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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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# REPORT

Dec 7

The Ski Touring Director emphasized that Walt Haas is organizing the Jan 14 Avalanche Class and that John Kortbawi is organizing the Jan 20-22 Avalanche Workshop. These two deserve credit for organizing these important events.

President John Veranth has written a letter stating the club position on the Wasatch Canyons Master Plan.

Boating has moved its equipment into a new storage shed. The move will save the club \$240/year in reduced rent.

The conservation & hiking directors may be able to work with the UWA to set up spring backpack trips into wilderness study areas.

Next meeting: Jan 4

## WELCOME

The Rambler and W.M.C. want to welcome the following new club members:

Craig Brown  
Steve Brooks  
Ronda Brooks  
Marcia Fetterman  
Sue Fisher  
James Hathaway \*

Greg Lahr  
Rudy Lukez  
Lee Moss  
Leslie Mullins  
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## RAMBLER HELP NEEDED

If you would enjoy helping out with the *Rambler* - paste up, errands, typing, artwork - please contact the editor David Vickery at 583-7064. No experience necessary - we offer on the job training!

# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

(See the Chronological Listing for Details)

<u>Jan</u>	<b>BACKPACKING</b>	<u>Feb</u>
		? Grand Canyon
<u>Jan</u>	<b>SKI TOURS</b>	<u>Feb</u>
1 Hangover Ski Tour	15 Toll Canyon	4 Lower Silver Fork
1 Leader's Choice	15 Solitude	4 Norway Flats
2 Beaver Creek	16 Smith Moorehouse	4 Mt Wolverine
2 Red Pine	20 Avalanche Workshop	5 Scott's Pass
2 Day's Fork	21 Lower Days Fork	5 Reynold's Peak
7 Scott's Pass	21 Catherines Pass	5 Park City Area
7 Upper Green's Basin	21 Beartrap Fork	12 Solitude
7 Mt. Raymond	22 Uintas	17 Eastern Idaho
7 Instructor's Practice	22 Snake Creek Pass	
8 Beginner's Clinic	22 American Fork Twins	
8 Desolation Lake	27 Yellowstone	
8 Empire Canyon	28 Catherine Lake Loop	
8 Silver Fork	28 Toll Canyon	
8 Hogum Fork	28 Upper White Pine	
14 Avalanche Clinic	29 Beaver Creek	
14 Lower Greens Basin	29 Uintas	
14 Mill D	29 Park City Red Pine	
15 Powder Park	29 Leaders Choice	
15 Telemark Clinic		
<u>Jan</u>	<b>SNOWSHOE TOURS</b>	<u>Feb</u>
7 Catherine's Pass	22 Ogden Canyon	4 Green's Basin
15 Beartrap Fork	29 Broads Fork	
<u>Jan</u>	<b>SOCIALS</b>	<u>Feb</u>
22 Sunday Social		5 Sunday Social
	<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	

(Monday Evenings, 6:30 at the Highland High School Gym, except Jan 2, 16)

## A WORD TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Prospective members are welcome on all Club activities, with the following 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.
- 2) 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.)
- 3) A trip leader may choose to limit a trip to members, especially if there is limited space.

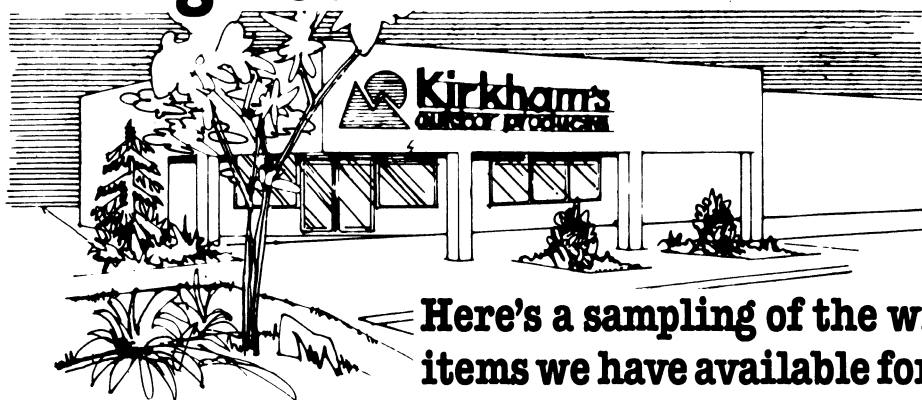
## A WORD ABOUT WMC SKI TOURS

- 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 required. 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.

ALL SKI TOURS MEET AT THE GEOLOGY SIGN AT THE EAST END OF THE PARKING LOT AT THE MOUTH OF BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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Sun. Jan 1

**THE HANGOVER TOUR SKI TOUR (NTD).** This now-famous tour, once again led by the intrepid Wick Miller, leaves from the geology sign at the crack of noon. The tour will brave it to the Lake Mary Overlook, and possibly beyond if there is popular demand. As in previous years, Wick cautions that although the the tour has an atmosphere that may be described as "relaxed", it is not for rank beginners. Snowshoers are welcome. Wick's number is 1-649-1790.

**LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD).** This is the tour for the Able Others. Start the year right - and a bit earlier - with Bob Myers who will meet you at the geology sign at 8:30 AM. Call Bob, if you have questions, at 272-0912.

Mon. Jan 2

**BEAVER CREEK SKI TOUR (NTD).** Cindy Cromer will lead this long, but easy, tour in a beautiful area of the Uintas. The route will cover about 12 miles of gentle terrain. Meet Cindy at the Regency Theater, Parley's Way, at 9:00 AM. Her number is 355-4115 if you have any questions.

**RED PINE SKI TOUR (MOD).** This popular tour in Little Cottonwood Canyon will meet at the geology sign at 9:00 AM. Karen Perkins will be the leader and suggests that you carry pieps and shovels. Karen's number is 272-2225.

**DAY'S FORK FROM ALTA SKI TOUR (MSD).** Participants will bus to Alta for the steep, but relatively short, climb to the top of Day's Fork. The leader, Ross McIntyre, knows a route down that has been described as "Powder Perfect." Call Ross to register and to arrange to take cars to the Spruces before the tour. Pieps and shovels required. Destination may be changed depending on snow conditions.

Sat. Jan 7

**SCOTT'S PASS SKI TOUR (NTD).** Those who share leader Karl Largerberg's joy of living will want to join him on this jaunt up Mill F to Scott's Pass. A trip with Karl is a day of sunshine, no matter what the weather. Meet him at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Karl's number is 583-8004.

**UPPER GREEN'S BASIN - SILVER SPOON SKI TOUR (MOD).** Oscar Robison will lead you from the Spruces through Green's Basin to the ridge above Silver Fork which recently has become known as Silver Spoon. Delightful skiing on open and wooded slopes! Join Oscar at 8:30 AM at the geology sign. Pieps and shovels are suggested. Oscar's number is 943-8500.

**MT. RAYMOND SKI TOUR (MSD).** Rolf Doebbling, leader, requests that you call him at 467-6636 to register for this tour which will climb to Mt. Raymond from Butler Fork. Pieps and shovels are required.

Sat. Jan 7

INSTRUCTOR'S PIEPS PRACTICE. All intermediate and advanced skiers with some experience with pieps are requested to attend. You are needed to assist Walter Haas during the afternoon of the Avalanche Clinic next week on Saturday, Jan 14. Consequently, Walter asks that you meet him today at the Lodge between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. for preparation on how to teach next week's afternoon session. Over 100 people will attend next week's clinic. Instructors for the afternoon avalanche rescue practice are desperately needed. **WE NEED YOU! YOU MAY HELP SAVE A LIFE. ATTEND THIS PRACTICE SESSION.** If you have any questions call Walter Haas at 534-1262.

