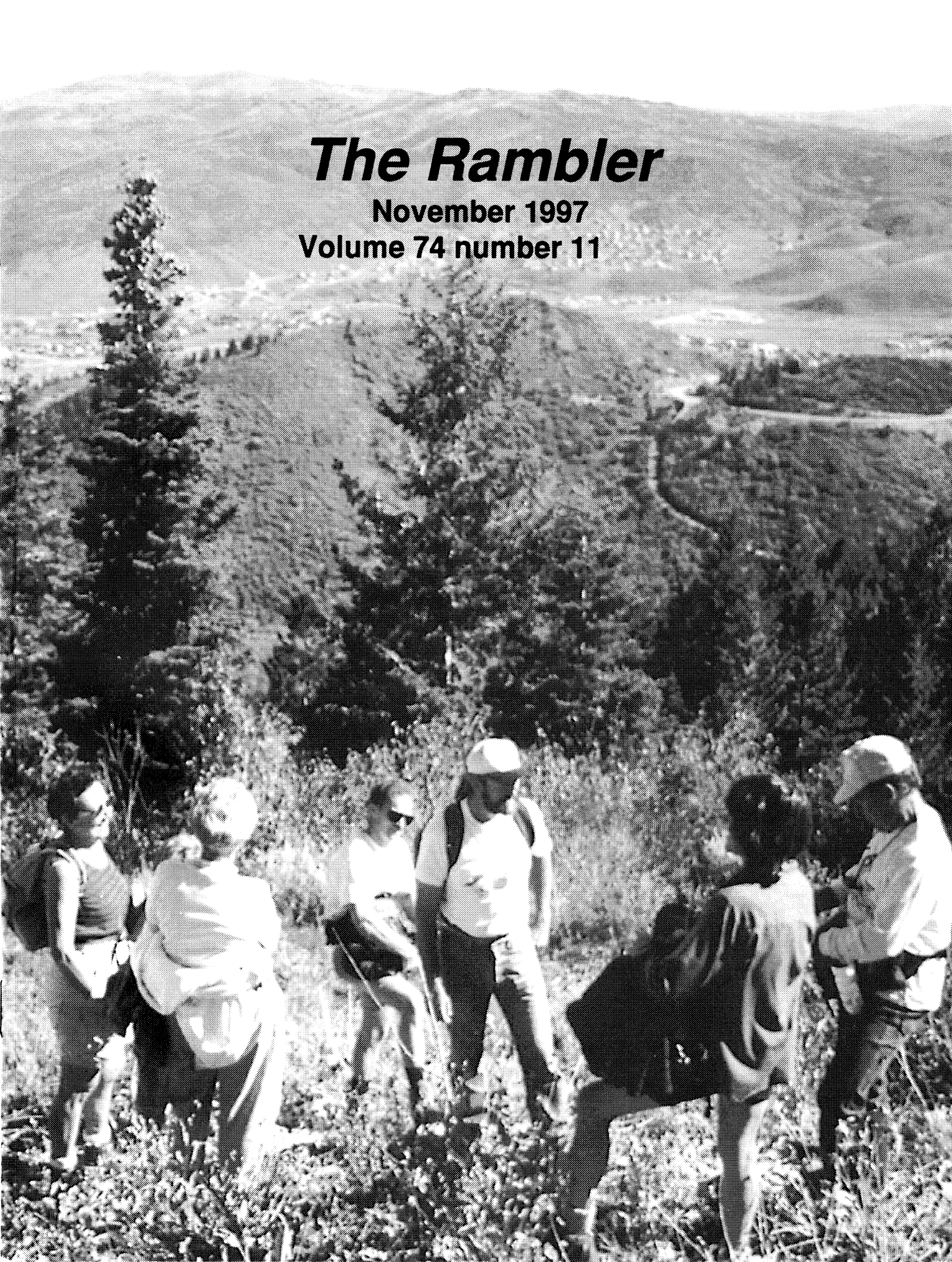


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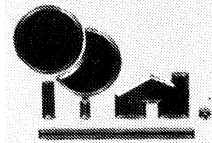
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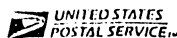
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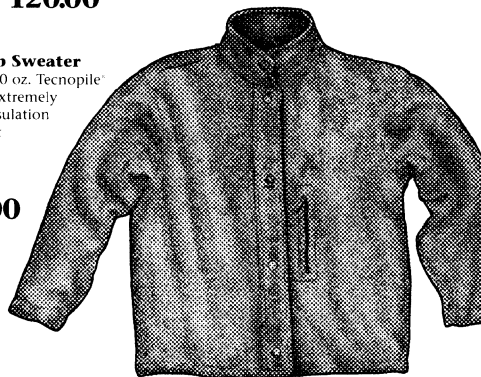


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Anyone interested in forming a golf group similar to the tennis group, call Tammie 943-7851 for more information

TENNIS NETWORK

We are a group of WMC members that play tennis regularly. Our levels range from 2.5 - 4.0. If you are interested in playing , please contact Jeri at 561-3777.

International Folk Dancing every Monday evening at the University of Utah in the East Ballroom of the Student Union. Teaching from 7:30 to 8:15 PM. No partner needed.

I NEED SNOWSHOE LEADERS

Don't be selfish--share your favorite trek with the rest of us. We especially welcome challenging/adventurous/exotic trips, (Nebo during a blizzard?) within the limits of polite safety. We also need the NTDS to encourage the less experienced and physical among us. So don't be shy.

Give me a call and let's talk
Larry Nilssen at (296-1716)

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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director can be listed in the Club activities section of *The Rambler*. Send your proposed activity for approval to the hiking, boating, skiing, etc., director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Those activities sent directly to *The Rambler* without approval will not be published.

*** Participation in any WMC activity can be dangerous. It is **your** responsibility to evaluate your own preparedness and ability to safely participate in any activity.

*** On ski tours requiring avalanche transceivers, be advised that this season, only beacons compatible with the new international frequency standard (457 kHz) will be accepted on WMC ski tours.

+++ Ski Tour Ratings: EL=Entry level NTD=Not too difficult MOD=Moderate MSD=Most difficult.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

NOV 2 SUN

BIKE:ROADRIDE:COPPERTON/KENNECOTT

MINE/HERRIMAN (45 + MI., MOD+) Craig Williams, (262-3853), will guide interested riders through the southwest valley toward Copperton. Next, climb up to the mine and look in the giant hole. Enjoy the visitor center and snack bar while there. Return home via Herriman. The ride is mostly level except for the mine climb. Meet Craig at 10:00 am at the Jordan River Parkway trailhead at 4800 South and 500 West. Call Craig for more details.

NOV 5 WED

WMC BOARD MEETING: Meet at 7:00 pm sharp at the WMC offices, 1390 S. 1100 E. ste.103. The board meeting is open to all WMC members.

NOV 5 WED

SOCIAL: MOVIE NIGHT - Joan Balde (467-2223) will be waiting for you at 6:00 p.m. for dinner at Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. (2227 Highland Dr.) followed by a movie at Movies 10. Colisted with the Sierra Singles.

NOV 5 WED

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 5:30 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 2074 East 3900 South. Discounted cost for WMC members is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Equipment rental is free to WMC members. This particular evening at the climbing gym is geared towards families and younger participants are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions.

NOV 8 SAT

HIKE: GRAHAM PEAK (MSD) Join Brad Yates (521-4185) on this late season hike in the Silver Island Mtn. Call Brad to register and for info.

