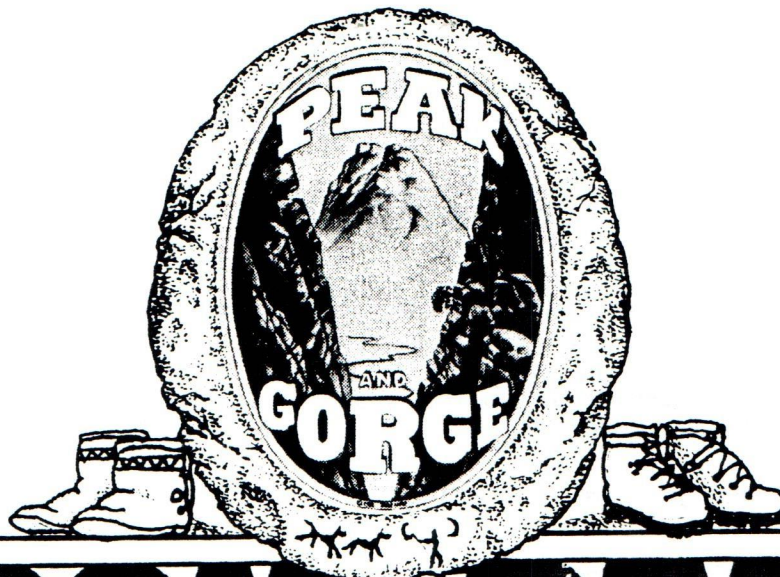


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Chairmans Column

In keeping with our tradition of spring outings to the Nevada desert we are publishing some trips offered by the Desert Survivors group from the bay area. For those interested in desert trips we hope you will participate on some of these outings and report back to us with trip write ups.

As we move toward the 1992 summer climbing season I want to remind leaders that the Forest Service begins accepting summer reservations for trailheads on March 1. Also these reserved permits require a \$3.00 per person fee. Bring your list of summer climbs to the March social meeting so we can coordinate the dates and arrange assistant leaders for as many climbs as possible.

Do you have some slides from past trips that you think might make a good program for Peak & Gorge meetings? If so, contact me this spring. We are looking for good programs that will draw crowds to the monthly meetings. If you are interested in becoming more active with the section we have an assistant editors position available on the Boulder committee and we can also use someone to help out with the Dan Dobbins award. Lets get some trip write ups in from you cross-country skiers and gorge scramblers and remember tee-shirts on sale at meetings or the book store.

See you on the trail.

John Watters, Chairman

SPRING CALENDAR

Mar. 1, Sun. **Intermediate Ski Trip.** Meet at 7:30 a.m. in Roseville Square. Leader: Fred Fischietto, 983-5607.

Mar. 6-9, Fri.-Mon. **Desert Survivors/The Chuckwallas in Springtime.** Leader: Marty Dickes (510) 482-4159.

Mar. 7-8, Sat.-Sun. **Glacier Point Ski Tour/Snow Camp.** Trip limited to 10. For more details contact leader: Al Gutowsky, 457-3338.

Mar. 7, Sat. **Beginning Ski Trip.** Carson Pass Area. Leader: Don Hoffman. Asst. Leader Diana Green, (209) 546-1947.

Mar. 13-15, Fri.-Sun. **Desert Survivors/Cady Mountains Backpack.** Leader: Steve Tabor (510) 357-6585.

Mar. 19-21, Fri.-Sun. **Private Trip/Ski Tour and Winter Mountaineering.** Lassen Park. Plan to ski in from road to climb Lassen Peak, etc. Details for destination and camping arrangements to be decided. I am an intermediate skier with some snow camping experience. Leader: Bob Buckles, 624 3620.

Mar. 20-21, Fri.-Sat. **Desert Survivors/Castle Peak-East Mojave Backpack.** Leader: Bob Ellis (510) 482-0466.

Mar. 24, Tues. **Peak & Gorge Social Meeting.** Natural History & Paleontology of Macedonia. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share. Host: John Watters, 486-8467. From Hwy 50 go north on Howe Ave., turn right on Northrop and right again on Fulton. Take first right into appt. complex. 845 Fulton Ave. #2056.

Mar. 28-29, Sat.-Sun. **Desert Survivors/Amargosa Canyon Carcamp.** Contact: Marty Dickes (510) 482-4159.

April 3-5, Fri.-Sun. **Desert Survivors/Avawatz Mountain Backpack.** Leader: Steve Tabor, (510) 375-6585.

April 11-13, Sat.-Mon. **Desert Survivors/Kingston Mountains Backpack.** Leader: Bob Ellis, (510) 482-0466.

April 15-19, Wed.-Sun. **Desert Survivors/Inyo Mountains Backpack.** Leader: Jerry Goss, (510) 827-1968.

April 16-19, Thurs.-Sun. **Private Trip/Winter Mountaineering and Snow Camp.** Mt. Shastina. Hike or ski to Hidden Valley on SW side of Mt Shasta with primary objective to climb Mt. Shastina. Leader: Bob Buckles, 624-3620.

April 25, Sat. **Class 1 Peak Climb.** Mt. Diablo (3849'), North Peak (3551'), Eagle Peak (2369'). Leader: Gary Cambell, 454-5140.

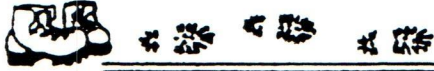
April 25-27, Sat.-Mon. **Pyramid Lake Car Camp.** Leader: John Sarna, 429-8024.