CATHERINE'S PASS FROM BRIGHTON SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD +). Snowshoe through this beautiful Brighton area to the Pass. Be prepared to share your lunch with the chickadees. Lyn Nall (467-4043) will meet snowshoers at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Please note that the date for this tour has been changed from the previously published schedule.

SKI PRACTICE - SPRUCES. Several participants in the November 20th Beginners' Ski Clinic would like to meet other interested beginning skiers for Saturday practice in the Spruces. Meet at the Spruces parking lot at 10:00 am. There will be no leader, just come and join in.

Sun. Jan 8

THIRD 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. Just go and rent any old pair of cross-country skis, poles, and boots." 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 Theater, Parley's Way at 9:00 AM. Drive up I-80 in Parley's Canyon to the Summit Park Exit and follow the Kelley signs (there will be many). Please park on frontage road above and below the mail boxes. Park on the south side of the road and hike into Timberline from there.

DESOLATION LAKE SKI TOUR (long NTD). The route to Desolation Lake up Mill D North is longer than most NTD tours, but the terrain is beautiful and fairly gentle. Join Allen and Ilka Allers Olsen at the geology sign at 9:00 AM. Their number is 272-6305.

EMPIRE CANYON SKI TOUR (NTD). Lyman Lewis has consented to lead this tour up on of the canyons on the Park City side. Though he probably wouldn't admit it, Lyman is an expert on the history of this area, so the tour should be doubly interesting. The group will meet at the golf course in Park City at 9:30 AM. Car pool from the Regency Theater, Parley's Way, at 8:45 AM. Call Lyman at 1-649-9632 if snow conditions are questionable.

SILVER FORK WEST BOWL FROM BRIGHTON SKI TOUR (MOD +). Follow Dave Smith up over Twin Lakes Pass to Silver Fork to ski the great powder waiting for you in the West Bowl. Pieps and shovels are required. Dave will meet you at 8:30 AM at the geology sign. Call him at 278-6515.

- Sun. Jan 8      HOGUM FORK SKI TOUR (MSD). Larry Stewart will lead a route up Maybird to this fork in Little Cottonwood Canyon. He asks that you call him at 485-7818 to register. Pieps and shovels are required. If the avalanche danger is high or the snow marginal, Larry will change the destination.
- Mon. Jan 9      VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). \$1.00. Gym is located on west side of school. Follow signs that say "volleyball". Call Jim for information at 943-3321.
- Fri. Jan 13      NOMINATIONS BANQUET. 6:30 at the Organ Loft (3331 Edison Street). See full page ad elsewhere for details.
- Sat. Jan 14      AVALANCHE CLINIC. 8:00 am at Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Drive. See ad in this month's *Rambler*. Snowshoers as well as all skiers are encouraged to attend this clinic.
- LOWER GREEN'S BASIN SKI TOUR (NTD). Meet Janiece Pompa (485-3116) at 9:00 A.M. at the geology sign. Hopefully the tour will end early enough so the participants can take part in the avalanche clinic that afternoon. Bring your pieps and shovel for this session if you have them.
- LEADERS CHOICE UP MILL D SKI TOUR (MOD). Meet Mike Herrick (561-0472) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Hopefully the tour will end early enough so the participants can take part in the avalanche clinic that afternoon. Bring your pieps and shovel for this session if you have them.
- Sun. Jan 15      BEARTRAP FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD or MOD to ridge). Join Sanjay Prakash (485-8195) for this classic snowshoe tour in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Go partway or all the way to the ridge where the super views are. Meet at 9:30 AM at the geology sign.
- POWDER PARK SKI TOUR (MOD). Meet Anna Cordes (467-9430) at 9:00 A.M. at the geology sign. She requests that the previous day's tour up Mill D leave Powder Park untracked. Pieps and shovels are suggested.
- TELEMARK CLINIC. Meet Milt Hollander (277-1416) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Basic skiing skills are required, for example, snowplowing, sidestepping, walking. Since Milt plans to utilize the Sunnyside Lift at Alta, the following public service announcement is provided: Albion, Sunnyside and Cecret all day for \$13.00; half day for \$9.00; ten-ride passes available.
- TOLL CANYON SKI TOUR (NTD). 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 have a snack and hot drinks at her home. Meet for car-pooling at the Parley's Way K-Mart parking lot. To find your way to Audrey's home, see the Jan 8, Beginners Ski Clinic listing.
- LIFT SKIING at Solitude. Jim Briscoe will lead this trip to Solitude for great skiing for all abilities on alpine or 3-pin equipment. Meet Jim at the geology sign at 8:00 AM to carpool up and enjoy breakfast before a great day of enjoyment (at a discount price if we have 25 or more). Bring a sack lunch or money for lunch at the Solitude Cafe. Call Jim at 943-2131 for info and help him get an estimate of the number going. (THINK POWDER).



- Mon. Jan 16      UINTAS - SMITH MOOREHOUSE SKI TOUR (NTD). If you have this holiday, wake up early and join Charles Lesley (364-2486) for this leisurely paced tour. Meet at the Regency Theatre on Parleys Way at 7:00 am.
- Jan 20-22  
Fr.-Sun.      AVALANCHE EVALUATION WORKSHOP. See ad in this month's Rambler for description of course sponsored by the Wasatch Mt. Club in conjunction with the Alaska Avalanche School.
- Sat. Jan 21      LOWER DAY'S FORK SKI TOUR (NTD). Meet Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.
- CATHERINES PASS FROM BRIGHTON SKI TOUR (MOD). Meet Tom Silberstorf (467-5734) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.
- BEARTRAP FORK SKI TOUR (MOD). Meet Art Griffin (363-1996) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.
- Sun. Jan 22      LEADERS CHOICE - UINTAHS SKI TOUR (NTD). Meet Peter and Elizabeth Kiteck (277-5511) at 9:00 AM at the Parleys Way K-Mart.
- SNAKE CREEK PASS FROM BRIGHTON SKI TOUR (MOD). Richard Conn promises to avoid the ski area. Meet him at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.
- AMERICAN FORK TWINS SKI TOUR (MSD). Dennis & Karin Caldwell are the leaders. Call them at 942-6065 for details and to register.
- OGDEN CANYON SNOWSHOE TOUR. Meet Ken Workman (1-825-3448) at the Rainbow Gardens Cafe at the mouth of Ogden Canyon at 10:00 AM for a scenic tour somewhere up Ogden Canyon. Call Norm Pobanz (266-3703) for carpool information from the Salt Lake City area.
- SUNDAY SOCIAL. 4:00 pm at the home of Vince Desimone and Linda Wilcox in Park City. Enjoy Vince's delicious spaghetti dinner for \$4.00. This is the Film Festival weekend, so go see a flick and then come party! Or get some exercise on a club ski tour and then pig out (oink!) Directions: take the Park City exit from I-80. Turn left at the first road past the red double-decker bus at Ridgeview sign. Go to the top of the hill and turn left on the dirt road. Go to the "T" and turn right. Look for US & Park City flags. Phone 649-6805.
- Mon. Jan 23      VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). \$1.00. Gym is located on west side of school. Follow signs that say "volleyball". Call Jim for information at 943-3321.
- Wed. Jan 25      NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ORIENTATION MEETING. 7:00 pm at the Salt Lake County Government Center, 2001 South State Street, Room N-1101 (Board Room). This is located in the north building just inside the main door, next to the Commission Chambers. If you are a new member and would like to know more about the Club's activities, this is for you. And, if you have friends who may be interested in becoming members, bring them along. All are welcome. The meeting will be brief and informal, and Board members will be there to answer questions.

