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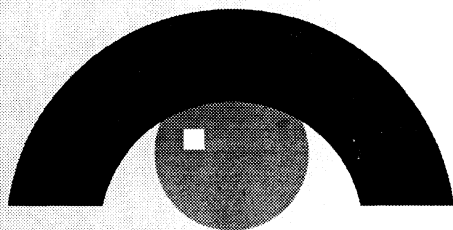
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### NOMINATIONS 2002

Hello folks, as you know the WMC is a volunteer organization, with no paid staff. We depend on good folks to donate their time and energy to keep up a full slate of activities and to conduct the business of the club. This is a list of those who have volunteered to serve in the various positions, many for a second term! Thanks Folks! As you can see though, we have few open positions that we need to fill. If you would be willing to serve your club, please contact Gloria Watson at 466-9016. If you don't, don't be surprised if your favorite activity or service grinds to a halt, or your dues go up to cover the cost of hiring someone to do your work for you!

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# SKI RATINGS

Here is the listing of ski tours and their ratings according to difficulty. There is considerable subjectivity in this, so if you feel the rating is too high or low, please let us know. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the category labeled SKI BACKCOUNTRY. This type of trip requires stout metal edged skis, radio beacon, skins, and the skill of executing turns. Typical examples are Powder Park or Catherine Pass. A trip labeled SKI TOUR is one, which is mostly horizontal, involves using the kick-and-glide motion, and does not seek heights from which to do turns on the descent. Typical examples are Beaver Creek or Norway Flats. SKI-MTN is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to ski gear and radio beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD. Ratings are as follows:

**\* Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel.** A new rating category for AVALANCHE AWARENESS is included to help you assess the relative risk for each trip; Legend- **A!**- trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; **A-** trip crosses known avalanche path; **M-** trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| EL = Entry Level.             | Able to maintain balance and do kick turns |
| NTD = Not too Difficult.      | Able to ski a groomed run at a ski area.   |
| MOD = Moderate.               | Able to ski ungroomed runs at a ski area.  |
| MSD = Most Difficult.         | Able to ski any snow on any terrain.       |
| SKI-MTN = Ski Mountaineering. | Involves exposure and self arrest skills   |

## EL and NTD RATINGS

| LOCATION | ROUTE                                      | RATING-* | MILES | VERTICAL |      |
|----------|--|----------|-------|----------|------|
| COMMENT  |  |          |       |          |      |
| Daniels  | Telephone Hollow                           | EL-NTD M | 3.0   | 300      | Tour |
| Wasatch  | Albion Basin Road                          | EL-NTD M | 3.0   | 600      | Tour |
| Wasatch  | Willow Lake                                | NTD M    | 3.0   | 800      |      |
| Wasatch  | Lake Mary                                  | NTD A    | 3.0   | 910      |      |
| Daniels  | Doe Knoll                                  | EL-NTD M | 5.0   | 300      | Tour |
| Wasatch  | Greens Basin from Spruces                  | NTD M    | 4.0   | 1000     |      |
| Wasatch  | Lower Mineral Fork                         | NTD A    | 4.0   | 1000     |      |
| Wasatch  | Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork              | EL-NTD M | 5.0   | 680      | Road |
| Uintas   | Smith & Morehouse Canyon to                |          |       |          |      |
|          | Ledgefork Campground                       | NTD M    | 6.0   | 400      | Tour |
| Daniels  | Foreman Trail                              | NTD M    | 4.0   | 900      | Tour |
| Daniels  | Telemark Hill                              | NTD M    | 5.0   | 1000     | Tour |
| Woodland | Bench Creek                                | NTD M    | 7.0   | 600      | Tour |
| Wasatch  | Catherine Lake                             | NTD A    | 4.4   | 1200     |      |
| Wasatch  | Lower White Pine Canyon                    | NTD A    | 5.0   | 1400     |      |
| Wasatch  | Catherine Pass from Alta                   | NTD A    | 5.0   | 1500     |      |
| Wasatch  | Scotts Pass                                | NTD M    | 5.0   | 1500     |      |
| Wasatch  | Dog Lake                                   | NTD A    | 6.0   | 1400     |      |
| Heber    | R Fork-Little Hobble Creek to Little Vall. | NTD M    | 7.0   | 1150     | Tour |
| Wasatch  | Days Fork to Second Meadow                 | NTD A    | 6.0   | 1600     |      |
| Uintas   | North Fork of Provo River                  | NTD M    | 8.0   | 600      | Tour |
| Uintas   | Beaver Creek Trail                         | EL-NTD M | 10.0  | 600      | Tour |
| Midway   | Snake Creek Canyon                         | NTD A    | 7.0   | 1800     | Tour |
| Wasatch  | Mill Creek Road to Big Water               | NTD M    | 8.0   | 1500     | Road |
| Wasatch  | Silver Fork from Lodge                     | NTD A    | 5.0   | 1280     | Road |

**MOD RATINGS**

| LOCATION  | ROUTE<br>COMMENT                          | RATING-* |    | MILES | VERTICAL |      |
|-----------|---|----------|----|-------|----------|------|
| Uintas    | Weber Canyon Road                         | MOD      | M  | 16.0  | 600      | Tour |
| Wasatch   | Butler Fork to Overlook                   | MOD      | A  | 3.0   | 1500     |      |
| Wasatch   | Brighton to Twin Lakes Pass               | MOD      | A! | 4.0   | 1300     |      |
| Wasatch   | Grizzly Gulch to Twin Lakes Pass          | MOD      | A! | 4.0   | 1320     |      |
| Wasatch   | Toms Hill                                 | MOD      | A  | 4.0   | 1600     |      |
| Wasatch   | Bills Hill                                | MOD      | A  | 3.4   | 1800     |      |
| Wasatch   | Little Dell - Affleck Park - Big Mountain | MOD      | M  | 11.0  | 1320     | Tour |
| Wasatch   | Catherine Pass from Brighton              | MOD      | A! | 5.0   | 1500     |      |
| Wasatch   | USA Bowl                                  | MOD      | A  | 4.0   | 1800     |      |
| Wasatch   | Powder Park (Near) (South)                | MOD      | A  | 4.0   | 1800     |      |
| Uintas    | Yellow Pine Trail                         | MOD      | M  | 7.0   | 2400     | Tour |
| Daniels   | Main Canyon Murdock Hollow Loop           | MOD      | M  | 10.0  | 1400     | Tour |
| Daniels   | Strawberry Peak                           | MOD      | A  | 10.0  | 1700     | Tour |
| Woodland  | Little South Fork - Willow Hollow         | MOD      | M  | 10.0  | 2000     | Tour |
| Daniels   | Clyde Creek - Mud Creek                   | MOD      | M  | 14.0  | 1000     | Tour |
| Stansbury | Deseret Peak Bowl                         | MOD      | A  | 9.0   | 2800     | Tour |
| Wasatch   | Big Water via Dog Lake                    | MOD      | A  | 6.4   | 1400     |      |
| Wasatch   | Alta to Brighton via Twin Lakes Pass      | MOD      | A! | 8.0   | 1320     |      |
| Uintas    | Smith Morehouse Can to Erickson Basin     | MOD      | A  | 15.0  | 1200     | Tour |
| Uintas    | Murdock Basin                             | MOD      | M  | 15.0  | 1400     | Tour |
| Uintas    | Upper Setting Road                        | MOD      | M  | 12.0  | 2300     | Tour |
| Uintas    | Norway Flats Road                         | MOD      | M  | 12.0  | 2530     | Tour |
| Uintas    | Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flats         | MOD      | A  | 14.0  | 2235     | Tour |
| Wasatch   | Lake Desolation                           | MOD      | A  | 8.0   | 1900     |      |
| Wasatch   | Brighton to Alta via Catherine Pass       | MOD      | A! | 10.0  | 1500     |      |
| Wasatch   | Red Pine Lake                             | MOD      | A  | 8.0   | 2000     |      |
| Uintas    | Soapstone to North of Iron Mountain       | MOD      | M  | 14.0  | 2240     | Tour |
| Uintas    | Shingle Creek                             | MOD      | M  | 14.0  | 2460     | Tour |
| Wasatch   | Greens Basin Peak                         | MOD      | A  | 6.0   | 2380     |      |
| Wasatch   | Meadow Chutes                             | MOD      | A! | 6.2   | 2380     |      |
| Wasatch   | Reynolds Peak                             | MOD      | A  | 7.0   | 2100     |      |
| Wasatch   | Little Water via Dog Lake                 | MOD      | A  | 7.4   | 2100     |      |
| Wasatch   | Powder Park (Middle)                      | MOD      | A  | 7.0   | 2200     |      |
| Wasatch   | Days Fork to Upper Cirque                 | MOD+     | A! | 8.0   | 2000     |      |
| Wasatch   | Bear Trap to Lookout                      | MOD+     | A  | 7.0   | 2400     |      |
| Wasatch   | Powder Park (Far) (North)                 | MOD+     | A  | 8.0   | 2040     |      |
| Wasatch   | Upper Red Pine Lake                       | MOD+     | A! | 7.0   | 2400     |      |
| Wasatch   | Montreal Hill                             | MOD+     | A! | 7.0   | 2700     |      |
| Heber     | Main Canyon (Wallsburg to Strawberry)     | MOD+     | M  | 15.0  | 3650     | Tour |
| Wasatch   | White Pine Lake                           | MOD+     | A! | 9.0   | 2400     |      |
| Uintas    | Windy Ridge                               | MOD+     | A! | 7.6   | 3200     |      |
| Wasatch   | Alta - Brighton - Alta                    | MOD+     | A! | 9.0   | 2800     |      |