NOV 8 SAT

ROADRIDE/CROSS BIKE:SOUTH DAVIS COUNTY, BOUNTIFUL/FARMINGTON (20 mi., NTD +) Tim Boschert (298-1814), will take a slow and comfortable ride out and back from Bountiful to Farmington. Meet at 10:00 am at the Smith's Food store in Bountiful on US 89. Exit I-15 2600 south. Call Tim for more details. Check the weather first and layer clothing for the cold.

NOV 8 AND 9 SAT-SUN

BACKPACK:HAPPY CANYON Scott Patterson (963-2263) organizes this backpack to ask and - hopefully - answer the question "Can we persuade Congress on this One?" Call Scott to register and for info.

NOV 9 SUN

****ENTERTAINMENT

PLANNING

MEETING**POTLUCK - ALL WELCOME** This is the group that concocts all those fun events you've been enjoying. Why not come and share **YOUR** great ideas...No obligation and no special equipment or skills. Just bring a great big smile and join us in planning the holiday and winter social events at Lori's (1261 Yale Ave./583-8133) 5-7 p.m.

NOV 9 SUN

SNOWSHOE Destination TBD by El Nino. If there is snow, call Larry Nilssen 296 - 1716, or check out the Web Site on Saturday PM.

NOVEMBER 12 WED

CONSERVATION GATHERING (NTD+)

Join the conservation directors at Susan Sweigert's house for snacks and to learn how you can contribute to conservation efforts on behalf of the WMC and the

community at large. We'll discuss current environmental issues in the state, focussing on public lands and waters. In addition, Susan will talk about a range of actions, from small to large, that you can take to get involved, and provide a summary handout. 7 PM. Call Susan at 521-8554, or Brad at 521-4185, for more details.

NOV 12 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 6:30 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 427 West 9160 South. Cost is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Rental gear is available. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions.

NOV 14 FRI

BOATING - Canoe party Bring your photos and stories!!! Mexicali pot-luck. All boaters welcome. starts at 6:30 pm. Linda Kosky's home. Call Eileen Gidley 255-4336 for further info.

NOV 15 SAT

SKI TOUR: SCOTTS PASS (NTD) It has become a tradition to open the season with a tour to Scotts Pass. Eileen Gidley (255-4336) will preside over this opening day. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. Back country equipment only. Skins are optional - Wax if you dare.

NOV 15 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) If the snow is bad, Dale will convert this tour to a hike. Call Organizer Dale Woodward (467-2097) to register and plan the day. Plan to bring a shovel, avalanche beacon, and skins if snow is OK.

NOV 16 SUN

SKI TOUR: GREENS BASIN (NTD) This trip to that favorite destination is organized by Tom Silberstorf (255-2784). Bring your avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins to Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

NOV 16 SUN

SKI TOUR: UPPER REACHES OF UINTAS (NTD) The destination is presently not well defined, but Cheryl Soshnik (1-435-649-9008) will have it figured out when you call her to register. She will inform you of the proper equipment and final plans at that time. (Hey! Check that new area code.)

NOV 16 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Meet at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary School and bring your avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Organizer Karen Perkins (272-2225) will have a suitable tour pinpointed by then.

NOV 16 SUN

SNOWSHOE Scott's Pass Kickoff The Pack is back! Russ and Linda Pack kick off the season with the Second Annual NTD+ Expedition to Scott's Pass. Join the Pack(s), go out for the Pass and pull all those (unused) summertime muscles. Call Russ (572-5653) if snow is uncertain. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

NOV 18 TUE

SOCIAL: DESERT EDGE BREW PUB MOVIE NIGHT Join Craig Anderson (487-2077) at 6:00 p.m. for dinner at the Desert Edge Brew Pub in Trolley Square. Tuesday is discount night for movies at the Trolley Square Theaters. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

NOV 19 WED

SOCIAL: TGIW/OVER-THE-HUMP DAY Ready for a welcome break from your hum-drum workweek? Dancing at THE BAY with Bill will give you that break. We'll start the party at Red Rock Brewery (254 South 2nd West) for a bite. Then on to "THE BAY" (404 South West Temple) for dancing. Bill Sussha plans on starting at Red Rock at 7-ish -- R.S.V.P. 451-5532 to reserve seating. If joining at THE BAY later, come before 9 to get the group rate of \$3/person.

NOV 19 WED

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NOV 22 SAT

SKI TOUR: DOG LAKE AND BEYOND (NTD) Since this an NTD tour Larene Miller (278-8758) will only go a reasonable distance beyond the canine water repository. Bring your avalanche beacons, shovels, and skins to Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

NOV 22 SAT

SKI TOUR: POWDER PARK (MOD) With luck and an early snow cover this excellent moderate area will be suitable for telemarking. Pat McEwen (571-5033) is organizing the outing. You must bring the mandatory three: avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am

NOV 22 SAT

SOCIAL: HARVEST DINNER AND DANCING Hendrickson Range Clubhouse is the setting for WMC's Harvest Festival dance. From Eastbound I-80, go up Parley's Canyon to exit 134 (East Canyon) turn right (**NOT** towards Mtn. Dell), follow the road a-ways, and make another right into the parking lot. Since there may be limited parking, K-mart is a great place to car-pool from. Please make own carpooling arrangements. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., line and square dancing at 8:00 p.m. (**No partners or experience needed.**) Please bring Thanksgiving dishes for 6 to 8 to share. Turkey and coffee will be provided. Bring canned or boxed food items which will be gratefully accepted for the Salt Lake Food Bank. Cost is \$6/members and \$8/non-members. If you have ???, call Robyn Sisam/1-800-312-0079 on her digital pager or Patti Aiken/485-8696.

NOV 22 SAT

SNOWSHOE Silver Fork (NTD) Join Janet Friend for an early season leisurely tour, and uncover the secrets of Silver Fork. (Where are Silver Spoon and Silver Knife? At the silver mine?) Call Janet (268-4102) if the snow is questionable. Meet Janet at Butler Elementary, 9:00 AM.

NOV 23 SUN

SKI TOUR: SNAKE CREEK PASS (NTD) It depends, if the ski lifts are running Jerry Hatch (583-8047) may change this to an Organizer's Choice trip, otherwise the Pass it shall be. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

NOV 23 SUN

SKI TOUR: ALTA MT SUPREME (MOD) If ski lifts are running the day of this tour, it will be converted to an Organizer's Choice. Organizer Peter Hanson (583-8249) wants participants to bring avalanche beacons, shovels, and skins.

NOV 23 SUN

SNOWSHOE Willow Lake (NTD) Take a short, easy early season WAKE UP tour to Willow Lake with Barb Petty. Stretch those creaking muscles, bindings, ligaments! A perfect way to start the day, with the

afternoon free. Call Barb (583-3134) if the snow is questionable, meet at Butler Elementary, 9:00AM

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NOV 27 THRU 30 THURS-SUN

BACKPACK: THE GRAND CANYON Scott Patterson (963-2263) organizes this trip to the south and says "This is a Big One". Call Scott to register.

NOV 28 FRI

SKI TOUR: POWDER PARK or TOMS HILL (MOD) Whichever choice is made, participants can be sure to get some first class slopes for numerous turns of the tele type. Organizer Jim Piani (733-0627) requires skins, avalanche beacons, and shovels for back country safety. The outing departs from Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

NOV 28 FRI

(Learn to) SNOWSHOE (NTD) Learn to Snowshoe/walk off your turkey - Mystified by choice of proper waxes? Can't tell the left shoe from the right? Don't know which end (pointy or round) faces forward? No more excuses. Rent a pair and see if you like it. This EASY learning hike will do Greens Basin. Led by none other than your Snowshoe Coordinator himself, the seldom unambiguous Larry Nilssen. Call him (296-1716) if conditions are ambiguous. Meet at Butler Elementary, 9AM.

