortable paces. Soon the walls closed in to form a narrow canyon and provide a picturesque and in some places nearly stair-stepped climb into an upper basin.

In the upper reaches the trail was not defined and a cloud had settled in, causing several of the lead hikers to find the right hand saddle instead of the left and subsequently to "discover" the coup de grace, the bristlecone forest that was to be a detour on the way down. Notch Peak was quickly identified as



Bristlecone forest, Notch Peak in the rain. Photo by Hank Winawer.

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Hank Winawer showing people how to safely look over the edge of Notch Peak.

the cloud shifted and the errant hikers joined the main group in the final ascent. Hank showed us how to look over the edge safely where the sheer wall is variously described as 2000 to 4500 feet. In a 20 mile per hour wind, it was not a place for enjoying lunch or the cloudy, limited view.

The cloud that had formed in the upper basin continued to spill over the saddles and dissipate only to rain on our parade later in the descent. A quick contour back through the bristlecones to include various secluded lunch areas out of the wind and then it was back into the upper basin to get down out of the lowering ceiling of clouds.

On the way up, while we were all still in the narrow area of the wash, two Navy jet fighters made several low passes at near supersonic speeds. On the descent Nature did a number with thunder and several drenching showers. Rain gear came out as if by magic and no one seemed to mind the change.

After regrouping at the trail head parking area, twenty eight of the thrity hikers made another descent on "Delta's finest" restaurant only to arrive early and have to wait 'til 5:30 when the door was unlocked and the group was beckoned in. Wick had made arrangements in

the morning for the group but truly it is Delta's finest if for no other reason than their ability to accommodate that size group and not miss a beat.

The salad bar was quickly ravaged and the chowder pot emptied. The room, cool at first, warmed considerably with that many warm damp hikers until the outside door had to be opened for relief. Amazingly, payment was on the honor system as we left. By the time the group disbanded for the return to Salt Lake City it was dark again. All together it was a great group, a good hike, a fine meal, and as it turned out a grand finale to the season given the snows of the following week and weekend. Surely now its time for those fuzzy pink slippers, Candy.

Participants: Cassie Badowsky, Jeff Barrell, Mike Budig, Janet Chatwin, Troy Chatwin, Marilyn Curran, Denise Doebbeling, Stan Flemming, Jim Frese, Angela Harding, Jerry Hatch, Don Higgins, Jim Janney, Candy Jones, Kira Kilmer, Wick Miller, David Morris, Theresa Overfield, Ilka Olsen, David Parry, Norm Pobanz, Gayle Stockslager, Anne Stringfellow, Mike Stringfellow, Shirley Tegan, Mike Treshow, Tom Walsh, Bob Weirick, Hank Winawer, Monty Young, Butch, and Star.

DECEMBER SKY CALENDAR

by Ben Everitt

	MOON	1		
First Quarter	Dec	5	Jan	4
Full Moon	Dec	12	Jan	10
Last Quarter	Dec	19	Jan	18
New Moon	Dec	27	Jan	26

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view from behind the sun and should be visible in the dawn sky in the constellation Scorpius.

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