**MSD RATINGS**

| LOCATION | ROUTE<br>COMMENT | RATING-* |    | MILES | VERTICAL |       |
|----------|------------------|----------|----|-------|----------|-------|
| Wasatch  | Pink Pine Steep  | MSD      | A! | 2.0   | 1000     | Short |

|  |     |    |     |          |              |
|--|-----|----|-----|----------|--------------|
| WasatchCardiff Pass                                  | MSD | A! | 2.0 | 1400     | Short Steep  |
| WasatchFlagstaff Mountain                            | MSD | A! | 2.8 | 2000     | Short Steep  |
| WasatchCardiff Pass to Big Cottonwood Canyon<br>down | MSD | A! | 5.0 | Traverse | 1400 up 2800 |
| WasatchSilver Fork via Brighton Twin Lakes<br>down   | MSD | A! | 6.0 | Traverse | 1460 up 2400 |
| WasatchDays Fork to Big Cottonwood Canyon<br>down    | MSD | A! | 5.5 | Traverse | 2000 up 3200 |

**MSD RATINGS**

| LOCATION   | ROUTE<br>COMMENT                     |      | RATING-* | MILES | VERTICAL              |
|--|--------------------------------------|------|----------|-------|-----------------------|
| WasatchMary Ellen                                      |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 9.2   | 1820                  |
| WasatchSoldier Fork<br>down                            |                                      | MSD  | A        | 9.0   | Traverse 1600 up 2800 |
| WasatchTuscarora - Wolverine                           |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 8.0   | 2100                  |
| WasatchAlexander Basin via Butler to Log Haven<br>down |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 7.0   | Traverse 2600 up 3100 |
| WasatchSilver Fork Crest<br>down                       |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 8.0   | Traverse 2200 up 3400 |
| WasatchMaybird Canyon<br>down                          |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 6.5   | Traverse 2440 up 3000 |
| WasatchPorter Fork<br>down                             |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 7.0   | Traverse 2200 up 3400 |
| WasatchLake Blanche to Big Cottonwood Can.<br>down     |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 8.0   | Traverse 2600 up 4600 |
| WasatchMineral Fork from Alta<br>down                  |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 7.0   | Traverse 2900 up 3500 |
| WasatchGobblers Knob via Butler                        |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 7.0   | 3140                  |
| WasatchMt Raymond via Butler Fork                      |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 7.0   | 3140                  |
| WasatchMajor Evans                                     |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 9.2   | 2700                  |
| WasatchWilson Fork<br>down                             |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 11.0  | Traverse 2600 up 3800 |
| WasatchWhite Pine from Alta                            |                                      | MSD  | A!       | 10.8  | 2700                  |
| Stansbury  | Victory Mountain                     | MSD  | A!       | 10.0  | 3800                  |
| Uintas   | Hoyt Peak via Swifts Canyon          | MSD  | A        | 14.0  | 3530                  |
| Uintas   | Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon            | MSD  | A        | 14.0  | 3601                  |
| Stansbury  | Deseret Peak from Guard Station      | MSD  | A!       | 12.0  | 4500                  |
| Uintas   | Norway Flats to Smith Morehouse Can  | MSD+ | A        | 18.0  | 2680 Tour             |
| Uintas   | Weber River to Norway Flats Traverse | MSD+ | A        | 20.0  | 2800 Tour             |
| Daniels  | Currant Creek Peak                   | MSD+ | A        | 21.0  | 2800 Tour             |
| WasatchTriple Traverse (Alta to Toll Canyon)<br>down   |                                      | MSD+ | A!       | 16.0  | Traverse 5700 up 7600 |
| Uintas   | Kings Peak ( length !)               | MSD+ | A        | 36.8  | 6800 Very Long        |

**SKI-MTN RATINGS**

| LOCATION                                   | ROUTE<br>COMMENT |         | RATING-* | MILES | VERTICAL |
|--|------------------|---------|----------|-------|----------|
| WasatchMt Superior                         |                  | SKI-MTN | A!       | 6.0   | 2700     |
| WasatchPfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon  |                  | SKI-MTN | A!       | 10.0  | 3700     |
| WasatchSuperior and Monte Cristo from Alta |                  | SKI-MTN | A!       | 10.0  | 4810     |
| WasatchTwin Peaks via Broads Fork          |                  | SKI-MTN | A!       | 10.0  | 5100     |
| WasatchBox Elder Peak from Dry Fork        |                  | SKI-MTN | A!       | 12.0  | 5600     |
| WasatchPfeifferhorn from Dry Creek         |                  | SKI-MTN | A!       | 12.0  | 5630     |



|  |            |      |          |              |
|--|------------|------|----------|--------------|
| WasatchMt. Nebo from Mona                      | SKI-MTN A! | 14.0 | 6700     |              |
| WasatchBells Canyon Supertour Traverse<br>down | SKI-MTN A! | 14.0 | Traverse | 3500 up 5700 |
| WasatchLone Peak via Supertour Route           | SKI-MTN A! | 16.0 | 5854     |              |
| WasatchTimpanogos from Timpooneke              | SKI-MTN A! | 22.0 | 6500     |              |

Editorial Note: Ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this algorithm:

Difficulty = ( M ) + ( 3K ). M is the round trip miles including tenths, if any. K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain including tenths, if any. For example: Catherine Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of altitude gain.

$$\begin{aligned} & ( M ) + ( 3 \times K ) \\ & ( 4.4 ) + ( 3 \times 1.2 ) \\ & ( 4.4 ) + ( 3.6 ) = 8.0 \end{aligned}$$

If the outing is labeled as a TOUR, factor the Difficulty answer by ( 0.6 ). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet calculates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & ( ( M ) + ( 3K ) ) \times ( 0.6 ) \\ & ( 4 ) + ( 3 \times .9 ) = 6.7 \\ & ( 6.7 ) \times ( 0.6 ) = 4 \end{aligned}$$

## WMC Winter Sports Policy

October 11, 2001

### Overview

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. The core program includes snowshoe tours, backcountry tours, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and out-of-town trips (e.g. yurt and winter camping trips). The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Class is held in December or January each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic is held in January of each year. At least one telemark clinic is held each year.

The winter sports director is responsible for the overall management of the winter sports program. He/she appoints skiing and snowshoe coordinators who in turn schedule trips which are not planned at the committee meetings, but can be announced in the Rambler throughout the season. The coordinators also assist trip organizers with information as needed. Other responsibilities include: organize or participate in training trips catered to novices and beginners. They are encouraged to submit articles discussing information on topics of interest.

The winter sports program will promote conservation issues such as: curtailment of ski resort expansion to prevent further loss of backcountry terrain; rigid control (or elimination) of helicopter skiing; continuation of involvement in land management decision making (e.g. snowmobile vs ski trails on Daniel's Summit); and use of UTA routes.

### General Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers

The winter sports program adopts the guidelines for hiking organizers, published elsewhere in these policies. However, special considerations are necessary for winter activities. Planning your destination and route is the key to

a successful trip. You should always try to carpool or utilize UTA transit options in the Wasatch Canyons. Help people understand what the outing involves so that they can decide whether they should be on the trip. The organizer may use his/her discretion as to the equipment and skills necessary for a safe and successful tour. The organizer may evaluate the equipment and capabilities of skiers/snowshoers and turn away people who aren't prepared for the outing. You can check their clothing and gear by eye, and ask questions about their experience and fitness. Make sure that everyone going on the trip signs the release form and therefore acknowledges the risk involved and that it's their responsibility to be prepared.

Talk to the group and reach an understanding of when to turn back. You could run out of time to return before dark, or the conditions might turn ominous. Participants disagreeing with the organizer can choose to withdraw from a trip after clearly notifying the organizer, and preferably, at least one other witness. Skiers/snowshoers should return to the trailhead with a buddy, and be sure that the organizer understands your route. Large groups should be subdivided with appointment of a second organizer and separation of the parties into a 'fast group' and 'slow group'. Have fun. Enjoy the fresh air and snow.

#### Equipment Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers and Participants

All trip participants are responsible for their own equipment and preparedness. Be self-sufficient at all times, and be prepared to assist others when necessary. Carry necessary supplies for changes in conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. In addition to the "Ten Essentials" (re: Seattle Mountaineers), which are emergency items you should have in your pack at all times, the following items are sometimes carried on winter sports trips: climbing skins, transceivers (dual-frequency or 457 MHz), shovel, probe, repair kit, headlamp, and rope.

The organizer has the discretion to require any of these additional equipment items for group safety considerations. The general guideline is to require transceivers and shovels on MOD and above trip ratings. Of course, participants may always choose to take these additional items. If participants are unsure of what the trip involves and if certain equipment items will be required, please ask the organizer beforehand or at the meeting place. If beacons are required, the group should consider whether to conduct a beacon signal test before the tour and a practice avalanche search during the tour.