NOV 29 SAT

SKI TOUR: GREENS BASIN (NTD) It's time once more for that near perfect NTD tour with the intricate dips and bends just past the start, which require attentive skiing. Bea Lufkin will be starting at 9:00 am at the Butler Elementary School. Phone Bea (583-8249) about avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins.

NOV 29 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD+) The time has come for some steeper and faster skiing, so you shouldn't be surprised that Edgar Webster (583-0703) is organizing things. He is looking for multiple laps on great snow. In your possession have:

avalanche beacon, shovel, skins, waxed skies, and sharp edges. Plan to leave Butler Elementary School at 8:30 am.

NOV 29 SAT

SNOWSHOE Dog Lake from the Spruces (NTD+) Gretchen Siegler sets her sights on Dog Lake for her premier tour. Why did they name it Dog Lake? How about the eighteen other Dog Lakes in Utah? Who knows? Maybe a dog named it! It is a pretty place, though, and a not too difficult destination. If the snow is not certain, call Gretchen (461-0407) before driving to Butler Elementary to meet at 9AM.

NOV 30 SUN

SOCIAL: BURY THE BIRD. Bring your Thanksgiving leftovers to Lori Ball's house, 1261 Yale Ave. at 5:30pm for an evening of friends and fun. Call Lori (583-8133) for more info.

NOV 30 SUN

SKI TOUR: DESOLATION LAKE (NTD+) This tour does not have much steep, but it has a lot of length. Organizer Tom Silberstorf (255-2784) requires avalanche beacons, shovel, and skins. The tour departs Butler Elementary School at 9.00 am.

NOV 30 SUN

SKI TOUR: RED PINE (MOD) Yahoo! It's Red Pine time again! When the snow is right you can get long smooth exhilarating gravity runs down the exit trail. The top end near the lake ain't bad either. Terry Rollins (274-7935) will show you a good time. Bring your skins, avalanche beacon, and shovel.

NOV 30 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MSD) The destination is not defined as of publication date, but you can be sure if George organizes it, it will be memorable. It will also be a full day. Call George Westbrook (942-6071) to register.

NOV 30 SUN

SNOWSHOE Catherine Pass from Brighton (NTD+) Join our own legendary Norm Pobanz on this, his first 97 tour. A spectacular panorama, and, if the weather is right, some of the best deep powder snow around await you. Call Norm (266-3703) if the weather may not be right. See you at Butler Elementary, 9AM sharp.

DEC 3 WED

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DEC 6 SAT

BOATING - END OF SEASON PARTY AND PERMIT PARTY Wrap 'em up and plan for the next year. Bring your calendars, your enthusiasm, your commitment and your checkbooks! We'll have as many permit forms as we can get at the meeting, ready to be filled out and mailed. Pot luck, 6:30 pm at our hostess Janis Huber's house. Call for directions, 486-2345

DEC 6 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK PARK IN OGDEN (NTD) Yahoo - something new! Go north for a different tour in which babies and dogs are allowed. Phone Brian Barkey (1-801-394-6047) for details, rental information, and directions. In the event you don't have dogs or babies, special provisions can be made for you.

DEC 6 SAT

SKI TOUR: SCOTTS PASS (NTD) Back country equipment only; this route is a smooth ramp-like trail but it is backcountry and not suitable for track skis. Bring skins. Gloria Abdallah (466-9016) will depart from Butler Elementary School at 9.00 am.

DEC 6 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) What do you suppose Pete has in mind? The only way to find out is to meet Pete Mimmack (1-801-377-2330) at the Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. It goes without saying, you must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins.

DEC 7 SUN

SKI TOUR: LAKE CATHERINE (NTD+) It's so beautiful here, every photo you take could be a picture postcard. The Organizer, Rich Gregerson (467-6247), requires an avalanche beacon, skins, and shovel. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

DEC 7 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) She may be close to the ground, but she can out ski the Energizer Bunny. Leslie Wood (484-2338) will

disclose her plans for a MOD tour at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. You must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins for Leslie's excellent adventure.

DEC 7 SUN

SKI TOUR: PEAK 10,240 (MSD) Peak What? Peak Who? Where the hell is it? This one is seldom skied (maybe never). Call Walt Haas to register. You must bring an avalanche beacon, shovel, skins, and muscle laden legs.

DEC 10 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 6:30 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 427 West 9160 South. Cost is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Rental gear is available. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions.

DEC 12 FRI

SKI TOUR: MOONLIGHT TOUR IN PARK CITY AREA (NTD) Light touring equipment is suitable for this moonlight tour around the Park City area. After skiing, the inimitable Cheryl will host a social hour at her house. Cheryl Soshnik (1-435-649-9008) wants you to meet and carpool from the Parleys Canyon K Mart parking lot at 6:30 pm, or go directly to the Kimball Junction K Mart at 7:00 pm.

DEC 13 SAT

SKI TOUR: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD) Here's a great way to ski some nice country and not take all day doing it. Join trip organizer Sharon Coons (561-7118) at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary School.

DEC 13 SAT

SKI TOUR: WOLVERINE (MOD+ possibly MSD) Terry Rollins takes on a big one with Wolverine. Depending on the ascent route and conditions, it might be rated as MSD. Phone (274-7935) to obtain information. This trip requires an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Terry plans to meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

DEC 14 SUN

SKI TOUR: WHITE PINE OR ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Is Kyle offering multiple choices, or can't he make up his mind? And what about this sleep-in-late 9:30 am starting time? Bring your avalanche beacon, shovel, skins, etc, to the Butler

Elementary School and see what Kyle Williams (886-0159) is thinking.

DEC 14 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MSD) George Westbrook is fixing to do another big one. You must call to register. Bring avalanche beacon, shovel, skins, and be prepared for a full day-o-work. Phone 942-6071.

DEC 17 WED

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 5:30 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 2074 East 3900 South. Discounted cost for WMC members is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Equipment rental is free to WMC members. This particular evening at the climbing gym is geared towards families and younger participants are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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DEC 9-27

TREKKING IN EAST AFRICA AND CAMPING

SAFARI - Scott Patterson (963-2263) is organizing this overseas trip. We will be doing a week-long strenuous but non-technical climb, followed by a camping safari to the Serengeti or Masa-mara. Cost is about \$1900, including airfare, ground transportation, park fees, safari, hotels and post-trek meals. Call ASAP before Sept.30 to reserve a space and to secure airfares while the rates are still low. Trip limit is six.

*****JANUARY'S MAIN EVENT*****

JUST A REMINDER TO MARK JANUARY 24TH, SATURDAY ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE WMC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND BALL. THIS IS THE OSCAR, EMMY, AND GRAMMY NIGHT FOR THE WMC MEMBERS. START SAVING NOW AND GET OUT THAT "LITTLE BLACK DRESS" AND SPECIAL OCCASION JACKET AND TIE. WE HAVE A SPECIAL NIGHT PLANNED AND INVITE ALL MEMBERS. GET YOUR FRIENDS TOGETHER AND GET READY TO HAVE A SUPER NIGHT OF DINING AND DANCING.