- Jan 27-31  
Fri.-Tue.      **YELLOWSTONE WINTER FUN SKI OUTING.** Ski and discover new hot pots at one of the largest hot spring terraces in the world. See Ski Director's column for Mammoth Hot Springs description.
- Sat. Jan 28      **CATHERINE LAKE LOOP SKI TOUR (NTD).** Meet Kenny Strong at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.
- TOLL CANYON/MURDOCK PEAK SKI TOUR (MOD).** Meet Ellie Ienatsch (272-2426) at 8:30 AM at the Regency Theater, Parleys Way to carpool.
- UPPER WHITE PINE SKI TOUR (MSD).** Pieps & shovels are required for this fast-paced tour. Call John Mason at 581-1926 for details and to register.
- Sun. Jan 29      **UINTAS - BEAVER CREEK SKI TOUR (NTD).** Joanne Miller (1-649-1790) is the leader for this tour. Meet at the Parleys Way K-Mart at 8:30 AM to form carpools for this tour and Wick's tour in the Uintas. The Millers will meet you at 9:00 AM the Kimball Junction MacDonalds. If you are a Park City area resident, call the Millers to arrange the meeting time and place.
- UINTAS - LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD).** Wick Miller is the leader for this tour. See the Beaver Creek description for meeting time and place.
- PARK CITY RED PINE SKI TOUR (NTD+/MOD).** Meet Marilyn Earle (1-649-1339) at the Park West 7-11 at 9:30 AM. Meet at the Regency Theater on Parley's Way at 9:00 AM to form carpools.
- LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD).** Meet Emily and Chauncy Hall (277-1555) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.
- BROAD'S FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR (MOD).** This tour in Big Cottonwood Canyon is steep at the beginning, but the views at the top are spectacular. Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will meet you at the geology sign at 9:30 AM.
- Mon. Jan 30      **VOLLEYBALL.** 6:30 pm at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). \$1.00. Gym is located on west side of school. Follow signs that say "volleyball". Call Jim for information at 943-3321.
- Sat. Feb 4      **LOWER SILVER FORK SKI TOUR (NTD).** Meet Robert Rogalski (942-8142) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.
- UINTAS - NORWAY FLATS SKI TOUR (NTD).** Meet Ken Kraus (363-4186) at 9:00 AM at the Parley's Way K-Mart.
- MT. WOLVERINE SKI TOUR (MOD).** Meet Dan Grice (521-8011) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Bring pieps and shovels as well as innovative ways to get that single ride up the Millicent lift.
- GREEN'S BASIN SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD).** Snowshoe to this quiet, beautiful mountain meadow with leader Joy Ray (272-6116). Meet at 9:30 AM at the geology sign.
- Sat. Feb 5      **SCOTT'S PASS SKI TOUR (NTD).** Meet Martin Gregory at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.

Sat. Feb 5

**REYNOLD'S PEAK SKI TOUR (MOD).** Meet Kevin Oakes (277-8742) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Pieps and shovels are suggested.

**LEADER'S CHOICE PARK CITY AREA SKI TOUR (MOD).** Meet Ross McIntyre (466-7749) at the Parley's Way Regency Theater at 8:30 AM.

**SUNDAY SOCIAL.** Join Joanne and Wick Miller at 4:00 pm for a Chinese meal at a nominal cost. Address: 8958 North Cove Drive, which is in Hidden Cove, behind (to the northwest of) Jeremy Ranch, on the way to Park City. Take the Jeremy Ranch exit (Exit 143) of I-80, and get on the frontage road to the north of the freeway, which is Rasmussen Road. Go west 0.7 miles on Rasmussen, past the golf course, then turn right on Silver Spur Road. Go just under a half a mile to a T intersection, and turn left. You should now be on Saddle Back Road. Wind around 0.7 miles on this road, which changes its name when it gets to the top of the hill (the sign is mislabeled Hidden Cove Drive, instead of North Cove Drive). You should now be there. Car pooling is suggested because of limited parking.

Mon. Feb 6

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## **FUTURE OUT OF TOWN ACTIVITIES**

(details in future *Ramblers*)

Early February

**GRAND CANYON BACKPACK.** Get away from the fog-bound, smog-filled valley bottom. Purify yourself with an exploratory backpack trip in the Grand Canyon. Monty Young wants to putter around in the Grand Canyon, experimenting with the most opportune routes and destinations that trail conditions, weather and mood of the group allow. Number of participants is limited to 16. This 4 day 3 night backpack will be scheduled during the first or second week of February. Call Monty at 255-8392 after 6:00 pm to plan, pool equipment, arrange transportation, etc.

Feb 17-20  
Fri.-Mon.

**"POWDER AND NOTHING ELSE" SKI ADVENTURE.** Exploratory tour in the eastern Idaho area west of Grand Teton National Park and Grand Targhee resort. See Ski Director's column for description.

February

**ASSAULT ON A CIRQUE SKI TOUR.** David Minix would like to attempt a ski tour from Driggs Idaho into a cirque on the west side of the Tetons (Schoolhouse Glacier area). Anyone with helpful information or those interested in the trip, please contact David at 967-3864.

March

**NORTHERN MEXICO BACKPACK.** Wick Miller will lead a week's backpack into the mountains and canyon country of the sierras of northwest Mexico, with an optional three day trip to Creel to Canyon de Cobre, a.k.a. "The Grand Canyon of Mexico." The trip is full, so the only chance now is if there are cancellations. Call Wick at 1-649-1790 if you wish to get on the waiting list.

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## BOARD NOMINATIONS

It's that time again. The process of nominating candidates for the March 1989 to March 1990 Governing Board begins with a nominating committee who propose a slate of candidates. This year's slate is:

Trustee	Karin Caldwell *
President	John Veranth *
Secretary	Jim Elder
	Rose Novak
Treasurer	Tom Silberstorf *
Membership	Earl Cook *
Boating	Jeff Barrell
Conservation	Keith Johnson & Janet Friend
Entertainment	Leslie Wood
Hiking	Tom Walsh *
Lodge	Vince Desimone * & Kathy Klein
Publications	David Vickery *
Ski Touring	Terry Rollins & Kira Kilmer
Information	(open)
Mountaineering	Debbie Reed

\* incumbent

Additional nominations are occasionally made from the floor at the Nominations Banquet which will be held Friday, January 13. Elections are then held at the General Membership meeting in February and the new Governing Board takes office in March.

Anyone interested in serving on the WMC Governing Board is urged to contact one of the nominating committee members:

Wick Miller (chair)	1-649-1790
Paul Horton	521-4296
Carol Kalm	272-0828

**AVALANCHE CLASS**  
**8:00 AM**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1989**  
**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1070 FOOTHILL DRIVE**

An avalanche class will be held on Saturday, January 14, 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.
- \* 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.