#### **Basic Avalanche Awareness Guidelines (Source: U.S. Forest Service)**

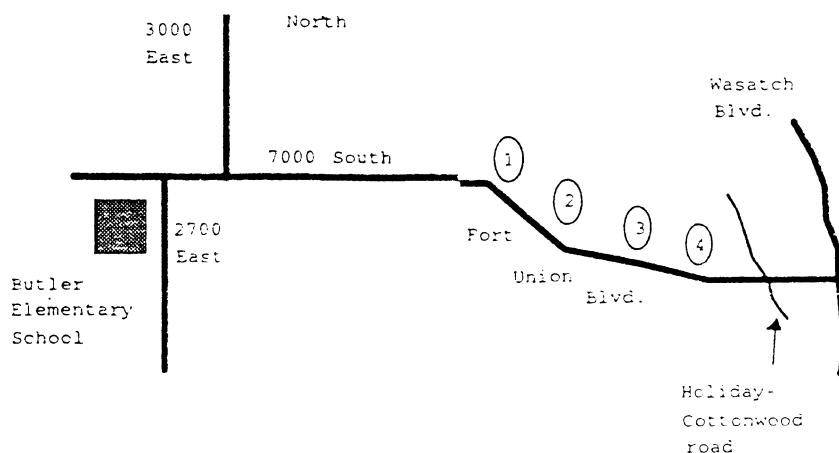
1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as poles.
3. Be alert following periods of steady snowfall- that's when most avalanches occur.
4. Slopes with angles of 25 to 50 degrees are most likely to slide.
5. Cornices, or overhanging shelves of snow, can build up along ridges and can fall, triggering avalanches. When traveling along ridges, avoid the edges.
6. When traveling through potentially unstable terrain, spread out and cross slopes one at a time, keeping close watch for sliding or settling of the snow.
7. Most avalanches start above timberline, on slopes opposite the prevailing wind. Heavily forested slopes are less likely to slide.
8. Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snowpack.
9. Check with local forecasters and outdoor travelers for conditions and hazards.
10. Only one in three avalanche victims buried without a beacon survives. But if you're caught in an avalanche, try to escape by grabbing a tree or rock. If you fall, get rid of your skis, poles and pack and "swim" on the slide to stay toward the surface. When the avalanche stops, try to stay near the surface and make an air pocket.

### Winter Touring Etiquette

1. Parties should try to stay away from one another as best they can.
2. People need to be encouraged to keep their tracks close together in crowded areas.
3. Break trails that will be useful to everyone who follows.
4. Pay attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others).

Share observations about potentially dangerous snow and avalanche conditions

**Utah Avalanche Forecast Center: 364-1581.** See other useful phone numbers and addresses published under the hiking guidelines in these policies.



### CARPOOL PARKING LOTS FOR SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING:

**Butler Elementary School:** Access the parking lot from 2700 East just south of 7000 South (Fort Union Blvd.). We do not have a guarantee that cars won't be towed from here in the event of snow.

**FORT UNION COUNTY PARKING LOTS:** The numbers are for the WMC. Don't expect to see any numbered signs; these are basically wide pullouts on the north side of Fort Union Blvd. County time restrictions are to be followed. **NO PARKING FROM 10 P.M. TO 8 A.M.**

- Lot 1: 3220 East Fort Union Blvd. (7000 South). This lot will hold an estimated five cars.
- Lot 2: 3360 East Fort Union Blvd. (7090 South). This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.
- Lot 3: 3420 East Fort Union Blvd. (7140 South). This lot will hold an estimated seven cars.
- Lot 4: 3600 East Fort Union Blvd (7225 South). This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.

## WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

What activities can be listed in The Rambler? Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director. Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted.

How do I submit my activity to the club?

Send your proposed activity for approval to the appropriate director for inclusion in their activity schedule.

Activities sent directly to the Rambler are not accepted.

What are some of the rules and regulations?

1. **Dogs and children** are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.

**Car pool rates:** Gas plus \$0.15/mile, shared by everyone in the vehicle (including the driver) on 2WD roads, OR gas plus \$0.25/mile on 4WD roads.

**Notice to Non-Members:** Prospective members must attend, and have trip organizers sign, two qualifying activities (not including socials) prior to submission of an application for membership. Most WMC activities are open to prospective members as one of the two qualifying activities for membership, except when specifically stated in the activity description. Weekend outings count as both qualifying activities.

**\*\*\*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.**

### Rating Difficulty Range:

0.1-4.0 ' **Not Too Difficult** (NTD)' lightly strenuous  
 4.1-8.0 ' **Moderate** (MOD)' Moderate to very strenuous  
 8.1-11.0 ' **Most Difficult** (MSD)' Very strenuous, difficult  
 11.1+ ' **Extreme** (EXT)' Very strong, well-seasoned hikers.

### Other Factors:

B ' Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking  
 E ' Elevation change in excess of 5,000 feet  
 M ' Round trip mileage in excess of 15 mi.  
 R ' Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding  
 S ' Scrambling  
 X ' Exposure  
 W ' Wilderness area, limit 14

## WHAT ARE 10Es?

The 10 Essentials are:

**Map/compass, flashlight, pocketknife, matches/ firestarter, sunscreen/bugspray, sunglasses, candle, first aid kit ,extra clothes, food and water.**

**JAN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE HEEL FRIDAY'S (MOD)** Work is the curse of the skiing class. Get away from the daily grind with Steve Pritchett and his weekday telemarking group 2 days this month. Details will be emailed via the wmc-ski list or contact him directly at Spritc1041@aol.com or 523-9243.

**JAN 1 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CRACK OF NOON SKI TOUR (NTD)** Now here is a great way to start the new year. Let your party-weary body sleep until a late hour of the morning, then drag it to Butler Elementary School at 12 noon for a ski tour. Instead of ingesting the hair of the dog that bit you, bite off an invigorating tour towards Brighton. Phone Tom Silberstorf (255-2784) to get more information. Beacons and skins are always on the recommended list.

**JAN 1 TUE SNOWBLOWER'S HIKE TO THE LODGE** Work party to clear snow off the roof and path, or clean indoors. Start the year out right with a service project! The forecast is for lots of snow, so projects will primarily be snow removal from the Lodge entrances, the kitchen roof, the back dormer, and the Goodro Annex. With your help, we'll have fun and hopefully keep up with the snow load. We have several shovels, a snowblower, and a couple of snow scoops. Meet at the lodge at approximately 9:45 am. We will need your help so please plan to come. The Lodge may be open Monday night if you want to stay over. Pizza provided. RSVP to Mike Berry (583-4721) for lunch.

**JAN 1 TUE SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO (NTD)** Two easy steps. 'Show' your volunteerism by calling the Winter Sports Director to lead a trip (Rambler deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to list tours for the following month), then 'Go' down to Butler Elementary at 9:00 am today to meet other WMC'ers for a tour. Bring the 10 essentials and avalanche safety gear. **Note: Show 'n Go hikes are for WMC members only.**

**JAN 5 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD)** Larry Stewart (944-0213) had not decided on a particular route as of yet, but will choose an appropriate trail for some good turns. Powder Park? To find out where this will be, you must show up. Meet Larry at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**JAN 5 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (NTD)** Dave Rabiger (964-8190) has volunteered to lead the first Saturday snowshoe hike this year. At scheduling time he wasn't sure where he wanted to go but he'll know today. Meet him at 9:00 AM at Butler Elementary. Bring your essentials including food, water, beacon and your 10E's.

**JAN 5 SAT SNOWSHOE: LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN (MOD)** Mike Berry (583-4721) wants to try a new tour- go for it! Grab your 'Mountain Dell' quad and check upper left. From Affleck Park, this is about a 3.5 mile snowshoe with a gain of about 2700'. Prior pioneers of this tour say it is a challenge. For that reason, call Mike for a time and snow adjusted meeting place. Beacon and shovel required.


**JAN 6 SUN AUDREY KELLY LEARN TO SKI CLINIC (EL)** This clinic is intended to provide lessons and a learning environment so a student can acquire some basic cross country skiing skills. The plan is to group one instructor per 1 to 3 students for some personal instruction. We will practice at the Mountain Dell track in Parley's Canyon. To register, volunteer to teach, or discuss equipment & transportation, call Mike Berry at 583-4721.

**JAN 6 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD)** Robert Turner (487-8209) is planning his own version of an afternoon NTD snowshoe. Meet him at 1:00 PM at Butler Elementary with the usual gear.



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**JAN 6 SUN SNOWSHOE: DESOLATION LAKE (MOD)** Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) will organize a group to snowshoe to Desolation Lake today. Meet Knick at 9:30 AM at Butler Elementary (2700 East) with snack, water, extra layers and all other essential gear.

**JAN 8 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD)** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at [Vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:Vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

**JAN 10 - 14 THU- MON BALDY KNOLL YURT (MSD)** (Advanced backcountry skiing) Spend the long weekend at Baldy Knoll Yurt on the west side of the Tetons and explore expansive telemark slopes. Drive up Thursday evening, spend Thursday night in a motel, ski in Friday morning and spend three nights at the yurt, then return on Monday. A non-refundable \$85 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. The trip may be **FULL**, but call Brad Yates to check or e-mail: [bnyslc@earthlink.net](mailto:bnyslc@earthlink.net)



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**JAN 12 SAT SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD)**

Maybird is more a state of mind than a place. It looks different each time, because the trail there is ambiguous. In fact, there is no real trail. It provides a spectacular view of a cirque with the Pfeifferhorn in the background and is one of Larry Nilssen's (572-3964, [Larnilssen@cs.com](mailto:Larnilssen@cs.com)) favorite destinations. As usual, bring all the essentials, including food, water, and a beacon. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00am.

**JAN 12 SAT SKI TOUR: UPPER SETTING ROAD (UINTAS) (NTD+)** Jerry Hatch (583-8047) will lead no tour before its time. Most likely snow will be perfect for this tour. At a maximum the route can go 12 miles round trip and gain 2,300 feet, however, Jerry says he will keep it to a NTD level. Meet Jerry at the K Mart on Parley's Way at 8:45 am. Metal-edged skis would be suitable for this trip. Skins are definitely OK too. Call Jerry for more information or for a Park City meeting place. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas. F.S. fee is \$3.00.

**JAN 12 SAT ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD)** Meet Mohamed Abdullah (466-9310) at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 AM for another of his great organizers choice snowshoe hikes. Be sure to come prepared with your 10E's, a beacon, snacks and fluids.