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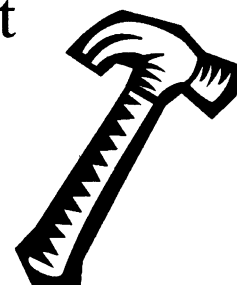
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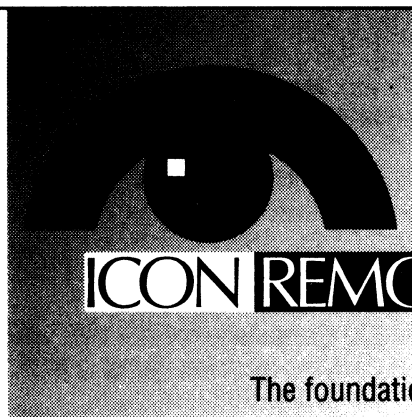
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Kathy Anderson and Rob Merritt

Thanks a bunch to all those club members who got their submissions in on time this month. Almost everyone did. **WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU!** There were, however, still some tardy submissions, so I will take the time to repeat the warning that is printed on the bulletin board, and that was also the subject of last month's message. The deadline for the December and January *RAMBLERS* is the **10th of November and the 10th of December**, NOT the 15th, as is usually the case. For those of you who are habitually late, you'd better start planning now, because the 10th of the month will arrive soon, I can promise you. You have all been warned repeatedly for several months now, you all know, and I repeat: **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!** If it's not in by the 10th, it won't go in *THE RAMBLER*, and you will have to find another way to distribute the desired information to the members. Thanks for your cooperation, we'll look forward to hearing from you by the 10th of November.

Kathy Anderson

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Carol Coulter and Carol Milliken

Thank You

To Randy Long and his **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** volunteers for the end of season highway cleanup they conducted on October 4. We appreciate your hard work.

Rambler via email

Tony Ackerman is looking for more people who would like to receive the Rambler via email. Just let him know at wmc@digitalpla.net and he will email you as soon as he receives his monthly copy.

Request for Trip Talk Authors

We have been asked to request your email address (if available) when submitting your trip report. Then we get create a link on the Web site and allow interested folks to communicate with you more readily. Thanks.

Photos Please....

If anyone has photos of the Leaders Party or trips they would like included on the WMC Web site, please scan in or send your photos on disk to Tony at wmc@digitalpla.net.

CONSERVATION DIRECTORS

Giving Thanks for Our Heritage of Public Lands

Susan Sweigert and Brad Yates

Here in Utah, we are so lucky to live in the heart of the American heritage of public lands. We're literally surrounded on all sides with the most varied outdoor environment anyone could imagine, from the deep forests, meadows and 12,000 peaks of the Wasatch, Uinta, Deep Creek, LaSal and Henry Mountains, through the sinuous redrock magic of the southern canyons, to the stark sage and white expanses of the West Desert punctuated with dry ranges rising like the backs of half-buried fossil dinosaurs, to the wilderness rivers of the Green, White, and Colorado Rivers. All of these are public lands, where we are (mostly) free to hike and camp, climb and raft, fish, ski and bicycle.

This being the month of Thanksgiving, I want to give my thanks to all WMC members who have contributed their time and interest to help protect public lands in Utah. There's not room to name everyone, but I do want to give special mention to a few, people who haven't been on the front lines but whose support and help make a difference. So, thanks to Cassie Badowsky and Kathy Hunt, for helping document bogus road claims and giving input to the BLM on management of the new Monument. Thanks to Betsy Tipps, Mike Budig, and Gordon Swenson, who spent their own time and money to go to Washington in February to help educate Congress on the threat from bogus RS 2477 road claims - an effort that really paid off when the terrible Flood Appropriations rider came along. Thanks to Vince Desimone for road claims work and for lobbying Summit County Commissioners to oppose (along with Salt Lake and several other Wasatch Front counties), the Utah Association of Counties' anti-wilderness lobbying in Congress, which was supported in part by county tax moneys and which falsely claimed that Utah counties were united in opposition to wilderness. Thanks to Robert Turner for his interest and support in WMC conservation activities, and in the fledgling Wild Utah Forest Campaign, and to Randy Long, for gathering information on several issues, including the Salt Lake County Watershed Management Plan which will affect management of our local canyons.

Outside the Club, I'd like to give thanks to Merrill Cook, for his sponsorship sign-on and staunch support of the Porter-Kennedy amendment to cut ALL government subsidies for logging roads from the Forest Service's 1998 budget. Cutting the logging road subsidy would provide de facto protection for roadless National Forest areas for another year - and sends a strong message to the Forest Service. Cook's strong stance played a critical part in the House's passage, by a one-vote margin, about a 50% cut in the subsidy. This set the scene for a very close battle in the Senate and the real possibility that the President will use the line item veto to axe the road purchaser credit part of the subsidy. (Thanks also to the many folks, including members of the Wild Utah Forest Campaign, Save Our Canyons, and the WMC, who helped persuade Cook to part ways with the rest of the Utah delegation on this one.)

The best thanks WMC members can give for Utah's public lands, is to get personally involved in a local environmental issue. There are plenty to choose from. I'll just name two of the most immediate: the Legacy to Lunacy highway (call the Sierra Club at 467-9294, or Friends of the Great Salt Lake, to learn more); and dams proposed for Diamond Fork and the Bear River, which are both environmentally terrible projects in addition to being fiscal boondoggles for urban taxpayers (call the Utah Rivers Council, 486-4776, to learn more).

November Conservation Events: 1) There will be a WMC Conservation Committee meeting on Wednesday Nov. 19th at 7:30 PM at my house, with light refreshments. I'll be talking about the range of actions individuals can take to influence environmental decision making. Hope to see you there! 2) Spend Turkey Day exploring and helping document potential new wilderness areas in the West Desert with veteran environmentalist Jim Catlin (see Activity Schedule for details).

THE 1998 YURT SCHEDULE (THE BEST WAY TO SKI/SNOWSHOE) BRIAN BARKEY

Think of the most wonderful time you've ever had, and multiply the fun by 6 (or 8)! Yup, that's the experience most folks have when they go on a mountain club sponsored yurt trip. The fun is so great, that it seems we see the same folks on these trips every year! But don't be shy, there are no dangerous, alcohol induced initiation ceremonies or extreme attitudes required. Nope, all you need is a desire to enjoy the winter wonderland with similar minded folks.

Yurts are reinforced canvas tents, similar to the round Mongolian yurts, but with wood fired stoves for heat and to melt water from snow, complete kitchen facilities, including pots, pans, plates, cups, silverware, propane stoves and lanterns. You bring your food, clothes, personal gear, and (unless you rent a sleeping bag liner from the Baldy Knoll operators) your own sleeping bag. The personal hygiene facilities are, uh, lets say, rustic, but they have great views!

This year, the Wasatch Mountain Club has reserved four time slots at three different yurts. In Logan canyon, a short two hour drive from Salt Lake, we have reserved the Steammill yurt January 2nd and 3rd (What a great way to start the new year!), The Bunchgrass yurt on February 14th and 15th (Bring your Valentine), and Steammill again on March 6th and 7th. These are excellent yurts for beginner-intermediate skiers/snowshoers/snowboarders as they are only a short 2-3 miles from the trailhead and an easy 1400ft or so climb. It is possible to use a sled to bring your stuff up to these yurts. There are no dangerously steep slopes on the approach to these yurts, but if you plan to ski the local hills, avalanche equipment and knowledge is recommended. These yurts have room for 6 people at a total cost of \$42 each.