FROM THE

## SKI · TOURING DIRECTOR

by Anna Cordes

### Yellowstone Winter Adventure

Ski and discover new hot pots at one of the largest hot spring terraces in the world. Telemarkers may be interested to know that this area is supposed to be better for making those turns than the Old Faithful area traditionally visited by the club. January 27 - 31 are the dates for this season's Yellowstone ski and winter fun outing. The trip length may be shortened depending on the desires of the majority of the participants.

We will be staying at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, a quiet vintage hotel, which is accessible by car. We will stay for 4 nights and 3 1/2 days of winter fun. We will drive up to Mammoth Hot Springs on Friday. Cost for 4 nights accomodation is \$68; food, carpool expense, hot tube rentals, ice skating, etc. is extra. Breakfast and dinner is available at the hotel restaurant.

To reserve your spot, a refundable trip deposit of \$30.00 should be submitted to Anna Cordes, 1572 East Bryan Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105. Checks should be made payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club and are refundable until January 10. For more information, call Anna at 467-9430.

If a sufficient number of participants (at least 8) are not registered by January 20th, the trip will be cancelled. In case of cancellation, all deposits will be refunded.

### "Powder and Nothing Else" Exploratory Ski Adventure

If you happened to read the November 1988 issue of *Outside* magazine, you would know that

Alta, Utah and Alta, Wyoming offer great skiing with no frills. This year the club will leave the Brie and champagne in Sun Valley and explore the eastern region of Idaho west of Grand Teton National Park and Grand Targhee resort. We will leave on Friday, Feb. 17 and return on Monday, Feb 20.

Our base will be the Best Western Teton West Motor Inn in Driggs, Idaho which offers color TV, complementary coffee, and a 5-person hot tub for après-ski. We will have the opportunity to sample the cuisine of Driggs and the surrounding area.

Per person room costs, which include tax, are as follows: \$22.50/night/person for 2 people/room; \$15.70/night/person for 3 people/room; and \$12.00/night/person for 4 people/room. All rooms have 2 queen size beds.

Ready to go? Here's what you do:

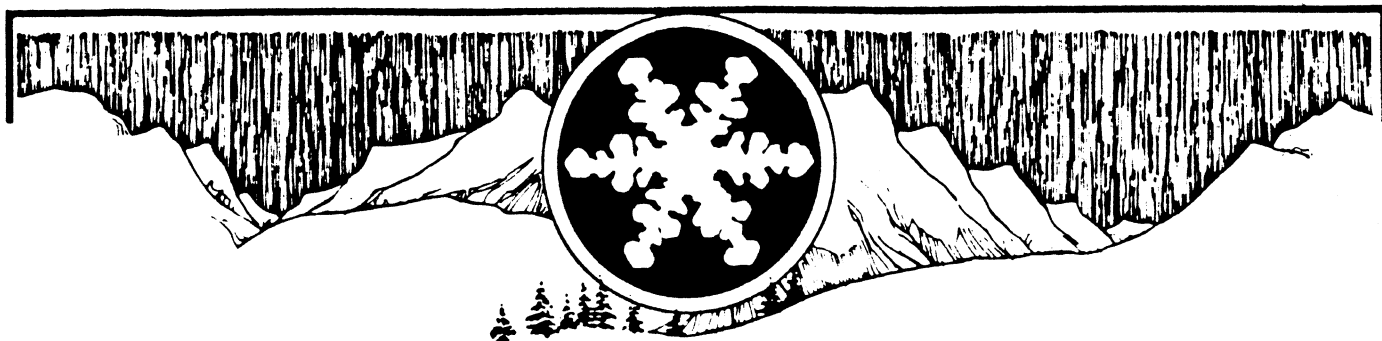
- 1) Decide how much you want to pay for lodging and other questions you want to ask.
- 2) Call Wick or Joanne Miller (1-649-1790) to register. Tell them your lodging preference. They can also answer other questions about the trip.
- 3) Make your \$20.00 refundable deposit payable to Anna Cordes.
- 4) Send your deposit to Wick Miller at 8958 N. Cove Drive, Park City, Utah, 84060.
- 5) You are now officially registered.

### Reminders

Just a reminder of the following offers which have been extended to club members by Utah businesses:

Salt Lake Fitness Club offer good until December 31, 1988. See November Rambler for details.

Ruby's Inn at Bryce Canyon offer good until March 31. See December Rambler for details. Ski and snowmobile rentals are being offered at a greater than 15% discount. Other rates quoted in December Rambler still apply. Lower room rates are available with 3-4 people /room.



# AVALANCHE!

**Who:** The Wasatch Mountain Club in conjunction with the Alaska Avalanche School are sponsoring:

**What:** 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 bottomline 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:** \$145 plus the cost of the required reading materials, if you don't have them already (Avalanche Handbook, \$8; Alaska Avalanche School Reader, \$3; and an inclinometer, \$2). **Instructors:** Doug Fesler and Jill Fredston of the Alaska Avalanche School; Brad Meiklejohn and/or Bruce Tremper of the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center.

**When:** January 20-22, 1989 (Fri.-Sun.)

**Where:** Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah at the Wasatch Mt. Club cabin and surrounding mountains.

**How:** To register contact: John Kortbawi  
Wasatch Mt. Club  
801-485-7916 (evenings)

A complete packet of information and pre-course materials will be sent to each participant upon registration. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited so **don't delay!**

**Other Requirements:** Participants must be in good physical condition, able to ski or snowshoe uphill and down in variable terrain and changing snow conditions, and prepared to remain outdoors in foul weather all day.



## CONSERVATION NOTES

by Chris Billoft and Mary Fleming

### WSA Trip Leaders Needed

Wilderness issues are likely to heat up again this summer as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its recommendations for Utah wilderness areas. Consequently, the Club plans to promote trips into less travelled wilderness study areas (WSA) to assess their recreation potential. A tentative trip list for this spring:

March: \*Fossil Mtn (King Top WSA) car camp visit to Silurian fossil beds and the Crystal Mtn (Wah Wah WSA) geological formation. \*Dark Canyon backpack via Sundance Trail. \*Fish & Owl Creek (Fish Canyon WSA) archeological sites.

April: \*Backpack to the Escalante River via Wolverine Canyon and return through Horse Canyon (North Escalante Canyons/The Gulch ISA Complex). \*Sids Mtn WSA car camp with day hikes in washes and viewing of rock art sites. \*Canaan Mtn WSA hikes up Short Creek & Squirrel Canyon, or Water Canyon.

May: \*Deep Creek Mtns WSA, hiking up Granite Creek to view pictographs, or Trout Creek for Bighorn Sheep. \*Book Cliffs (Desolation Canyon WSA), hiking Rattlesnake Canyon. \*Mt. Pennell WSA backpack to assess rock climbing on The Horn, or ascend to Mt. Pennell summit via one of its scenic canyons.

Most of the suggested trips can be done on a long weekend, although the Deep Creek, Mt. Pennell, and Canaan Mtn trips may require more time. LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR THESE TRIPS. Familiarity with the area is not a prerequisite for leading a trip. Club members willing to organize a trip to a WSA can expect help from knowledgeable Club members or the Utah Wilderness Association. Call Tom Walsh (#969-5842) or Ann Cheves (#566-5474). Volunteers for the March trips should call prior to 14 Jan.