**JAN 12 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: POWDER PARK (MOD)** It's always a great day when you ski the park of powder. Larry Larkin (486-9060) is the organizer today if you have any questions. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am with your snow and avalanche equipment (beacon, skins, and shovel).

**JAN 12 SAT SKI TOUR: SOAPSTONE BENCH (UINTAS) (MOD)** This tour will commence from the Valley Camp Ground towards Soapstone Bench. We will meet at the Parley's Way K Mart at 9:00 am. We will drive to the Pine Valley Campground parking lot, ski down to the Provo River, cross the river, across a sage brush flat, then along a jeep trail that climbs steadily up to the rim through pine and aspen. Light

backcountry gear (double-cambered, metal-edged) works well in the Uintas. Call Bob Cady (274-0250, or ready@xmission.com) for more information or for a Park City meeting place. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas. F.S. fee is \$3.00.

**JAN 12 SAT SOCIAL: SING-A-LONG.** Missed the Christmas Sing-a-long at the lodge in December? Don't despair. Bring those vocal cords, strumming fingers and something munchey to share...and join in on a January Juke Box Sing-a-long 7:00pm at Patty O'Keefe's house 1724 Bunkerhill Road (1724 E. 4905 So. off Kings Row Road) 424-9215.

**JAN 13 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (NTD)** Robert Turner (487-8209) is planning his own version of an afternoon NTD snowshoe. Meet him at 1:00 PM at Butler Elementary with the usual gear.

**JAN 13 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO (NTD-MOD)** No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon and shovel) and the 10 E's recommended. Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only. You can also sign-up for snowshoe list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

**JAN 15 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD)** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

**JAN 19 SAT SNOWSHOE: LEADER'S CHOICE**

**(NTD/TURTLE)** A new snowshoe leader, Christine Allred (424-0096), is going to try on her "leading snowshoes!" So for all of you who like to socialize and walk at a little slower pace, come out and show your support for Christine on her first effort at leading a snowshoe hike. Meet her at Skyline High at 10:30 AM. Be sure to bring all the essentials including a snack and water.

**JAN 19 SAT SNOWSHOE: BROADS FORK (NTD+ to MOD)** Holly Smith (272-5358) organizes this trip. Be prepared with winter safety gear and the 10 E's and have an enjoyable scenic tour with Holly. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**JAN 19 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW 'N GO (MOD)** No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. **Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only.** You can also sign-up for ski list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

**JAN 19 SAT SNOWSHOE: MOUNT REYNOLDS (MOD)** Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) plans to check out this Cottonwood Canyons location via Mill D. Don't miss this opportunity to 'track-out' one of our WMC classic routes before the world is welcome here. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter

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Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**JAN 20 SUN SNOWSHOE: LAMB'S CANYON (NTD)** Eric Johnson (263-3858) plans a hike just up the road from Mountain Dell in Parley's Canyon. Enjoy the Wasatch National Forest. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet him at Skyline High at 9:00 am.

**JAN 20 SUN SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON HIKE (NTD)** Adrienne Boudreaux (278-9894) and Dave Trask (273-0090) are going to co-lead this afternoon's snowshoe hike somewhere up Big/Little Cottonwood Canyon. Meet them at Butler Elementary at 1:00 PM for a pleasant afternoon of "shoeing." Be sure to bring your 10E's and a beacon, we may even practice using them.

**JAN 20 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD)** Tim MacDonald (250-3882) had not decided on a particular route as of yet, but will choose an appropriate trail for some good telemark turns. Show to know the route. Beacon, shovel and skins required. Meet Tim at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**JAN 20 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD)** Norm Pobanz (266-3703) plans to check out a Cottonwood Canyons location at a not too difficult pace. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**JAN 20 SUN FAMILY OUTING with some easy hiking: Wild Horses of the West Desert (NTD).** Weather permitting: Like last year the trip will include a Sunday drive toward Simpson Springs and the historic Pony Express Trail to search for wild horses. Each winter these animals move into the valleys South of Dugway in response to snow at higher elevations. Bring your lunch, binoculars, camera, and warm clothing though we will stay pretty close to the vehicles during the day. Children invited! Contact Kurt Alloway at 435-882-6888 or preferably via e-mail: desertquest99@yahoo.com for carpool info and details (co-listed with the Sierra Club).



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**JAN 21 MON SKI TOUR: RED PINE CANYON TO MUD LAKE FLATS (UINTAS)(MOD)** This tour begins at the Thousands Peaks Ranch gate with the Smith and Morehouse skate and then turns west to climb along the narrow and steep Red Pine Canyon. Eventually it loops clockwise to Mud Lake Flats. The distance is 14 miles round trip with a 2,200 foot elevation gain. Pieps and shovel required. Light backcountry gear (double-cambered, metal-edged) works best in the Uintas. Call Mike Berry (583-4721) to register and for meeting place/time. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas.

**JAN 21 MON SNOWSHOE: MOUNT AIRE (NTD-MOD)** Liz Cordova (486-0909) is going to lead a "holiday hike" in honor of Martin Luther King's Birthday. This hike is in the Mill Creek Canyon area today. If the group is OK with the 1.5 mile hike up the road, the 8,621 foot summit of Mount Aire will be the destination (2,000 foot elevation gain). Bring winter safety gear, 10 E's and high energy food. Meet at Skyline High at 9:30 am.



**JAN 22 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD)** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at [Vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:Vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

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## **JAN 26 SAT SOCIAL: 2002 AWARDS BANQUET.**

Are we incredibly lucky or what? The annual Awards Banquet-Food for a king or kingette-dancing extravaganza-open bar delight-intimate atmosphere---WOW! This wonderful evening will start at 6:30 at the upstairs, all-glassed-in patio room at Club 90-9065 South Monroe St(150)West). Fabulous music provided by live band "Backwash". Make your reservations and send check(WMC) by Jan 15 and pay only \$20.00 everything included. After this date \$25.00. Send to Jeanine Kuhn, 516 12th Ave. Salt Lake City, UT 84103. Questions call Jeanine Kuhn@364-1873.

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**JAN 26 SAT SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD)** This tour made the cover photo on John Veranth's book Wasatch Trails. 2<sup>nd</sup> time leader Mary Fox (581-1566) will be leading a fine Saturday morning outing to this WMC favorite. Bring the 10 E's, snacks and water. Avalanche risk is minimal, but bring a beacon if you have one. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 10:00 am with your snowshoes.

### **JAN 26 SAT SKI TOUR OR SNOWSHOE: MILL CREEK CANYON**

(NTD+) Plan A (Ski)- Of course its usually good on the 4 miles up from the gate, that is why Millcreek comes up so often. You can get lots of miles on a road with a smooth track and easy grade. Although no dogs are invited on this tour, those frisky canyon fidos have to be restrained today. Mary Ann Losee (278-2423) invites you to throw your snowshoes in the back of the car if you have them just in case the group decides to go to Plan B (Snowshoe). Bring a thermos and change for the gate. Meet at Skyline High at 9:00 am.

### **JAN 26 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY:**


**SHOW 'N GO (MOD)** No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC 'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. **Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only.** You can also sign-up for ski list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

**JAN 26 SAT SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (TURTLE, NTD)** Victoria Saldana (801-546-4767) needs help tracking a path around the maze of downed timber from the heavy snow. See for yourself. Meet her at Skyline High parking lot at 9:00 am and help her out. Don't forget food, fluid, and the 10 essentials.

**JAN 26 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD to MOD)** Shirley Streff and Jan Franzen (STREFFSJ@AOL.COM, 264-8631) are co-leading this snowshoe. They don't know their destination yet but hope to figure it out by the time the hike starts. Why not plan on meeting them at Butler Elementary at 9:30 am to find out. Safety gear, if you have it, is recommended.

**JAN 27 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Leslie Woods (266-3317) is leading this snowshoe. She doesn't know the destination yet but will consider the current avalanche forecast. Why not plan on meeting her at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to find out the plan. Pieps and shovel highly recommended.

**JAN 27 SUN SNOWSHOE: PM HIKE BROADS FORK TO THE MEADOW (MOD)** Cassie Badowsky (278-5153) is going to be our afternoon leader today. She wants to add a little challenge by hiking up the Broads Fork trail to the meadow. Meet her at Butler Elementary at 1:00 PM. Don't forget; bring the essentials, snack, water, and a beacon.



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**JAN 27 SUN SNOWSHOE: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (UINTAS)(NTD+)** Winter Sports organizer Vickie Ashby (750-0105, [vjash@aol.com](mailto:vjash@aol.com)) will be back at that popular trailhead up the Mirror Lake Highway. Join her with a classic trip into the snowy Uinta backcountry. No avalanche beacons needed. Convene at the K Mart parking lot by 8:30 am. Remember the F.S. user fee.

**JAN 27 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Pete Mimmack (801-377-2330) plans to yo-yo ski on intermediate slopes. He will lead you to where the telemark turns are available and abundant (Scouting reports from Saturday tours are welcomed!) Plan to rendezvous at Butler Elementary at 9:30 am. You must have skins, rescue shovel, and beacon. You can e-mail Pete at [pmimmack@novell.com](mailto:pmimmack@novell.com)

**JAN 27 SUN SNOWSHOE: ALEXANDER SPRING EXPLORATORY (N. WASATCH)(NTD)** Winter Sports director Mike Berry (583-4721) plans a short jaunt at Mountain Dell the morning after the WMC Annual Awards Banquet. The destination may be Alexander Spring or the ridge overlooking Glory Hole and Big Bear Hollow (see Mountain Dell quad). No pieps. Meet at the K Mart parking lot by 8:30 am.