We have also reserved the Baldy Knoll yurt located near Driggs, Idaho for 3 days, January 16th, 17th, and 18th. This yurt is a bit more difficult to approach, and avalanche equipment and knowledge is required. Sleds are not appropriate for this yurt, but the reward is some wonderful hills for skiing right outside your door. This yurt can accommodate 8 people at a total cost of \$56.25 each.

For more information, and/or to sign on, please call Brian Barkey.

Snowshoeing Coordinator Larry Nilssen

Feeling like a slug? (hint: check your "6 o'clock low" for a slime trail) Affected by SAD? Plagued by osteomalacia?* Bored out of your gored? Need to satisfy your basic drive for exercise? Then YOU are a prime candidate to join America's fastest growing wintertime sport: Snowshoeing!

Snowshoeing is a great way to turn those glorious summertime adventures into glorious wintertime adventures. The advantages are many - its not expensive; you can customize your degree of difficulty, (and exercise/exertion) and, best of all, moving softly through muffled pine forest in the dim light of a late winter afternoon, you can attain a degree of tranquillity and spirituality rarely attainable otherwise. Or you can summit to spectacular vistas. You choose.

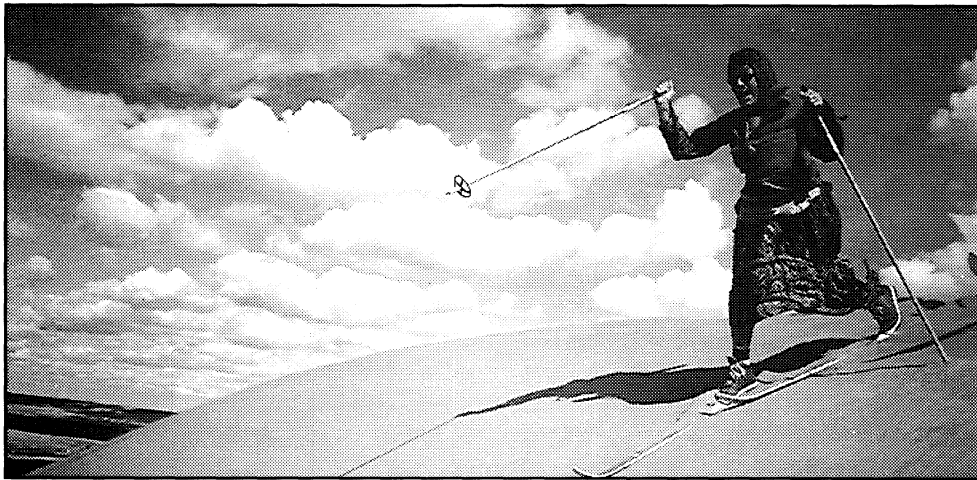
The first 97-98 snow has already flown. Its early October. The snowshoe committee has met, November's schedule is "in the can," and we are awaiting El Nino's bounty. A few relevant points: Anyone from the snowshoe committee will be glad to answer questions about equipment selection and suitability. Just call. The committee has weighed the issue of requiring avalanche transceivers - in an ideal world, this would happen. In this world, we have, at least for this season, decided on *status quo*. Please please please search this vehicle and other media for opportunities to educate yourself on avalanches. We can reduce (but never eliminate) the risk. We have not recently lost anyone, but some of our members have had close calls.

Finally, I appeal to you (No you don't!) - if you have a tour idea, especially an exotic, (that's with an "x", not an "r") or adventurous one, please do the homework, prepare yourself to lead it, and give me a call. If you feel you could lead a NTD, also give me a call. At the very least, if you are a skier, rent a pair of shoes and show up for a tour. I know you will "be exercised" and you may discover that the two activities complement each other.

TRIP TALKS

SAND SKIING by Muamar Ben Dhouver (alias Tom Walsh)

Allah is good. Allah provides water to moisten the earth and fill the streams with the pellucid liquid of life. Unfortunately, the distribution and timing of the gift of water is not always convenient. This last weekend a storm descended fiercely upon the valley of Salt. Luckily another gift from Allah, the sand dunes of Bruneau, awaited a dozen skiers impatient for the snows of winter.

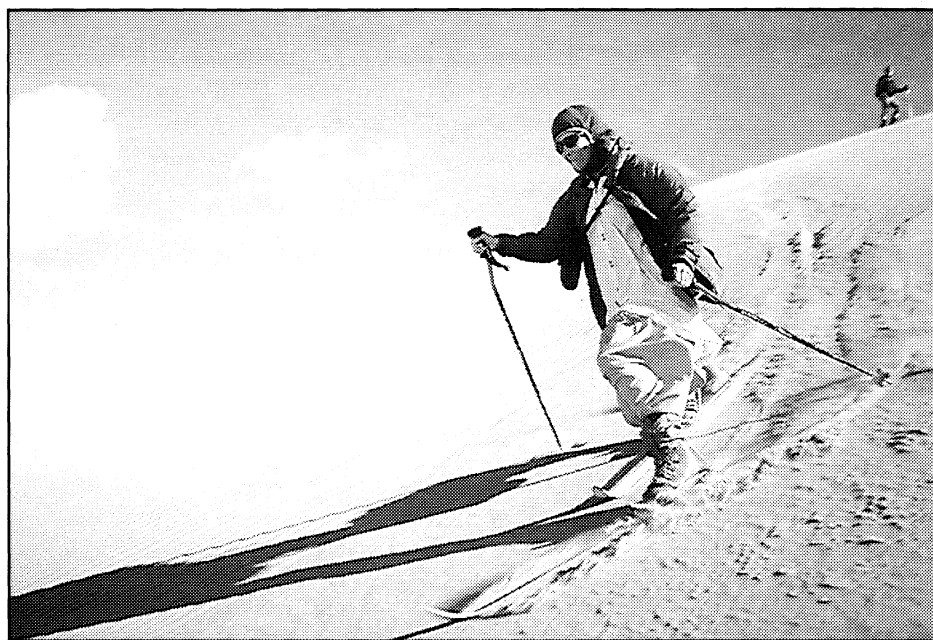


Cheryl Soshnik skiing the Bruneau Sand Dunes

Sulliman the Sillyman, who is crazed with compulsions to point 'em downhill, organized this trip to the Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park in the land of Idaho. We all assumed Middle Eastern style names and costumes. Almost two score of tele skiers plus several more of the alpine bent expressed an

interest. Nearly half dropped out, because their minds were clouded with delusions imparted by the over-exuberance of local TV weathermen who conspired to frighten the populace into their storm cellars for the weekend. For those who caravaned to Bruneau the weather was clear, the skies were blue, and the winds were soft (but not on the dune crest!)

On this third annual sand skiing adventure the novices were double the number of the veterans. Although they lacked experience, they elevated the costuming to a higher level. Fatima Fabulosa wore pinkish orange harem pants of a hue usually seen only on construction cones. Yassirah Ubetcha wore scarves, veils, and pants from fabric like the tail feathers of the peacock. Audrey introduced glittery fringes and sequins so flashy they made your eyes hurt. Muamar, Sulliman, and the Sheik wore their regular desert garb - flowing robes and turbans. What a splendid entourage did our party make!



Telemark turn by Carol Masheter at the Bruneau Sand Dunes

Yassir Fukbarr introduced a novelty to the caravan - he brought Ali and the Baba. Young Baba had only seen three moons, but already showed promise. He never fussed and never cried. His eyes were open and looking right at you. Mother Ali was busy feeding Baba, but managed to find time for a couple sand runs. The only problem was caused by papa Yassir who started playing with Baba at 5:30 in the morning and continued a steady babble of baby talk for hours according to nearby campers.