### Conserving The Deeps

The Deep Creek Mountains WSA astride Utah's Nevada border is the largest and most important desert-island ecological system in the Great Basin. Unfortunately, the integrity of this WSA has been degraded by a 2300-acre chunk of private land carved out of its middle. This land is crucial bighorn sheep habitat and belongs in the wilderness. Culminating years of effort, the Great Basin Field Office of the Nature Conservancy has arranged to purchase this land with the help of a generous no-interest loan from the George S. and Delores Dore Eccles Foundation. This land will ultimately be sold to the Bureau of Land Management to be managed as wildlife habitat. Wilderness designation for the Deep Creeks has enjoyed widespread public support, and this crucial step brings wilderness designation for the Deep Creeks closer to reality.

### Canyon Planning and the Olympics

The County Planning Board is still digesting comments submitted on the Canyons Master Plan. Two more public meetings, probably in the spring, will be held before a Canyons Master Plan is adopted. The scale and vehemence of public input to the Plan has been a deciding factor in keeping developers in check. We thank everyone for their efforts.

Meanwhile, the push is on for a Salt Lake 1998 Winter Olympics bid. Local commercial interests and sports groups are getting lathered up about the profits and prestige that a Salt Lake Olympics would bring. Unfortunately, starry-eyed enthusiasm and hype tends to gloss over the fact that the host community is often left with the burden of paying for inappropriate, under-utilized facilities and ecological damage from ill-conceived development. The Olympics technical committee has recommended no events in the Cottonwood Canyons. However, to protect our Canyons and our wallets from unacceptable damage, the progress of planning for the Olympics must be monitored closely.



**THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB  
REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY**

*at the*

**NOMINATIONS BANQUET**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 6:30 PM**

*at the*

**ORGAN LOFT**

3331 Edison Street (140 East), Salt Lake City

**\$16.00 PER PERSON - RESERVATIONS DUE JANUARY 8!**  
(cost includes setups, dancing)

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

Linda Hatcher  
321 Blaine Avenue  
Salt Lake City Utah, 84115

**SCHEDULE**

6:30 Social Hour  
7:30 Nominations  
8:00 Dinner  
**DANCING AFTER DINNER**

## FROM THE

# BOATING DIRECTOR

by Jeff Barrell

There was a good turnout at the permit party this year and I hope this will mean lots of permits next year. The dates chosen are listed below for those who missed the party. First, I'll briefly explain the procedure to those new to obtaining permits: Permits are required for many popular rivers in Utah and Idaho (see the list below). A permit is obtained by first completing an application form and sending it to the proper agency by the required date. Each permit has different applications, addresses, and cutoff dates, so call myself or Carl Cook to obtain the "master list". The more popular rivers hold a lottery drawing until all launch dates are filled. Most applications have you list three dates as your #1, #2, or #3 choice. If all three dates are taken, then you are SOL. Other questions on the form are: # of persons (15) and type of rafts (Campways Apache). Some permits ask you for names of captains, campsites, and take-out dates. These are not very important and can be changed after receiving the permit, so just make up something. Be careful not to use current boaters without asking their permission first. If their names show up on two different lists, most likely both permits will be canceled.

OK, now for the dates. These should be your #1 launch date. Your #2 & #3 are left to your creative judgment:

Main Salmon	June 27
Middle Salmon	June 20
Desolation	May 26
San Juan	May 13
Yampa	May 26
Lodore	Sept 1
Selway	June 13
Westwater	Sept 2,9,16,23,30

The deadline for Yampa/Lodore is Jan. 15, so don't delay.

You can submit numerous Westwater permits, but cannot duplicate dates (date #1, 2, or 3 cannot appear on another application). Saturday is the preferred launch date, but put a Sunday as a third priority. We may connect a

Saturday-Sunday trip like we did this year. Another hint is to ask for "up to 15" people. If there are 12 slots open, then the application will not be rejected.

**"WHAT IF I OBTAIN A PERMIT?"** Be sure to attend the Club's trip meeting this April where we determine which trips to plan. Most permits require another form to return with money to secure your date. **"MUST I LEAD THE TRIP?"** The answer is, not necessarily. Trip leaders are always in scarce supply, and trips have been canceled due to lack of leaders. Whether another person volunteers to lead your trip depends upon many things. This question will be answered at the trip planning party.

By the way, the Club has a NEW storage shed at the Storage center at 4317 S 300 W, right next-door to Zims. Thanks to **Randy Klein, Mike Dege, Janis Huber, Ken Lovisa, and Jim Brown** who sacrificed 3 hours of their weekend to save us \$240 per year. **THANK YOU.**

## FROM THE RAFTING COORDINATOR

by Carl Cook

Well, Jeff, Lidia, and I have decided that I'll continue to be the Rafting Coordinator for the next year. Back in July (during the Payette River Trip) I told Jeff that I wouldn't be able to continue being the Rafting Coordinator past December, 1988 due to the fact that I am taking classes at Westminster. Anyway, I find that taking too many classes is too much of a strain and I'd rather be doing river trips, so I'm cutting back on classes next year. The point of all this is that I'll have time to do the job. In the meantime, Lidia was considering the job. But what she considered was that she would have too little time for the job as well (she's also in school). So we decided to arm wrestle for the job. Lidia won, so that's why I'll be the Coordinator for next Year. However, Lidia said she would be willing to be my "unofficial assistant" for next year. So anytime you can't get in touch with Jeff, Randy, or me, call Lidia. She will know what's going on (this means she'll know what rivers we're on). Well, sorry for being so wordy, I'll let you go. Good Bye until April!

FROM THE

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

by Earl Cook

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is almost time for all members to renew their membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club. Our membership year runs from March 1st to February 28th. Memberships can be renewed only by using the Membership Renewal form that will be mailed to all members around the 1st of February.

The New Member Application form in the back of the *Rambler* will not be accepted for membership renewals.

The dues are expected to remain the same this year as for last year.

It is important to complete the back of the Renewal Form. The back is the Activities Questionnaire. Your willingness to volunteer to assist the club in its activities is essential for the functioning of the club and its programs. As reported in last month's *Rambler*, there were a record number of hiking leaders. This is commendable, and I encourage more of this assistance in the other areas of the club's programs.

There are many jobs that are required for the club to function that are not outdoor leadership related. Please consider which of these will be fun to do and which will contribute to the other club members. From my experience it really is fun to work with other members to run the club.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The membership renewal forms will be mailed to the members around the 1st of February. For this job I require the assistance of about 5 members to assemble the renewal packages and help mail them. I also need the use of a postal meter machine so that we won't have to lick 1000 stamps. If anyone has access to a postal machine that we can buy postage on and use, please contact me. Also, please contact me if

you are willing to assist in the membership renewal job. This will require about 3 hours on one night near the end of January. We can make a real party out of it if we have enough help.

Next year, if I am reelected Membership Director, I plan to let a few selected members use the club computer to maintain the club membership database. I plan to have the computer located in the office so they can have access to it. This is an interesting job and if several members participate, will take about 2 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact me this month. I would prefer those who have some experience with using computers, but am willing to teach those who are not afraid of computers and want to learn.

### MEMBERSHIP LISTS

The printer messed up a number of the *Ramblers* last month and some of you probably did not receive a complete membership list. If you want one, please let me know and I will tell you how to obtain one.

## "THE CANYON'S EDGE"

January 12, 1989

7:30 pm

East High School Auditorium

\$3.00 at the door

"The Canyon's Edge" is an award-winning multi-media presentation that explores the relationship between legend and landscape on the Colorado Plateau. Sponsored by the Canyonlands Field Institute, with guest speaker Ken Slight, alias "Seldom Seen" of Edward Abbey's *The Monkey Wrench Gang*.