**FEB TREKKING IN PATAGONIA:** Escape the Olympics for 3-4 weeks of trekking and exploring in the Patagonian Andes in Southern Chile and Argentina. Highlights include a 10 day trek on the Torres del Paine circuit, 5 days of trekking in Parque de los Glaciares, and possibly rafting the Rio Futalafu and sea kayaking in Tierra del Fuego. This is NOT a guided tour; it's a group of fellow adventurers traveling independently. Estimated costs are \$25-\$50/day, plus airfare. If you can't come for the entire time, come for a couple of weeks. Contact Steve at (435) 647-9833 or [steve\\_susswein@hotmail.com](mailto:steve_susswein@hotmail.com).

**FEB 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH CREST 'RIDGE RUN' (MOD)** In Willow Creek at 7,880 feet, the 10,006 'Silver' mountain will seem 2,126 feet above you, and it is. Ascent the Crest, take in the views, and sweep down into the Beartrap Fork with Larry Nilssen (572-3964, [Larnilssen@cs.com](mailto:Larnilssen@cs.com)). As usual, bring all the essentials, including food, water, and a beacon. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00am.

**FEB 2 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW 'N GO (MOD)** No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC 'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. **Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only.** You can also sign-up for ski list messages by following directions on the inside cover.



Jacki O and Merlinette working their magic at the H'party.

**FEB 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: POWDER PARK (MOD)** Cassie Badowsky (278-5153) is snowshoeing up to Powder Park this morning. Meet her at Butler Elementary at 9:30 am. Be sure to bring your essentials as well as plenty of food and fluid. Shovel and Beacon are highly recommended!

**FEB 2 SAT SKI TOUR: BEAVER CREEK TRAIL (UINTAS) (NTD)** Suitable for *Audrey Kelly Learn-to Ski* graduates. This will be a leisurely tour, at a relaxed pace, and participants are not supposed to be in a hurry. Call Sharon Coons (561-7118) by 6:00 PM Friday to schedule an appropriate meeting time and place. She's planning on about 9:00 am in Salt Lake, probably at the Parley Way K Mart lot. If you are from Park City, schedule a meeting at Kimball Junction K Mart or Kamas High School. Bring lunch, beverages, warm layers and carpool money. The F.S. fee is \$3.00.

**FEB 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD)** Christel Sysak (943-0316) wants to snowshoe up the trail to Dog Lake this morning. Be sure to join her for this beautiful hike at 9:30 AM. Meet her at Butler Elementary and bring your gear, a snack and water. Also a beacon and shovel are recommended.

**FEB 3 SUN SOCIAL: 16th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER.** Vincenzo DeSimone invites you to this evening of Italian cuisine and fellowship by the fire. Cost \$5 for food and hot drinks, bring other beverages of choice (this is not a potluck). Time: 6pm (please no early birds). Directions: I-80 to Park City exit Hwy 224, turn left on Meadows Dr. just past the large white barn on the right. Turn left on Mountain Top Lane, go to Mountain Top Drive, the T at the top and turn right to the sounds of fun. No pets or children, please. Questions to [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or 435-649-6805.

**FEB 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: UPPER RED PINE LAKE (MOD++)** The White Baldy- Pfeifferhorn area is a different world in the winter- stark, deep, and unpredictable. You will need advanced winter skills to handle this trip of 7 miles (RT) and 2,300 feet elevation gain. Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) leads to the 10,000 foot upper lake. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**FEB 3 SUN SKI TOUR: TELEMAR HILL (DANIELS)(NTD+)** This tour begins at the Daniel's Summit Lodge amidst the snowmobilers. A 2.5 mile kick and glide (1,000 ft.) trail takes you through the woods and past the noise to the top of Telemar Hill for some token tele-turns on your light backcountry gear (double-cambered, metal-edged). Before the hypnotic alpenglow settles in you will be thinking about changing clothes to make Vince's Spaghetti Dinner (6:00 pm) in Park City (Also see Cheryl Soshnik's snowshoe tour). Bring your pieps for practice if we have additional time to burn. Meet Mike at the K Mart on Parley's Way at 10:30 am. Call Mike for more information or for a Park City meeting place. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas.

**FEB 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD-MOD)** Today is Super Bowl Sunday. So, this is a snowshoe for all of you who aren't into football! Meet Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) at 2:00 pm at the north side parking lot of the Radisson Hotel, located at the corner of Pay Day Drive and Highway 224 in Park City. The destination is Iron Canyon Saddle (NTD) or the top of Iron Mountain (MOD). Note: Afterwards, Cheryl is offering her house as a place to change and get ready for Vince's spaghetti dinner. Bring a suit and towel if you want to hot tub before going to Vince's.

**FEB 5 TUE SNOWSHOE(TENTATIVE): PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD)** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best

means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at [Vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:Vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

**FEB 8 - 24 THU- SUN SALT LAKE WINTER OLYMPICS: WMC- CALL TO REGISTER's, SHOW 'N GO'S (Members only), and OOT TRIPS.** Tentative plans- look for details in the February Rambler.

**FEB 9 - 16 FRI- FRI SKI TOUR: NORTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON (MSD)** This one week trip with backcountry travel is planned with a snowvan ride (\$60 RT, holds 6+) from Jacobs Lake, AZ to 'winter camp' at Kaibab Lodge. From the camp, it is an 18 mile/2 day ski tour into Grand Canyon National Park and to the north rim where we will pitch out tents overlooking the chasm. If the snowvan is not available (unsure at press time), the trip to the north rim and back is too long. Instead, we will ski tour 26 miles/2 days from Jacobs Lake to 'winter camp' with an option for a day trip to the East Rim Vista in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness of the Kaibab National Forest. Backcountry permit required. Call Mike Berry (583-4721) well in advance if interested.

**FEB 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO (NTD-MOD)** No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC 'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. **Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only.** You can also sign-up for snowshoe list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

**FEB 9 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW 'N GO (MOD)** No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC 'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. **Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only.** You can also sign-up for ski list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

**FEB 10 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: JULIE ANDREWS MEADOW (NTD and MOD)** Join Pete Mimmack for the tour of your choice. The NTD portion of this trip will be along a route that climbs gradually for 4 miles and less than 2000'. The MOD aspect of the trip is telemark skiing at the end of the route. Both provide spectacular views of Mt. Timpanogos in its most beautiful season. In Salt Lake City meet at the park and Ride at 72<sup>nd</sup> South at 9:00 am. Or meet Pete at the PnR off I-15 at Timp Cave Exit #287 at 9:30 am. Plan for a \$3.00 fee per car for entry to American Fork Canyon; also plan for car pool money. At a minimum bring sturdy touring skis for the NTD. For the telemark portion of the trip bring metal-edged skis with skins, plus transceivers, and shovels. Pete can be reached at 1-801-377-2330, [pmimmack@novell.com](mailto:pmimmack@novell.com).

**FEB 10 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD)** Leslie Woods (266-3317) had not decided on a particular route as of yet, but will choose a telemarking area after checking the avalanche forecast. Bring lunch, water, and appropriate layers. Beacon, shovel and skins required. Meet Leslie at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**FEB 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: STANSBURY MTNS (MOD)** Cathy Hunn (435-882-6529) plans to go to the Stansbury Mountains. Salt Lakers meet at 8:30 am at the Midvalley Gart Bros store, 5786 S. Redwood Rd (Off the West I-215 Redwood Rd exit) to carpool. Take I-215 to I-80 and travel west to exit 99 (Tooele exit). Go south on the Tooele Rd (Highway 36) about 3 miles to the Maverick Station on the west side of the highway. Cathy says you can't miss it! Plan to meet her at the Maverick station at 9:15 am. If there's a problem with snow or if you have any questions call her.

**FEB 16 - 17 SAT - SUN MOTEL CAMP: Winter in Great Basin National Park (NTD).** Weather permitting; Escape the Olympic madness! We will carpool to the park near Baker Nevada once again to experience winter silence and magic of the West Desert. Trip will include a ranger-guided tour of Lehman cave (fee required) then depending on snow conditions and we may do some light hiking, snowshoeing or XC Skiing on trails near the visitor center. Accommodations by reservation at the Border Inn nearby. Folks with President's Day off (Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>) can stay and play longer on their own, but Kurt must return home Sunday evening. Contact Kurt at 435-882-6888 or preferably via e-mail: desertquest99@yahoo.com for carpool info and details (co-listed with the Sierra Club).

**FEB 16 SAT SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE LAKE (MOD++)** The White Baldy- Pfeifferhorn area is a different world in the winter- stark, deep, and unpredictable. You will need advanced winter skills to handle this trip. Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) leads. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**FEB 16 SAT SOCIAL: SING ALONG.** The February Sing Along will be held at La Rae and Bart's. Bring your instruments to play along or bring your voice to sing along or bring yourself to just sit and enjoy the excellent musical and vocal renditions with most unique arrangements you probably will ever hear. Bring a finger food so we don't starve. 5904 S Tolcate Woods Lane (2930 E.) Take 5800 S (Tolcate Lane) East off of Holladay Blvd. 801-277-4093

**FEB 17 SUN SNOWSHOE: (NTD)** Mary Fox (581-1566) will be leading. Look for details in the February Rambler. Avalanche risk should be minimal.