The dunes were smooth as Utah powder, although it is admitted that sand is denser. Sand rolls under the ski and allows sort of a gliding movement. It is necessary to ski the fall line to get enough gravity to keep moving. Sand handles like snow, but in slow motion. Turns occur gradually so that it is easy to feel your skis cutting, flexing, and then carving a turn. You can easily feel the effect of shifting your weight or changing the angle of your skis against the surface. It is a great way to improve your technique.

Unlike the last two years the wind blew hard especially on the crest of the dunes. On the lee side the air was calm and quiet just 10 feet from the crest. Unfortunately the best skiing was on the windward side. The west side had a cross wind that carried drifting sand against your shins and down your boots. Goggles were definitely an advantage if not a necessity. A brown grit arose from the crest and flew maybe 6 feet up. It missed our eyes, ears, nose, and throat because it followed the same slant as the slope and blew to the side. On the lee side of the dune crest you could easily observe the windloading phenomenon that avalanche professionals talk about. Sand particles would be wind-deposited right up to the maximum angle of repose. A little dab with a ski pole would set off a slow sluff that would run down maybe 100 feet.

Some members of the caravan were new to sand skiing, but they needed no help. Yassirah did not hesitate longer than a camel's blink before she plunged down the 30 degree slope. Fatima started slowly but finished gracefully. Izznot Yerkommenski-ur moved with enviable grace and dance-like transitions between turns. Sheik Yerbouti was powerful in the ascents and fast on the descents. Bill brought a snowboard and pronounced sand to be fit for riding. Audrey struggled with alpine gear, but had a dazzling costume. Muamar's poles were bent and so were his turns. Sulliman felt the need to raise the level of skiing so he linked 54 turns down the 400 foot west side. One misfortune occurred Saturday afternoon when Jeanette fell hard and cracked her tibia at the boot top level. We wish her a speedy and comfortable recovery. Sue H was a real friend in helping Jeanette get medical treatment. Thanks Sue!

How do you end a great day of sand skiing? Dinner with strong drinks! Sheik Yerbouti and Izznot made a Dutch oven dish of cornbread, chicken, and cactus strips that was a delight. Jacque W shared gingerbread, garlic bread, and homemade brandy. Somebody made a tasty stew that was delicious. Dessert was best - dark chocolate brownies swimming in brandy. Then with full bellies, and dizzy heads it was time to initiate the novices in the ancient SAND RITUALS. Disclosing the details is unallowable, but it can be said that it involved fire, flying leaps, and enunciation of cosmic truths. Everybody passed.

Sand skiing just gets bigger and better. Participants included: Sulliman the Sillyman (E Webster), Sheik Yerbouti (B Yates), Ixzznot Yerkommenski-ur (P Huff), Yassirah Ubetcha (C Soshnik), Yassir Fukbarr (B Barkey), Ali and the Baba (G Banaszak and M Barkey), Fatima Fabulouosa (C Masheter), Muamar Ben Dhouver (T Walsh), Jacque Walsh, Bill Franks, Audrey X (sorry I lost your name), Jeanette Binger, and Sue Hadley.

ANATOMY OF A NEW HIKE: Uintas Four Peaks SemiCircle

Cheryl Soshnik October 4, 1997

When Martin Clemans asked me to coordinate a late fall hike, I decided it was time to do something new and different. I grabbed a topo map of the Uintas, drew a line between the four obvious peaks on the west side of Bald Mountain Pass, and said "Sure, if these really REALLY close together topo lines aren't cliffs, if these green areas aren't bottomless bogs, and if mom nature cooperates with good weather and daylight conditions, then bygolly this could be a fun new exploratory hike." Since this was an exploratory, and since it was mostly in a trailless area, I gave "The Four Peaks Semicircle" a preliminary rating of EXT, so that only the hearty foolish would call.

Not wanting LOTS of surprises, I decided to check out parts of the route before the big day. This was beneficial, as we discovered that some of those close topo lines along my route really were cliffs, and that it was both slow and dangerous going down the steep gullies and scree slopes from Bald Mountain to Reid Peak. The ridge just to the north looked to be a more friendly route for the actual hike. I was worried though, as it took our preliminary group 6 hours just to check out the first two peaks and then circle back to the cars. Was it realistic to bag all four peaks in one day? On the other end of the route, I also stumbled upon a trail that would take us from the base of the final peak, Mount Watson, back to the Crystal Lake trail head. This trail had not been indicated on any of my maps, so this discovery would make our final exit faster and safer, as there was a distinct possibility we would be stumbling out in the dark.

The day of the hike dawned warm and cloudless, thank heavens. Ten adventurous people took up the challenge with vigor and good spirits. The hike was a resounding success. We traveled from 9am till 6pm, climbed all four peaks, and were back to the cars with daylight to spare. Five adventurers had exited after completing the first three peaks (Bald Mountain, Reid Peak, and Notch Mountain), where there was a trail to take them back to the cars. The remaining five folks continued on to the final peak, Mt. Watson.

Trip members who completed the full route were Fred Gabriel (who actually bagged 5 peaks he was so fast), Paula Huff, Tim Seeley, Jan Brain and Cheryl Soshnik. The five others who completed three peaks were Brian Barkey (gotta get home to my baby), Henri de Baritam, Sonja Douillard (her first qualifying hike for the WMC and she did GREAT), Frank Bernard, and Larry Nielson (the walking rock slide). I also want to thank to the folks who helped me research this trip on three separate occasions: Louise Rausch, Gary Stout, Brad Yates, Pat Kottcamp, Charlene Allert, Maggie Dyer, and her 4-legged scouts Jazz and Barkley. Finally, the nice-try award goes to Carol Masheter, who scurried all the way from SLC to the Kamas rendezvous, a little late, just to discover the group had already headed into the high country without her. Oops.

Technical details of the trip: The hike rating is probably a MSD. The length is about 9 miles, with 2 miles of trail in the beginning, 5 miles of scrambling up and down the peaks, and then 2 more miles of trail at the end. Most of the scrambling is on large, stable boulders or thru small cliff bands of solid rock, with little or no exposure. There is only 500' of miserable loose scree when descending Notch Mountain, but it looks like a ridge a little further south would be a safer route for future trips. There is a total of 3,835' of vertical gain and 4,435' of vertical loss, with the four climbs ranging between 800' and 1,200', and hiking in elevations between 10,000' and 12,000'. The two overland sections between the peaks are easily negotiated in open forest and areas of high alpine lakes. The entire route can be traced on the Mirror Lake Quadrangle topo map.

This trip is a keeper. I look forward to doing it again next year. New adventures are fun, and I challenge other trip organizers to invent more new trips as well.

Poetry Hike

Kristie Price
photos by Gary Meyers

The annual poetry hike on Sept. 28 was as delightful as ever! Vince Desimone, our fearless leader, met us at the Summit Park Cafe; we drove up the mountain, above the homes, to our starting point. There were a dozen of us: Vince, Linda Wilcox, Christine Allred, Joan Proctor, Dale Woodward, Gary Meyers, Steve Townsend, JoAnne Melhi, Jannett Heckert, Yenta Kaufman, Sigi Verhalen, and me (Kristie Price). Oh yes, and The Muse - that makes thirteen. With gladness in our hearts, sparkles in our eyes, poems in our pockets, and (in some cases) hiking sticks in our hands, we started climbing. And climbing, and climbing, and climbing...