# TRIP · TALK

## SKI CLINIC

November 20, 1988

by Ellie Ienatsch

When I pulled up at the Geology Sign on Sunday, November 20, I was shocked to see a crowd of fifty people waiting to participate in the Beginners' Ski Clinic. Fortunately, six excellent instructors were on hand to help teach the group.

The object of this clinic was to prepare first or second-season skiers for NTD ski tours. Consequently, we divided into groups of varying ski abilities. Those who had done some touring last year and felt they were ready for an NTD tour went up Mill F toward Scott's Pass with Kathy Muhlhausen, Ross McIntyre, and Al Gavere. The instructors reported that the entire group did very well. After lunch on a sunny slope, telemark practice began. Congratulations to the members of this group on their new skills.

The rest of the clinic went to the Spruces to practice the basic skills needed to do an NTD tour. Those who were Alpine skiers but who were new to Nordic skiing went with Kathy Dalglish and Hank McCurdy to practice transition techniques. Those who had done some touring but not enough to join the Mill F group were instructed by Karen Perkins. The people who had never skied at all came with me to the ball field where we began with the skill of putting on skis in several inches of powder. As my group practiced weight shift, diagonal stride, pole usage, pivots, pole-less skiing and kick turns, not to mention all methods of stopping, I was impressed by the high level of both enthusiasm and ability. We had a lot of fun, especially at discovering that the only really hard part of all this is getting up out of a pile of powder. After lunch we found a hill to practice traversing up and down a slope. It was not easy as the hill was full of heavy brush hardly covered with snow. As with any WMC tour, we took conditions in stride and practiced winter bushwhacking techniques as well.

I sincerely thank the instructors who helped me for their valuable assistance. The clinic could not have been a success without them. And I thank also the participants of the clinic for their willingness to learn and for the good-hearted spirit they brought to the day. If anyone was lost in the shuffle--or got into the wrong group--I apologize.

The following is a partial list of participants. I deciphered all but ten names on the release form. Please forgive me if I have misspelled your name.

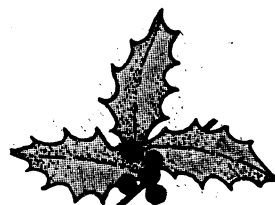
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### SUNDAY SOCIAL AT VINCE & LINDA'S!

Spaghetti Dinner & Good Company

Sunday, January 22

(see activity listing for details)



## LETTER FROM ALASKA

Labor Day 1988

Chris Swanson  
Box 21  
Fort Yukon, AK 99740

It's Labor Day already and I've been here almost seven months. Although time flies in the summer it seems as if I've been here much longer. We're into full Fall. Most trees have turned their yellow-gold-amber and the rain and wind are bringing them off the trees. There is ice on the puddles and the dog dishes in the morning and again I thank God for oil furnaces, at least for mine. Tending a wood fire is not romantic at six AM.

It's been a glorious summer. I've been out camping on the River twice during the king salmon run, pulling in nets and checking the fish wheel. I even spent a day cutting fish to smoke for a salty, smokey, oily, fishy gourmet treat in winter. Two months of growing weather in 24 hour light produce bounties of broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, and potatoes but the tomatoes stayed green until frost. People with greenhouses can do tomatoes, peppers, and squash but it doesn't stay warm long enough for them to do well outside.

Two backpacking adventures in Denali have given me a taste for more. It's great to ride the Critter bus but getting all your food back into bearproof containers because the Grizzly approaches is an adrenalin rush indeed. Thank God Suzanne was there to keep me calm. The bear wandered off without incident but my bones turned to water and drained out with my appetite.

The job here is as impossible as I anticipated. It's still fun: a challenge for skills and understanding, a place of beauty and more challenge, a population different from Utah's in outlook, behavior, values, appearance, and still more challenge. Tomorrow I fly to Venetie to talk to Village Council members about the alcohol detox program we'd like to move up there from its present location at a fishcamp on the Yukon near the mouth of the

Chandalar. The youth organizer working out of this office coached the Fort Yukon Native Dancers to a first place trophy at the World Eskimo Indian Olympics and we're trying to generate interest in the other villages for competing in the Indian games next year. People in the Flats have received large checks for firefighting so there are new boats, trucks, three-wheelers, snow machines to ride around on before, during and after heroic attempts to drink, snort and shoot-up whatever didn't get spent up. The Bible-worshippers are spreading rumors of witchcraft and Stanic cults in all who are not with them. All of us acknowledge the power of Indian Medicine. Unfortunately, most people are too fearful to talk about healing spirits or old ceremonies at all. A few of us are trying to find some good space between extreme beliefs and behaviors rampantly expressed.

Quiet space for me in Fort Yukon is in a cozy little cabin on holy hill across from the white church (Assembly of God) and nextdoor to the Episcopal priest. I've rented a room in the house of a friend in Fairbanks for the four or more days I spend in town each month. We loll about, watch videos and eat out at the few good restaurants available. Hotels are too impersonal for the respite I need on my trips out of the Yukon Flats.

Right now the official moose season opens on September 10, a date which means nothing to local Natives who have been taking moose for the last few weeks, indeed for the last 10,000 years, whenever the moose presents him/herself to be fed upon. Moose meat is delicious--low-fat, mild-flavored and there's lots of it. Moose skin provides material for beaded slippers and lightweight dog sleds. The mighty beast deserves the reverence in which it's held here.

Share this letter with whomever you wish--my best regards to all!

Chris Swanson

EDITOR'S NOTE: Chuck Reichmuth received this letter from club member Chris Swanson, and was kind enough to share it with us.

## POETRY HIKE

July 31, 1988  
by Kristie Green

"I think that I shall never see  
A poem read beneath a tree  
Without remembering our hike:  
We each brought poems we really liked..."  
(no, that sounds dumb)  
"Although there was no one named Mike..."  
(that's even worse)  
"We did not bring a mountain bike..."  
(no, no, no. Let's see...trike, bike...)  
"We did not bring a mountain bike..."  
(Aaargh! spike, psyche, yike, tyke, strike...)  
"Lightening did not flash or strike..."  
"Our union did not go on strike..."  
"Bowling? No, no spare or strike..."  
"Twas not a baseball game; no strike..."  
(This is definitely not working. Start over.)

"I think that I shall never hear  
A poem that pleases so my ear..."  
(nope)  
"I think that one should never roam  
Along a trail without a poem..."  
"I think that I shall never read  
A poem on finer trail indeed..."  
"I think that I shall never walk  
Amid the almost-rhyming rock..."  
(It's hopeless!)  
"I think that I shall never write  
A poem about our hike tonight..."

This is insane! Who says this dumb article has to rhyme, for Heaven's sake, just because it's about the Poetry Hike?? I'll tell you what--if anyone who was on the hike, or anyone who is reading this thinks it should be done in verse--go for it! Start writing! And rhyming!

Until then, let me just say that the 1988 Poetry Hike was really fun! There were ten of us who met at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Destination: Lake Solitude (Solitude Lake?). We started out with a fun variation of "follow the leader:" we played "find the leader," or was it "count the leaders?" You see, Vince Desimone traditionally leads the Poetry Hike, but he decided to get married instead, so I agreed to do it, but then I went to England

and Ireland on short notice (great trip! Wanna see my slides?). Before I left, I asked Mary Ann Glasgow to do it if I didn't get back in time, and she said she would, but then something came up, so she asked Cherry Wong, who said she would if Bob Johnston would assist, which he was pleased to do. Then I returned from my trip on time after all. Well anyway, we had more leaders than we knew what to do with, which is, I suspect, why I'm writing this--they didn't want me to feel completely useless.