**FEB 21 - 24 THU – MON COMMISSARY RIDGE YURT** (Advanced backcountry skiing) Spend the long weekend at Commissary Ridge Yurt on the west side of the Tetons and trim turns on Beards Mountain. Drive up Thursday evening, spend Thursday night in a motel, ski in Friday morning and spend three nights at the yurt, then return on Monday. A non-refundable \$57 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. If you are interested in this trip, call Steve Pritchett (523-9243) or e-mail: Spritc1041@aol.com

**MAR 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: STANSBURY MTNS (MOD)** Cathy Hunn (435-882-6529) plans to go to the Stansbury Mountains. Salt Lakers meet at 8:30 am at the Midvalley Gart Bros store, 5786 S. Redwood Rd (Off the West I-215 Redwood Rd exit) to carpool. Take I-215 to I-80 and travel west to exit 99 (Tooele exit). Go south on the Tooele Rd (Highway 36) about 3 miles to the Maverick Station on the west side of the highway. Cathy says you can't miss it! Plan to meet her at the Maverick station at 9:15 am. If there's a problem with snow or if you have any questions call her.

## NON-WMC TRIPS

**The following activities are not sponsored nor sanctioned by the WMC. Any resemblance to any WMC member, living or dead, is purely coincidental.**

### JAN 19 SAT

#### **SURVIVAL: 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WASATCH OVERLAND**

Cross-country skiers, telemark skiers, 'shoers, boarders, and ski-bikers: The oldest snow race in Utah includes your choice of over-the-snow equipment in order to accomplish the objective of reaching Park City as fast as possible. The race features a LeManns style start with racers carrying their gear from the Brighton General Store to 'Hanscom's cut-off'. Then strap on the gear and make a net climb of 600 vertical feet to **Scott's Pass** via any route. A high-speed descent down the catwalks and ski runs of Thaynes Canyon takes racers down 2,400 feet to the White Pine Touring Center for an overall distance of 12 km (7 miles). Fastest time ever: Ken McCarthy (32 mins., 53 sec.)(1986). Sign up at: Wasatch Touring, 702 East, 100 South, Salt Lake City (359-9361), or White Pine Touring Center, Park City (435-649-8710). Pre-register before January 18<sup>th</sup>. No cars are to be left at Brighton. Take the bus or drive/shuttle to Park City!

### JAN- MAR, 2002

#### **CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES**

| DATE                | RACE                              | TECHNIQUE   | LOCATION/START            |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Sat., Jan 5         | Wasatch Citizens Ser./UWG         | free        | White Pine 9:45           |
| <b>Sat., Jan 12</b> | <b>Wasatch Citizens Race</b>      | <b>free</b> | <b>Mountain Dell 9:45</b> |
| Tues., Jan 22       | Wild Rose Fun Race                | any         | Mountain Dell             |
|                     | 4:30                              |             |                           |
| Sat., Jan 26        | Was. Cit. Ser./TUNA Champ.pursuit |             | White Pine Farm 9:45      |
| Tues., Jan 29       | Wild Rose Fun Race                | any         | Mountain Dell             |
|                     | 4:30                              |             |                           |
| Sat., Feb 2         | Boulder Mountain Tour             | free        | Sun Valley 10:00          |
| Fri., Feb 8-        | 2002 Winter Olympics              |             | Soldier Hollow            |
| Sun., Feb 24        |                                   |             |                           |
| Sat., Mar 2         | Sundance Challenge                | free        | Sundance Nordic 10:00     |
| Thur., Mar 7-       | 2002 Winter Paralympics           |             | Soldier Hollow            |
| Sat., Feb 16        |                                   |             |                           |
| Sat., Mar 23        | Wooden Ski Classic                | classical   | Alta 10:30                |

Schedule provided by The Utah Nordic Alliance (TUNA). For more up-to-date information, call the TUNA Cross Country Ski Hotline at 461-9000 or check the TUNA web page: [www.utahnordic.com](http://www.utahnordic.com)

### JAN- MAR, 2002

#### **SNOWSHOE RACES**

| DATE          | RACE         | LOCATION/START               |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Sat., Jan 5   | Sports-Am 5K | Park City 10:00              |
| Sat., Feb 16  | Sports-Am 5K | Mountain Dell 10:00          |
| Sat., Mar 16  | Sports-Am 5K | Solitude 10:00               |
| Sat., April 6 | Sports-Am 5K | Hidden Peak at Snowbird 8:00 |

Schedule provided by Sports-Am. For more up-to-date information, call Sports-Am at 583-6281 or check the web page: [www.sports-am.com](http://www.sports-am.com)

# BULLETIN BOARD

## Did you know ....

The WMC Lodge , now with flush toilets AND Hot showers!!! ,can be rented on a full- or half-day basis. Full-day rate, is \$300. There is a discount for WMC members, and, you can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects!.

Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535

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JAN 26 SAT SOCIAL: 2002 AWARDS BANQUET. Are we incredibly lucky or what? The annual Awards Banquet-Food for a king or kingette-dancing extravaganza-open bar delight-intimate atmosphere---WOW! This wonderful evening will start at 6:30 at the upstairs, all-glassed-in patio room at Club 90-9065 South Monroe St(150)West). Fabulous music provided by live band "Backwash". Make your reservations and send check(WMC) by Jan 15 and pay only \$20.00 everything included. After this date \$25.00. Send to Jeanine Kuhn, 516 12th Ave. Salt Lake City, UT 84103. Questions call Jeanine Kuhn@ 364-1873.





## Boating Directors message

We had a fun permit party and got people together to apply for river permits for the 2002 season. Keep your fingers crossed for good luck in the lotteries. There were a few river offices that were not ready with permit applications by the time we had our party.

You need to keep trying to get permits. They are;

The "Dino" Rivers; The Yampa; Gates of Lodore; Split Mountain - This is a call in after the river Lottery; Desolation Canyon - Please, this is a WMC favorite apply for a permit!; Westwater - check the web site for information, permit season on this section of the Colorado is late in the year. If you need the addresses, phone #'s or web sites please contact Lori <arivergoddess@yahoo.com> or Bart at <bartbartholoma@netscape.net> we will e-mail them to you.

Pray, dance, sing, drum, or do whatever you do to entice snow to the mountains connected to river drainages. Play on the snow this winter and float on it next spring and summer.

Watch the boaters e-mail for early rivers - the Salt, the Verde, and the San Juan. See everyone at the permit planning party in March!

## WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### 'Backcountry Skiing and the Show-N-Go phenomenon'

As the Winter Sports ski season hits full stride, we are seeing an increase in Show -N-Go activities (Members only) when in past year the schedule was full of backcountry ski tours each weekend. We have also noticed a significant percentage of non-member backcountry ski participants last year (20%). Many of these individuals are not going through the process of becoming members. Regarding the Show-N-Go activities, in the June 2001 WMC Board minutes, John Veranth (Conservation) talked about: *"the Club eventually evolving into a place that merely puts people together to organize their own trips. The WAC provides a place for people to meet and do an activity but is not responsible for the activity itself, or what people do after they meet. The lack of volunteers is making it more difficult to maintain the current status quo, as evidenced by more Show-N-Go activities. A direction we may want to consider as we go forward"*.

An interesting quote. We are seeing a gradual shift or evolution to these types of ski trips in the schedule, but this has not been a hard and fast decision to change something outright. The membership has ample time to see this coming and provide input (and action) if it is something they don't want to see. I'm not advocating this is as my ideal alternative (compared to the long history of WMC skiing), but perhaps a reflection of the times. The winter sports activities have already shifted a great deal in the last 5 years to snowshoeing. WMC-sanctioned yurt ski trips have dwindled from as many as 6 in 1998- 1999 to a projected 1 in 2002- 2003. This is due to a lack of "up-front" deposits from participants (needed 3 months in advance). We'll see where the momentum pulls us this year, and next....

So, ski participants: please be aware that you ARE the Club (or *you* should be joining!), and we need you to share responsibility for organizing ski trips. We would greatly appreciate your unsolicited communications to the director or coordinators of trip offerings 6 to 8 weeks ahead of the intended date for approval and

publication (our historical record) in the esteemed *Rambler*. Trip organizers; prod people into joining, and please be sure to turn in your signed release forms to the Club Office, including cancelled trips! We actually do look for these, as they provide valuable information for next year's schedule planning. In the event that you are unable to lead a previously published trip, contact the ski coordinator or director. We will, however, expect you to work towards finding a replacement leader, or at the very least, have someone at the meeting place to explain the situation, offer alternatives (perhaps pass out smiles and chocolates)!

Also e-mail has the potential to be a great tool. We encourage everyone interested in skiing to sign-up by sending a message from the address you wish to use to: [majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com](mailto:majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com) with the text message (not in the header) "subscribe wmc-ski". Likewise for snowshoeing (winter hiking): "subscribe wmc-snowshoe". You will be sent a greeting message asking you to confirm that you want to be included on the list. The winter sports season can certainly be enhanced and extended through the use of this list to solicit partners for trips on short notice. Of course, such activities will not be officially sanctioned WMC events unless approved by the Winter Sports Director and printed in the *Rambler*.

Literally anyone in the world (ski Uzbekistan anyone?) can announce and go on ski-list trips (no releases used). Use your creative energies off-snow for trip ideas after scouring the topo maps, submit them in some form, and I hope to see you on the trail this season!