In his infinite wisdom, Vince had apparently reasoned that conforming to a well-worn path (or any path, for that matter) might have inhibited our creativity. No sissy switchbacks for this intrepid little band of pioneers! Instead we forged straight up the inclines, whacking through bushes, clambering over rocks and fallen trees, and sliding now and then in the damp, rich soil ("mud" isn't a very poetic word). The experience inspired a bit of somewhat literary expression en route:

Vince claims that there's a trail out here;

I wonder if it's true.

Frankly, friends, I question it -

Frankly, friends, don't you?

The fall air had been a bit chilly when we had started out, but before long we were warming up quite nicely, and shedding jackets and sweatshirts in the sunshine. The hiking never became too strenuous because, true to Poetry Hike tradition, we stopped often along the way to read or recite our offerings...

Like us, the poems were of all shapes, sizes, ages, and types, and all were welcome and enjoyed. Topics and images included compulsive shopping, romantic rainstorms, waiting in the forest, the fluctuating "daily weight" line on a dieter's chart, buying a bra for your wife (size 6 7/8 !?), the feel of the desert and how it touches the soul, suicide (considering possible methods - a process of elimination), reincarnation/horse manure (another process-of-elimination poem)

(don't ask), and the joy of finding true love and the pain of losing it (or was it the other way around?). Some poems were quite well-known; some were new to most or all of us. Most had been written by other people, but some of us offered our own creations; Gary Meyers and I each had quite a few that we had written. Gary was our designated "sensitive nineties kind of guy"; his poems were enlightened, insightful, deep, personal, often romantic, rich with imagery and warm with feeling. My poems were...they were...well, they rhymed! Some members of our group offered just one or two favorite poems, or none at all; good listeners are always welcome on these expeditions!

At one point on our trek we came upon an amazing man-made creation of quite another sort, one which seemed totally out of place and yet belonged in its spot perfectly. We all promptly surrounded ourselves with this large, small discovery. Vince, of course, had known about it all along and told us as much as he knew about it - the rest of the story we supplied with creative speculation and conjecture. Sorry I can't be more specific about our find, but we were all sworn to secrecy...if certain information were to fall into the wrong hands, who knows what might happen?

At length we arrived at our destination. I don't know if our little peak had a name before we came upon it, but "Lady Bug Point" would suit it well - there were zillions of the little critters, apparently having a national convention precisely at the spot we picked to have our lunch. Fortunately, they didn't eat much; in fact, they seemed to have no preference about whether they landed on our food, a rock, a leaf, a tree branch, or us, or simply hovered in the air enjoying the view. The panorama of the mountains and valleys in all their fall splendor, along with the warm, rich freshness of the breeze, was...well, you just had to be there.



We shared most of the rest of our poems up there, poems about the ocean surf, the invention of mosquitoes (made from scratch, of course), the Gulf War, Christmas decorations (up too soon, down too late), the daunting task of writing poetry, a cowboy's love for women and horses (and his ingenious plan for spending eternity with both), surprises with children in the middle of the night, Winnie the Pooh (tiddly-pom), and being single (as opposed to being double or half). Various poems pleased our ears, opened our minds, touched our hearts, tickled our funny bones, or/and gave us new things to think about - or new ways to think about old things. There were poems that brought us together, and poems that sent us all off in different directions in our own memories,

hopes, and relationships - poems that offered answers, and questions.

The walk back down the mountain was quicker and quieter than the walk up, and we arrived back at our cars shortly after noon. The company, the weather, the scenery, and the poetry had combined to make it a thoroughly enjoyable hike. Thanks, Vince for bringing it all together for us!

Twin Lakes Pass Randy Long

Twin Lakes Pass from Brighton has always been one of my all time favorite easy hikes. How could it not be with all the sparkling lakes, spectacular views, majestic peaks, flowering meadows, and tall pine trees?

Well, I'm apparently not the only one who likes this area as a super 8 people, (besides me that is), showed



Hikers leaving twin lakes

up. And, although two turned back at Twin Lakes, all really enjoyed it.

Last year Twin Lakes was drained for some construction on the dam, but that's finished now, and the lake is almost full again, and the area is still nearly pristine.

That wildness may not last much longer though, as the ski areas want to expand into it. ARGH!!! That's right! This is yet another lovely area that the ski areas, (Brighton and Solitude that is), want to ruin. PLEASE people! Do not let this issue "slide by". We want to be able to keep enjoying places like this, and preserve them for future generations to enjoy just like we do.

PARTICIPANTS: Lynette Bertocchini, Jeanette Buenger, Mary Dupree, Joe Farrbourn, Marietta Gibbs, Susan Hatley, Donna Ruehik, Doug Stark, and me, Randy Long, organizer.

GET INVOLVED!

Your quality of life is at stake.

**Attend the Sierra Clubs's new, old, and non-member Program Meeting
to meet the activists who are currently working on local issues**

November 12, 1997

7:30 p.m.

**Sugarhouse Garden Center
(northeast corner of Sugarhouse Park)**

light refreshments, beautiful calendars for sale, and good company

Sugarloaf Peak Randy Long

Sugarloaf Peak above Albion Basin in Little Cottonwood Canyon was an intermediate hike for this Saturday, August 2, 1997. Sound like the news media? Well, not really. But, two hikers, (or was that nature lovers?) met and hiked to Cecret Lake, reading the interpretive signs, and stopping at a small waterfall along the way. We then went on to Germania Pass, (The usual route in other words), and stopped again there before going on up the summit ridge to the peak, where we had spectacular timberline scenery. After all, this peak is 11,051 feet above sea level.

The 360 degree views were equally spectacular. It's extremely easy to imagine the mess that Snowbird's proposed tram top shopping center, and added ski lifts would make. We also enjoyed the views of Pittsburg Lake, and Mount Timpanogos to the south.

We also met another group of hikers that came over from the Devils Castle area, and saw some climbers on Devils Castle's sheer face, (believe it or not), but later learned that they had ropes. We still watched them on our way down though.

Sugarloaf Peak was one of the very first hikes that I ever did, and is still one of my



**American Fork Twin Peaks from Sugarloaf peak.
The green hill in the middle is where the proposed lifts will be**

all time yearly favorites, and this time was certainly no exception to that. It gets better every year.
PARTICIPANTS: Mike Nordstrom, and Randy Long, organizer.

BACKPACKING YELLOWSTONE..

Audrey Rindfleisch

Another one of Budig's classics -- a week in Yellowstone. A week of fun and torture. It was torturous because due to the Yellowstone road construction we lost a layover day. You can't escape road construction. We started on the thoroughfare trail hiking to Yellowstone lake. The first two days, rain tested the water repellence of our jackets. The first night we ate dinner to the sound of elk bugling. Mark, Janet and I passed on the jiffy pop to see if we could catch a glimpse of an elk. We had no luck. Although, after hearing Budig's bear stories we didn't venture too far on the game trail. We spent the second night on Yellowstone lake as well. Although it was a nice site with grebes and blue herons nearby it was sure chilly in the morning at 12 degrees. The third day we had



great weather. We had temperatures up in the 70's with no rain. That was the day we forded Yellowstone river so we were in luck. The only people we saw on the trail were two forest rangers and three wilderness rangers from the Wasatch National forest. With my binoculars we saw a couple of bison taking a stroll on the same trail we used on Monday. The third night we stayed in a horse camp near the south end of Yellowstone lake. Another great clear day greeted us on Wednesday. We stayed at Outlet lake that night. The less said the better. Our mornings were getting warmer, it was 18 degrees on Thursday. Onwards towards Heart Lake, Budig's special place. We so far have backpacked now for five days straight covering 43 miles. Our dogs were barking the last several miles toward Heart lake. Friday was at last our layover day. We hiked to the geyser basin. Without a single tourist around we were able to look into the deep abyss of the hot pools. Old Rustic geyser erupted before our eyes. After our soak in the hot creek we headed back to camp. We were out on Saturday and home that night. All in all we hiked 58 miles, saw lots of wolves tracks and bear scat, a few elk and bison and just had a great week. My companions were Mike and Jean Binyon, Janet Friend, Terry Rawlins, Mark Bloomenthal, of course Mike Budig.