If you've been on a WMC Poetry Hike, you know that one of the really nice things about it is that when you get pooped and want to stop and rest, instead of saying, "I'm pooped! Let's stop and rest," you can say "This looks like a good spot for a poem--shall I read one?" and we all sit or stand around for a while reading and/or reciting (and, incidentally, resting). It makes for a nice, easy pace, which went along well with the beautiful, not-too-hot-and-not-too-cold perfect summer morning.

In this fashion we made our way to the lake, where we got down to the really serious poem-reading (and lunch-eating). Unfortunately, I can't remember all of the poems--it's been three and a half months, after all. Three and a half months?! Is that possible? Apparently so. Wow. Well, hey, maybe it wasn't such a bad thing for me to wait a bit before writing this up--isn't it sort of nice to be reading in the winter about a summer hike? Kind of a pleasant contrast, perhaps? Makes you feel all warm and sunny inside...?)

Anyway, according to my rather sketchy notes, any my even sketchier memory, Cherry did "The Moose," "The Goops," and (are you ready for this?) "The Morning After the Night Before" (now aren't you sorry you didn't come on the hike?). Bob Johnston did "It Doesn't Pay to Advertise," "Coy Mistress," a modern parody on "Coy Mistress," "Ronald Reagan" (Bob's own creation, and a perennial favorite), and "Sockacide" (another original?). Carol Lindsay read Ogden Nash's "Turtle," plus "To Look at Anything" from Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle, an anthology which you really ought to read. Jeannie MacIntosh read "Comes the Dawn," which was actually brought

by Susan Way, only she decided to go on a different hike, but she gave us the poem before she left--and, wouldn't you know it, it was voted the favorite of the group, and is reproduced here so that you non-Poetry-Hiking-Rambler-Readers can see what you missed:

### "Comes the Dawn"

After awhile you learn the subtle  
difference  
Between holding a hand and chaining  
a soul,  
And you learn that love doesn't mean  
leaning  
And company doesn't mean security,  
And you begin to learn that kisses aren't  
contracts  
And presents aren't promises,  
And you begin to accept your defeats  
With your head up and your eyes open,  
With the grace of an adult, not the  
grief of a child,  
And learn to build all your roads  
On today because tomorrow's ground  
Is too uncertain for plans, and futures  
have  
A way of falling down in midflight.  
After awhile you learn that even  
sunshine  
Burns if you get too much  
So you plant your own garden and  
decorate  
Your own soul, instead of waiting  
for someone to bring you flowers.  
And you learn that you really can  
endure...  
That you really are strong  
And you really do have worth  
And you learn and learn  
With every goodbye you learn.

Not bad, huh? Read it again a bit later, perhaps, out of the admittedly sad and glib context of this article; the poem sort of makes one feel sad and happy and several other feelings at the same time, doesn't it? Perhaps the gains are worth the good-byes...

Ok, now, where were we? Gary Whitney read "The Sneetches," a Dr. Seuss concoction...and he provided a whole bag full of those little

miniature (redundant, I know) Hershey's candy bars (all different kinds, including the dark chocolate ones, and the ones with almonds!), which he shared with us all--thanks, Gary! (If anyone reading this still isn't sorry they missed the hike, I give up!).

Kim Snyder gave us "I Wouldn't," "The Road Not Taken," (Robert Frost, of course), and "Hiawatha." Margaret Wilburn read "Memory" and "Horizons." Linda Lee Williams did "Trees" (I think that I shall never see...) and "I Wouldn't" (wait a minute, didn't I just say that Kim did that one? Hmm...perhaps I really should have written this up sooner). Mary Doyle did "Cat Poems" and "South Bound on the Freeway" (from My Song for Him Who Never Sang for Me--isn't that a great name for a book?) I did a few poems I've written, some of which I read on last year's hike, including "I'm Writing a Poem for the Hike Today" (copies available upon request; send a SASE and \$85.00 to cover...uh...postage and handling and...you know, stuff like that).

Anyway, we had a great time! Next year's Poetry Hike will be in the late summer or early fall, most likely--watch for it; and grab a couple of poems (or a handful, or a book full) and join us!

## CATHERINE'S PASS

December 4, 1988  
by Leslie Woods

Eight night owls met at the usual meeting place for a superb adventure to Catherine's (Chickadee) Pass via Alta. The appointed lead person was sure he knew the way, but as we all found out he led us astray. Due to this Eldon was forced to do a kick-turn, but accidentally fell and broke his pole. So, he demonstrated a new technique to get down the hill. Smooth sliding, Eldon.

At the top of the pass we fed the chickadees and they ate everything but unleavened bread. One brave bird stole a piece of bread off of Eric's lap while he was distracted. After lunch the group divided into two distinct groups. One went to the Alpenglow and one headed for the cars. The two ladies on the trip received all of the attention of the captive males.

The day was perfect: 43 degrees, sunshine, and lots of turns. Days don't get much better than this.

Trip leader: Leslie Woods. Participants: Gloria Leonard, Eldon Madsen, Herb Hayashi, Eric Reichmuth, Tom Silberstorf, Denis Kelly, and Bart Bartholoma.

## WHITE PINE REVISITED

December 10, 1988  
by Hank Winawer

We bid adieu to the inversion in the Salt Lake Valley, drove to the White-Red Pine trailhead, donned our skis and traipsed upward in search of that famous Utah powder. We certainly were not disappointed. Milt Hollander guided us to the cirque adjacent to the dam. There we basked in the sunny, cloudless sky. The temperature was cool, but very comfortable. A side note: In my rush to leave on time for the tour, I inadvertently left my lunch at home. After a well-rehearsed emotional appeal, a few benevolent members of our group parted with a variety of morsels and my appetite was satiated. In exchange hot tea was bartered. P.S. George Westbrook's Hello Dolly's (Coconut, Chocolate Chips and Walnuts) treat was eagerly devoured by all.

Having dined in a pristine environment, we were now ready for our reward; the real purpose of our excursion. About half the group climbed to a higher point in the bowl, the rest linked up with them and we all ZZZZZZZ'd to the bottom. About 6-8 inches of fresh powder on a reasonably good base made the skiing great.

It turned out to be another wonderful day in the Wasatch: good friends, good food (even though it wasn't mine), good weather and good snow conditions. Gary and Sue Berg, Bill McWhorter, George Westbrook, Trudy Healy, Carl Largerberg, Hank Winawer and leader Milt Hollander shared in what the Wasatch Mountain Club is noted for, "To unite the energy and interests of its members and to encourage the preservation of our natural areas."

## HAVE YOU SEEN ELMER BOYD LATELY?

by Earl Cook

Probably not. Elmer has been an active member of the WMC for many years. He has led many hikes, backpacks, and desert rockhounding trips. For the last several years, Elmer has had some physical problems that have limited his participation in the club. He has left the area to be nearer his family and receive better care. He will surely miss the WMC, its activities and most of all its members, his good friends and outdoor companions. I know we all wish him well and thank him for his participation and leadership in the WMC. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from any of us. His new address is: Elmer W. Boyd, 1509 Tyler, Topeka KS 66612.