# MARKETPLACE

## NEW WMC HISTORY BOOK!!!

### ONWARD and UPWARD, by Michael Treshow and Jean Frances

A true labor of love, Mike and Jean have created a masterpiece of local history that every WMC member will want to add to their nightstand collection. From the early days of the 20s and 30s when hikers still yodeled, to the thrilling account of my climb on Mount Owens (see page 134!) this fantastic book chronicles the organization of the club, the early members and escapades (remember the old WMC bus?), the quirks, and strength of character that established the WMC as we know and love it today. **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL, ONLY \$10**, hurry before the price goes up to \$15 this Fall!, contact Gloria Watson (466-9016)

### CROSSPOINT CONDO RENTAL:

1 bedroom, garage, air, washer/dryer, cable, pool, clubhouse, gym, tennis, fireplace, no smoking \$580 435-649-6805 or [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) (2-02)

MSR SNOWSHOES: Used twice \$80. [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or 435-649-6805 (2-02)

Beacon for sale. 457 Pieps like new, \$125 obo. Call Lisa at 583-2432 or e-mail [lisaverzella@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaverzella@hotmail.com). (01-02)

FOR SALE: TUA Excalibur MX alpine touring skis (90/70/80), 190 cm, like new, with Silvretta 404 bindings (295-345mm boot length) with straps, brakes, crampons and Pomoca skins. Sell as a unit. \$400.00 Also, Nordica alpine touring boots (27.5 monopoint), \$50.00. Call J. at Cell 801-580-8714 Leave message. J. Williams, member Box 71888 SLC, UT 84171 (2-02)

### Another Book!! "The Lady in the Ore Bucket" by Charlie Keller (longtime WMC member!!)

The place names, physical traces, and artifacts remaining in the 3 Wasatch canyons tantalize with what they suggest, but do not tell, about the history of settlement and development in the canyons. Charles Keller has extracted a wealth of information to create *The Lady in the Ore Bucket*, a fascinating history of the lumber, mining, and hydropower industries built from the rich natural resources of the canyons. The book is alive with details concerning the personalities, politics, pacts, and peregrinations of local leaders from the white settlement in 1847 through the early 1900s, and will delight any reader with an interest in the magnificent canyons that open onto the Wasatch Front. Available in hardcover from bookstores everywhere!

FOR RENT: One room rental in SLC. Must be comfortable with a four year old child and single dad. \$150.00 per month, \$150 deposit. References required. Call Boris 323-0783 (02-02)

Certified Nurse Assistants & Health Professionals! List part-time to full-time availability with Lutheran Social Service of Utah at no charge! Utah-wide listing tailored to the areas that elderly and disabled individuals reside. The individuals and/or families contract wage, tasks, times with you. Call Leslie at (801)588-0139 (12-02)

## TRIP TALKS:

### A FEW NOTES ON TRAVEL IN NEPAL - by Frank Bernard

Even though there has been an underwhelming demand for all the details of hiking up and down the yak dung covered trails of Nepal, tenting on the yak crap covered fields and pastures, lunching on the verdant (and yak crap covered) yards of Nepal, sitting on the yak crap drying stone fences of Nepal, resting in the heat provided by yak dung fired stoves in the tea houses and eating in our dining tent set up in yak dung pastures, I will still provide you the opportunity to make use of your freedom to choose to NOT read these observations.

First and most importantly, never leave your tent without your boots on. After dark, the dung colored fresh dung is hard to distinguish, even in the bright light of a headlamp. As you wend your way to the toilet tent (more on third world sanitation facilities later) in the frosty temperatures of the Himalayan Mountains fall season you will need to step carefully. If you wish to gaze upon the magnificent star scape to be seen at 17,000 feet, STOP. When you're done drinking in the beauty of the skies and moonlit 20,000 foot plus snow covered peaks, turn on your headlamp and keep it firmly fixed on the ground on your path. In daylight, never leave your tent without your boots on. You may become enthralled by some huge mountain, glacier, avalanche, tumbling river, waterfall, cultural site, etc., and also step in a fresh leaving by your faithful yak. Secondly, always leave your boots outside the tent. Unless of course, your desire is to sleep on, breathe in, smell, or change your clothes among the piles of yak dung that are sure to be carried into your tent on your boots and then leave your boots to occupy the floor/mattress of the tent. Since we didn't occupy the same tent each nite (although numbered, there was some jockeying for the perceived better positioned or larger or more convenient tent - in itself this could be the subject of a paper on group/couple/individual dynamics and psychology) anyone bringing dung into any tent was sure to share it with fellow travelers, however unwilling they were to share the largesse of the yak's behind.

Enough of yak dung however. Among much other advice I received before setting off on this trip to the other side of the world was "Look up, not down." The obvious inference was to observe the magnificence of the highest points on earth, not the poverty and hard life of the people. But, both up and down were all part and parcel of Nepal, and all the other countries throughout the Himalayas. I was suitably impressed with both the geology and with the primitive way of life of the inhabitants. Spent a lot of time looking at the subsistence agriculture - men and women hoeing the tiny, rock walled fields, using scythes to cut the grain, flails to knock the kernels from the stalks, tossing the grain in the air to separate it from the chaff, hand picking the other impurities (rat and mouse droppings)? From the grain and then bagging and transporting it by yak and human porter. This was as true near Katmandu in the lower parts of the country as it was at 14,000 feet up in the mountains. Up in the mountains, if supplies weren't carried by helicopter, it was by yak or by human (men, women and children) porter. There were various mixtures of yak and cattle. Yaks, with their long hair, could be used only above 12,000 feet. Below, it was too hot for them. We learned to keep a wary eye and ear out for both yaks trains and porters. The yaks, because they were pretty much headed up or down the trail and a trekker or two wasn't much of an obstacle to be gone over or through-or nudged over the side of the cliff for a long airborne flight to the rocks below. The human porters, because somebody with 120 pounds of weight in a huge and unwieldy basket suspended by a trump line over their head, has a limited amount of maneuverability and needs and deserves the right of way. The yaks moved by virtue of the amount of noise their drivers could make, the sticks they were poked with and the frequent rock heaved at the leader. The drivers were mostly male but now and then it would be a lady with a baby on her back or one or two youngsters helping out. Yaks go uphill at a slower rate than trekkers or porters so we were frequently

seeking out small parallel trails to get by -- or taking the forbidden (in the US) shortcuts. As a sidetone, despite the Nepalese having used yaks as pack animals for thousands of years, they still didn't know how to tie loads on properly -- or maybe the frequent stops to retie the flimsy twine like ropes were just part of the rest cycle. I successfully fought off the urge to show them bowline knots and truckers hitches and tautline hitches - whatever they were doing worked to the extent they apparently needed. Modern thoughts, such as efficiency in tying and retying the loads would merely mean that some deserving yak driver would lose his job, the union would have to go on strike, his family would go hungry and lose their home and Osama Bin Laden would have more disaffected third world denizens to use to blow up other evil American targets - but, I digress. When I say yak driver, I'm not implying they had vehicles. Up in the mountains, everything is loaded as on pack animals. We had a group of ten trekkers, supported by a lead Sherpa, 4 assistant Sherpas (limited English skills), one head cook (who played himself in the IMAX film version of Everest), 6 assistant cooks and various yak drivers and porters. The land cost for this cast, who provided tents to sleep in, boiled water to drink, breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner every day, 4 nights of hotels in Kathmandu, air transportation to and from Lukla (at 9,000 feet at the base of the Himalayas), hotel and meals at Lukla, first aid and comfort for the ill and wounded, cultural insights, guidance on the cost of trinkets, carrying of even the day packs of some of the women, carriage of our camping gear, guiding us to points of interest, getting us into various monasteries, etc, etc, was around \$1300- I lost track of time but it was about \$100 a day. We met other folks, trekking on their own and staying and eating at "teahouses" who were spending \$5 or \$6 a day (shelter, food and drink), and others, who while eating and living at the teahouses, had also hired one guide at \$14 a day to help out and assist them in carrying their packs.

Potential future installments of this tale may include details of the flight to Kathmandu (very long), flight to Lukla (I've been in a lot of tight spots in my aviation experience, but looking out the front of the airplane and seeing first hand where we were to land was eyeopening), details of the trails, numbers of trekkers (quite high), carpenters and stone masons (all hand powered), amount of unused hydropower sites (incalculable), teahouses (ubiquitous hotels/motels/roadhouses of the trail), accident to Barb Hansen (dropping of an entire roll of toilet paper into the slit of a Nepalese lavatory with miles to go to the next supply), clinics and doctors (infrequent but cheap), helicopters (available -thank God- when Barb H. really needed one), monasteries, monks and nuns, and religious sites (tons of 'em), prayer flags (everywhere), food (plenty of it, but not exactly like home), shower facilities (oh boy), Everest Base Camp junk for souvenirs (lots of stuff), Hindu cremations and Nepalese justice for thieves (in front of our very eyes, while deeply immersed in the significance of the Hindu way of dying and besieged by Nepalese souvenir vendors, we saw vigilante justice meted out by a small mob), Tibetan rug factory (I couldn't spin out wool from a clump of it into a useable thread), selfmedication (how many drugs can you carry, use, beg borrow and steal and give away), bargaining with the vendors (quick math students do a lot better than I when switching from rupees to dollars and back), medical care at a private hospital in Nepal, altitude sickness (recognition of, self education for and final resolution of) and, finally, how to watch your luggage at the airport of a third world country.

For details on any of these, feel free to query any of the WMC trekkers who participated in the Holly S. 2001 Everest Base Camp Expedition - as memorialized on the wall of a Kathmandu dive (The Monkey's Breath or some such name) by an inebriated group of "happy to be back" trekkers. Or, I may write more on this later. Participants were Holly Smith, Tom Willis, Tom Walsh, Barb Hansen, Norm Pobanz, Carrie Clark, Judy Elizondo, Chris Winter, Frank Bernard, and non WMC member, Steve Neff. Special thanks to Holly who talked us all into going, to Kosi, our Sherpa guide and his staff and to Cristal for arranging the travel and the trek. Seeing the top of the world is a special experience and worth the effort it takes to get there. By the time it was over what did I want the most? High on the list was a great hot shower, but a comfortable chair with a back, a warm place to socialize, and a bright light to read by would have been wonderful. We've got all that in Salt Lake - but we ain't got Everest!