WASATCH FRONT FORUM

THE LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of SALT LAKE presents

Tuesday Evening, November 11, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church, Meeting Hall, 569 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City

MILLIONS MORE- WHAT CAN WE DO?

- FACTS:** One million more people along the Wasatch Front by the year 2020.
(Adding the population of Bountiful each year)
Five Million by 2050
- THE RESULTS:** The Wasatch Front will look and feel like California at its worst.
- THE SOLUTION:** We don't have one yet.
- THE QUESTION:** Is there any hope?

NATALIE GOCHNAUR of the Governors Office of Planning and Budget will present the Utah Quality Growth Committee's predictions for our future if we follow a business as usual scenario. She can also tell us what this group plans to do next. The following experts in planning and legislation will discuss methods for creating a rational public policy including proposals for the upcoming legislature.

State Representative **RALPH BECKER**, Democrat, Salt Lake City
EUGENE CARR, The Center for Public Policy, University of Utah
State Senator **LERAY McALLISTER**, Republican, Provo

The League agrees with governor Leavitt that successful planning for growth might begin at the local level. Perhaps our panelists can suggest ways that we can do this. However, the League has a long history of supporting regional and state land use planning as well as promoting citizen involvement. Our members will ask hard questions and we encourage your participation as well.

Janice Gygi, President of the League of Women Voters of Utah will moderate the program. For further information about this forum, contact program organizer **Ann O'Connell**, Natural Resources Chair, phone & fax 277-9046, e-mail 103306.301@compuserve.com. The League of Women Voters of Salt Lake can be contacted at 3804 Highland Drive Suite, 8-D, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106 272-8683.

The Wasatch Front Forum, now in its sixth year, features 1997-98 meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month - Oct. through March. The "WFF" provides an opportunity for Utahns to learn more about the natural history of the Wasatch Front and the legal, political and social issues facing public land managers and local governments. The Forum is organized by the Citizens' Committee to Save Our Canyons and in 97-98 is supported in part by the UOICC, League of Women Voters, Predator Education Fund, Wild Utah Forest Campaign, GSL Audubon and the High Uintas Preservation Council. If you wish to comment on or participate in future forums or have your name placed on a mailing list, write to P.O. Box 58671, SLC, Utah 84158-0671; or contact Stephen W. Lewis 272-2598, Joyce Maughan 359-5900, or Wes Odell 943-3835.

Former forum sponsors include Friends of Great Salt Lake, Friends of the Uintas!, SLCounty Fish and Game Assoc., The Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, The Utah Nordic Alliance, Utah Mt. Bike Assoc. Utah Rivers Council, Utah Wilderness Assoc. & Wasatch Mountain Club.

ACTIVITY SURVEY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD?

All of the Club's activity leaders are volunteers. You can be a leader too—just check off the activities you want to lead, and we'll give you a call. Help your Club and have fun too!

- Hiking:** ☐ easy day hike ☐ moderate day hike ☐ advanced day hike ☐ car camp
 ☐ backback
- Boating:** ☐ trip leader ☐ instruction ☐ equipment ☐ sailing
- Skiing:** ☐ NTD tour ☐ MOD tour ☐ MSD tour ☐ out of town trip
- Climbing:** ☐ Wasatch climb ☐ out of town trip ☐ winter mountaineering
- Bicycling:** ☐ road bike tour ☐ mountain bike tour ☐ camping tour
- Other outings:** ☐ snowshoe tour ☐ caving ☐ other

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT?

The Club also depends on volunteers for all the rest of its work. Some of this work is critical to the day-to-day functioning of the Club; some of it is important to our community; some of it is just fun. You can let us know how you'll help by checking off activities below.

- Conservation:** ☐ air and water quality issues ☐ trailhead access ☐ wilderness
 ☐ telephone tree ☐ trail clearing
- Socials:** ☐ social host ☐ Party assistance ☐ lodge host
- Rambler:** ☐ word processing ☐ mailing ☐ advertising ☐ computer support
- Lodge:** ☐ general lodge repair ☐ skilled lodge work
- Information:** ☐ public relations ☐ membership help ☐ recruiting ☐ instruction

Would you like to participate on an activities committee? Which one?

Is there a special trip or activity you would like to lead?

What phone numbers can we use to reach you?

Please Complete Both Sides

Wasatch Mountain Club

New Member/Reinstatement of Previous Members Application

Do Not Use this Form for Regular Annual Membership Renewal

Please read carefully and fill out completely.

Name(s) _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check phone number to print in **Rambler** membership list: ☐ Residence: _____ ☐ Work: _____ e-mail: _____
Other Options: ☐ Do not print my name/phone in membership list. ☐ Do not list my name in lists given to Board approved conservation/wilderness organizations.

I am applying for:

Check one:

_____ New Membership (Please complete activity section.) _____ Single Birth date(s) _____
_____ Reinstatement _____ Couple _____
_____ Student (30 years or younger)

Remit: \$35.00 for single membership (\$30.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)
\$50.00 for couple membership (\$45.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)
\$20.00 for student membership (\$15.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

Enclosed is \$_____ for one year's dues and application fee. **Checks/money orders only.** Make checks payable to **Wasatch Mountain Club**. Do you wish to receive the **Rambler** (the Club publication)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Subscription price is NOT deductible from the dues.)

Activity Section

You must complete two Club activities (other than socials) to be considered for membership. The activity dates must have been within one year of the application.

<u>Qualifying Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature of Recommending Leader</u>
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1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

I found out about the WMC from _____

Mail application and check to: Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
1390 South 1100 East, Suite 103
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

Leave Blank—For Office Use Only

Receipt/Check # _____ Amount Received\$ _____ Date Received _____ By _____

Board approval date _____

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in any WMC activity is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death, and damage or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered "exploratory", with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guiding service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to my property.

I verify this statement by placing my initials here: _____

PREPARATION: I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulty of any activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge, equipment, and the physical and emotional stamina to safely participate.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, and personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against, the Wasatch Mountain Club, its leaders, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

LEGAL FEES: Should it become necessary for WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I certify that I have sufficient insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage that I may incur while participating in any WMC activity. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of paying for all such expenses and liabilities.

My signature below indicates that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I am at least 18 years old.

Signature_____ Print name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Date_____

WITNESS: I certify that _____ has alleged to me that he/she has read and understands this document.

Witness signature_____ Print name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Date_____

THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

Membership applicants must participate in at least two Club outdoor or service activities. Yearly dues are \$30 single, \$45 couple, \$15 student, \$5 application and reinstatement fee.

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<i>Emeritus</i>	277-6417	Dale Green

CORRECTION

Please make following correction on your copy of the membership list in the May issue.

Correct phone number for:

Wm. "Knick" Knickerbocker
should be
272-2485

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(under boating director)

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(under bicycling director)

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(under entertainment directors)

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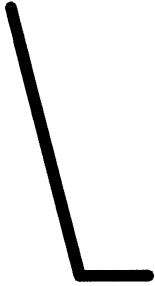
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