Goodbye Elmer, and Thanks for all you have done for us.



Photo by Allen Eickemeyer



## CLASSIFIED ADS

### AD POLICY

Members may place classified ads for used sports equipment free of charge. Other classified ads require a \$5.00 donation to the WMC for up to 20 words with \$.20 per word over 20. Words of 2 letters or less will not count as a word.

Send your ad (with a check enclosed if it is not a used sports equipment ad) before the 13th of the month to Sue DeVall, 11730 South 700 West, Sandy UT 84070 or call Sue at 572-3294 for information.

The Rambler cannot accept any ad that is inconsistent with the purposes of the WMC, or that offends the sensibilities of club members.

### CARS & TRUCKS

TOYOTA 4WD 1982 PICKUP. Long bed with shell, good condition, \$4200 or best offer. Call Scott at 532-5947 or 484-8073.

### GUIDES

The guide that I used in Nepal now has an address: Sangay Lama, P.O. Box 721, Kathmandu, Nepal. I recommend him highly for small to medium sized groups. J. Dewell.

### PETS

Two bunnies would love a good home (or two good homes). Call Kathy Klein, 466-8387.

### USED EQUIPMENT

MIYATA 26" 10 SPEED. \$135. Marv Hamilton 363-2083

ULTRASPORTS ULTRA II KEVLAR KAYAK. Yellow. \$500. Mitchell paddle \$90. Werner furrer paddle \$90, all in excellent condition. Sally 944-9832.

Bumper mount 2 BIKE CARRIER. New cost \$60, selling for \$30. Call Trevin 278-2394.

ATOMIC F-6 DOWNHILL SKIS, 200 cm, Skied one season, no p-tex, 1 scratch. \$60 or best offer. Call Kathy Klein, 466-8387.

BUSHNELL SPORTVIEW SPOTTING SCOPE, 9 to 30 power zoom, perfect condition, mounts on a camera tripod. \$50 or best offer. Call Kathy Klein, 466-8387.

Top of line CANNONDALE MT BIKE. Lightweight aluminum frame, 19", minimal miles - recent tuneup - new components. Originally \$700, asking \$350. Call Bill Sayre 486-1196 (H), 584-1222 (W). Leave message.

### WANT TO BUY

WANT TO BUY: Snowshoes, XC 3 pin boots size 10 1/2, XC 3 pin skis, binoculars, avalanche/back country snow shovel. Call Jim/Jan 292-1343 (H) 594-6066 (W).

WANTED: Used kayak for \$ cash. 272-6112.

### WMC TEE & SWEAT SHIRTS

NEW WMC Tee & Sweat shirts from faulty orders. 3 T - medium; white ink on red, gold, periwinkle. \$10 each. 1 T - large; white ink on turquoise. 1 Sweat - medium, blue ink on cranberry, \$20. Profit to Lodge Fund. Chuck Denton, 782-5514 evenings. (Ogden)

## ATTENTION ALL POETS!

Announcing  
The Fourth Annual  
Utah Wilderness Association  
Poetry Competition

Deadline: February 1, 1989  
First Place Prize: \$100.00

For rules, send an SASE to:

Utah Wilderness Association  
455 East 400 South #306  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

## U OF U OFFERS TOUR GUIDE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Vera Novak, club member and Supervisor of Tour Escorts for Western Leisure Inc, writes to say that she and Keith Griffall will be conducting a comprehensive training course in all aspects of guiding tours in Utah. Students who successfully complete this course will be able to confidently handle and guide visitors on a professional level. There is a growing demand for tour guides, particularly bilingual guides. The class is Recreation and Leisure 385N-2 (3 hrs credit) or 38R-2 (Non-credit, fee \$89). It meets Tuesday nights from Jan 3 - Mar 7 from 7:15 to 10:00 pm in Behavioral Science 102. Call 581-8968 to register for credit, or DCE at 581-6483 for non credit.

## UTAH MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The museum offers a variety of classes, trips, and workshops. For information call 581-4887 or 581-6927.

## GALAPAGOS HO!

The Galapagos Islands trip, led by Dr. Robert Vickery, Biology Professor at the University of Utah, is now full. However, the trip will be offered again next year. Keep it in mind if you are interested!

## JANUARY SKY CALENDAR

by Ben Everitt

MOON			
New Moon	Jan 7	Feb 6	
First Quarter	Jan 14	Feb 12	
Full Moon	Jan 21	* Feb 20	
Last Quarter	Jan 29	Feb 28	
* indicates eclipse			

MOONRISE		
Saturday	Greenwich	Local Time
Jan 7	7:23	8:00 AM
Jan 14	11:01	11:30 AM
Jan 21	16:40	5:00 PM
Jan 28	23:51	12:30 AM
Feb 4	5:59	6:30 AM
Feb 11	9:32	10:00 AM
Feb 18	15:36	4:00 PM
Feb 25	22:42	11:15 PM
Source: Astronomical Almanac for 1989		

**PLANETS:** The brilliant planet preceding the sun in the morning sky is VENUS. Fading eastward, on January 16 it will pass SATURN as the latter emerges from behind the sun going westward.

MARS and JUPITER, now in the evening sky, will be joined briefly by MERCURY, who will be highest above the western horizon (19 degrees) on January 8. If you want to watch for Mercury, on January 8 the new crescent moon will be passing by about 2 degrees to the south. Remember that a separation from the sun of 19 degrees means barely an hour between sunset and the setting time of Mercury. Therefore there are only a few minutes between the time when the sky is dark enough to see the planet, and the time it sets below the horizon. If you have a mountain range or a smog layer on the horizon, you might as well forget it.



## THE GRUBBY GOURMET

by Roseann Woodward

### DATE NUT SQUARES

Lots of carbs and calories can be great on the ski trail or used to build fat for the cold winter still ahead. Whatever your purpose, try these:

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup sifted flour
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 1/2 cups chopped dates

Beat the eggs lightly, stir in the flour. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Put in a greased 9 inch square baking pan and bake for 30 minutes at 325 degrees.

### DECEMBER'S ANSWER

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## WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

### APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS/REINSTATEMENT FOR PREVIOUS MEMBERS RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION QUALIFICATION FORM

Please read carefully and fill out completely. Your signature is required.

APPLICANT'S NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for ☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ STUDENT  
☐ REINSTATEMENT ☐ SINGLE membership in the WMC  
☐ COUPLE

☐ DO

I wish to receive the *Rambler* (the WMC publication). Subscription price

☐ DO NOT is not deductible from the dues.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for one year's (Mar 1 19\_\_ to Feb 28 19\_\_) dues and application fee.

\*\*\* Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club (CHECKS ONLY) \*\*\*

Remit: \$20.00 for student membership (\$15.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)

\$30.00 for single membership (\$25.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)

\$40.00 for couple membership (\$35.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)

(NOTE: These rates include the \$12.00 for the *Rambler* subscription)

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOR MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION  
THE ACTIVITY DATES MUST HAVE BEEN WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THIS APPLICATION

qualifying activity	date	signature of recommending leader
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the WMC. I am 18 years of age or older.

I am willing to serve the WMC in the following areas: (please check)

<input type="checkbox"/> Service Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Lodge work	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Rambler	<input type="checkbox"/> Thurs Night Hikes
<input type="checkbox"/> Hike Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Ski Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Assist	

I found out about the WMC from \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR  
WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB  
888 SOUTH 200 EAST, SUITE 111  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, 84111

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