## Winter Service Day (December 8<sup>th</sup> am)

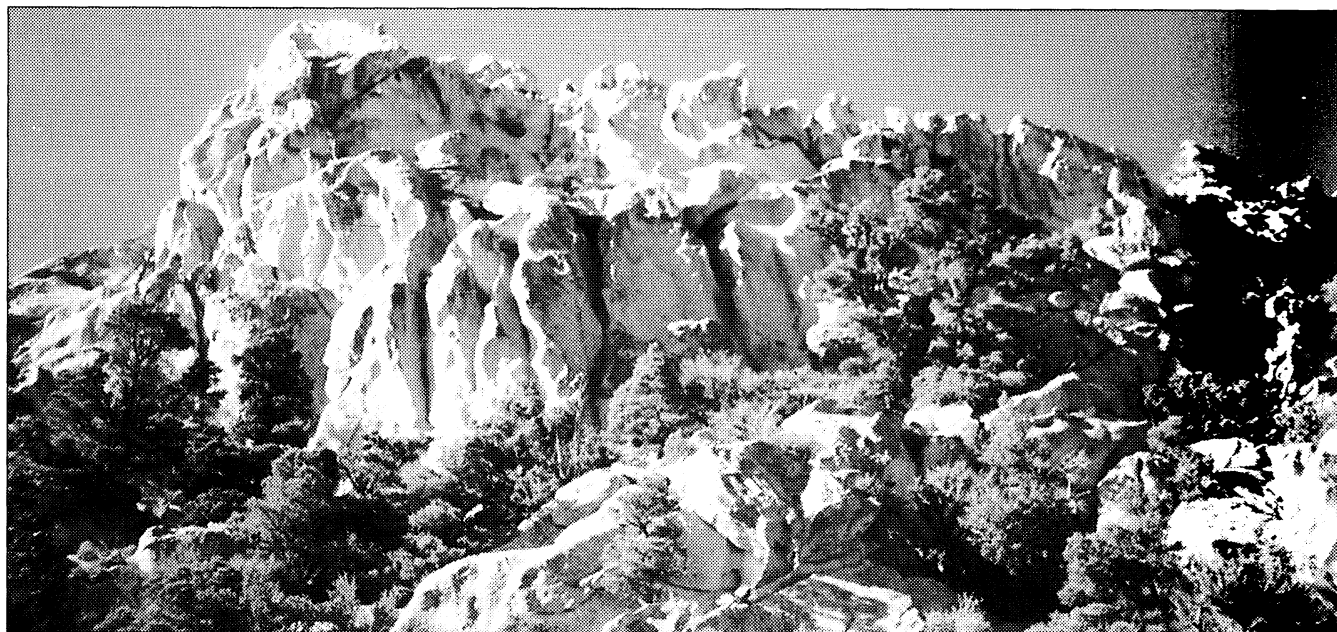
The snowblower's hike to the Lodge turned into just that. Vinnie (Lodge caretaker) said that after cutting under the Majestic Lift, I would see his "boot trail" to the NW corner of the Lodge and the unlocked door. He told me the heat would be on too. I finally arrived about 10:00 am after fighting the Brighton Hordes and Boards, along with the "boot trail". Stumbling into the Goodro Annex I spotted movement down in the basement near the shovel and scoop storage area (a good sign). There I ran into two volunteers searching for implements of ice (or snow) cutting and with Vinnie's help we were on our way.

The dormer window on the west side turned out to be the starting point for re-discovering the Lodge roof, after a few false starts and strategy planning sessions. Vinnie had pointed to the window blocked with snow adjacent to the kitchen (to give us a hint), but we never got quite that far. The good news is that we were able to clear away several tons of snow off of the Goodro Annex and the two west dormers. More good news is that the steeper pitched roof loaded with many feet of snow did decide to slide today (on to us!)

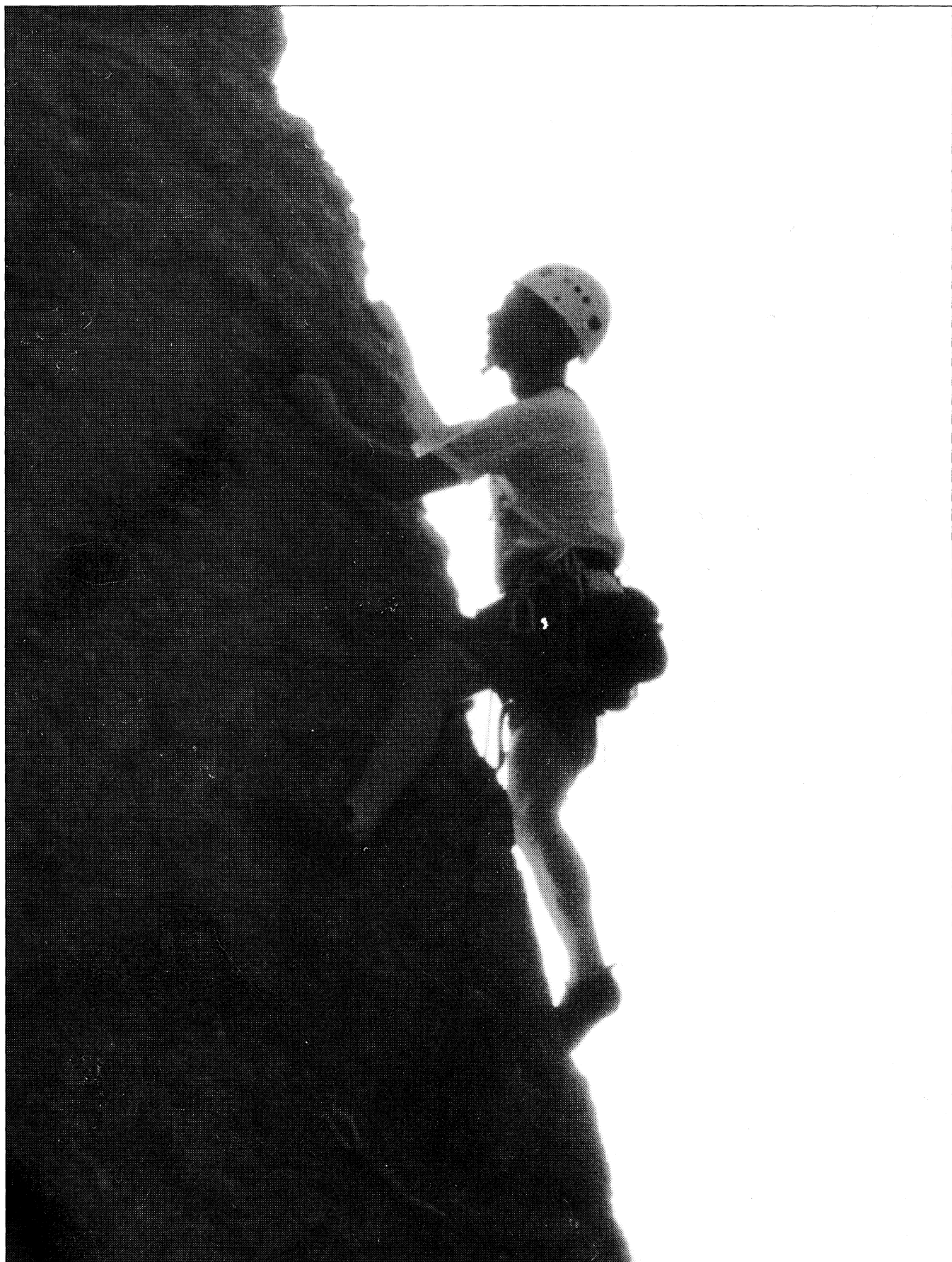
After 3 hours of huffing, we were greeted by the familiar voices and faces of those WMC er's arriving early for the pm Annual Turkey Sing-along and Snowshoe. This was an opportunity for us to recruit a bit more help for us here but show shovels were in short supply. We did make due with many words of encouragement from the Turkey trotters.

By early afternoon we had resigned ourselves that additional snow removal parties would be necessary (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>?) An e-mail announcement was suggested, along with those 'personal' phone call pleas for assistance from the membership. We warmed up in the festive Lodge, grabbed a few 'munchies' left out (for the mice?) by the snowshoe hikers, and then headed to the Porcupine Grill for suds and soup.

Better planning in the future by the organizer and author was promised. Winter Service Day participants: Leslie Woods (trustee), Lori Major (co-boating director), Holly Rordame (co-entertainment director), Conley Adams and 2 grandsons, and Michael Berry (winter sports director, organizer, and author). Look for additional snow removal parties during the winter season!







## 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  
                  ☐ backpack
- Boating:**    ☐ trip leader                      ☐ instruction                      ☐ equipment                      ☐ sailing
- Skating:**    ☐ 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 & water quality issues   ☐ telephone tree   ☐ trail clearing                      ☐ trailhead access  
                          ☐ wilderness
- 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?

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

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How can we use to reach you?

PHONE: 

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EMAIL: 

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**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) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check phone number to print in The Rambler membership list:

\_\_\_\_\_ Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Single Birth date(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please complete the activities section)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstatement \_\_\_\_\_ Couple  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Student (30 years or younger)

Remit: ...\$40.00 for single membership (\$35.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)  
 \$55.00 for couple membership (\$50.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)  
 \$25.00 for student membership (\$20.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for one year's dues and application fee. Checks and 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.

| Qualifying Activity | Date  | Signature of Recommending Leader |
|---------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| _____               | _____ | _____                            |
| _____               | _____ | _____                            |

I found out about the Wasatch Mountain Club from:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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 I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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