April 28, Tues. **Peak & Gorge Social Meeting.** Slides of Arctic National Wildlife Reserve. Bring a snack to share. Call for directions. Hostess: Jackie Stroud, 457-6338.



PEAK and GORGE (division)

Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club



Experiencing Wilderness with the Peak & Gorge

The function of the Peak & Gorge section is to promote mountaineering, peak climbing and gorge scrambling wilderness activities. We also provide a forum for rock climbers and encourage their activities as much as possible. The section supports conservation and environmental issues particularly those impacting our activity areas; we sponsor leadership, orienteering, first aid and mountaineering training seminars as well as trips and lectures dealing with natural history, anthropology, and western americana. One of the section's most satisfying endeavors is our sponsorship of the Dan Dobbins Youth Award given to deserving young people who demonstrate promise in wilderness leadership.

The scope of Peak & Gorge activities is impressive and we are supported in these endeavors by many dedicated volunteers and enthusiasts. Throughout our history, the section has been involved with many aspects of mountaineering in many parts of the world. Gene Markley started the section with an emphasis on high sierra climbing. Since that time we have continued to climb in the Sierra as well as the desert ranges of Nevada, the Cascades, the Rockies, the Alps, the Andes, the Himalayas, East Africa, the Caucasus and innumerable other ranges throughout North America and around the world.

Our emphasis on any one particular aspect of mountaineering or region has changed with the membership. We have always been fortunate in having energetic talented people to provide the driving force behind our interests in rock climbing, snow mountaineering, and other specialties. Gorge scrambling, the practice of exploring the deep canyons of California foothills, was developed locally by Gene Markley.

As a section in the Mother Lode Chapter, we offer a wide variety of hikes in Northern California. This summer the number and diversity of trips reached a contemporary high. One of my goals as chairman

is to develop a pool of experienced climbers in order to expand the number of class three climbs offered by the section. Class three is the most difficult level of mountaineering currently allowed under the Sierra Club insurance policy.

We invite all interested parties to participate on Peak & Gorge climbs. Many beginning and intermediate level peak climbs and gorge scrambles are offered throughout the year. We offer emblem programs to encourage beginners and more experienced climbers to expand their horizons and familiarize themselves with the backcountry of Northern California. The section publishes a bi-monthly newsletter "the Boulder" where trip leaders write up their many fascinating adventures. For further information on Peak & Gorge activities or to obtain a newsletter subscription, call me evenings at 488-8467 or write to Peak & Gorge, c/o John Watters, 845 Fulton Ave. #2056, Sacramento, CA 95825. See you on the trail! ■

- John Watters

Attention Cross-Country Skiers

We Want You!

To send in trip write-ups from your many fun outings. We know you're out there because we encounter you from time to time. If the peak climbers can write up trips, so can you! Also the Boulder editorial committee has been trying for years to get **one** article from gorge scramblers. We know you are an articulate bunch so share your experiences with us.

Thanks,
Boulder Editorial Committee

Sierra Club Mountain Records Collection

The Sierra Club, over many decades of High Trips, had amassed a large Sierra Summit Records Collection at its "club house" in San Francisco. As early as 1958 the Club's BOD entered into discussions with the University of California's Bancroft Library regarding a future repository for its extensive archives. It was about 1972 that the "Sierra Club Mountain Records Collection" (SCMRC) was transferred to this Library. [Similarly, the Angeles Chapter annually sends important materials to the UCLA Library for preservation, cataloging and public access.] It remains official Club policy, as recently re-emphasized by the History Committee, that old rescued Sierra registers should be added to the SCMRC in the Bancroft Library. This policy has been affirmed by the last two Mountaineering Committee Chairs, Bruce Hope and Norman Kingsley, and is specifically endorsed by Sequoia/KC National Park.

Begun by noted California historian Hubert Howe Bancroft, the Bancroft Library came to the UC Berkeley campus in 1906. It is renowned for its collection of documents relating to the history of Western North America, and it has its greatest emphasis on California and Mexico.

Regular hours are Mon - Fri, 9 am - 5 pm; Sat, 1 - 5 pm. The Sierra Club archives, like most of the library's holdings, are safely stored in a special offsite facility. It is only necessary to phone ahead at least two days in advance of your visit in order to have requested materials available in the Library. (If you call one day ahead, the materials might be available late the next day.) Just call (510) 642-6481. It would be helpful if you could give the call number for the SCMRC: 71/293c. Identify this collection as being part of the Sierra Club Archives and specify which peaks you're interested in. You should also double-check the hours, which are reduced when school is not in session. [Similarly, at UCLA you need to arrange in advance to retrieve material from the Francis P. Farquhar Mountaineering Collection, which is stored in a separate remote facility. The Univ. Research Library's hours are also reduced when classes are out. Phone (310) 825-4879.]

In 1990 the Bancroft received a \$200,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for a joint project with the Sierra Club. Timed to the Club's centennial, this two-year project will greatly enhance the overall accessibility of the Club's Archives for research. The SCMRC will also benefit from this grant as the Library expands the storage of registers in individual acid-free folders and provides special conservation treatments so that damaged early books and fragments may be consulted and copied without further harm.

The Min. Records Chair and I have copies of the SCMRC Index, which identifies peaks and dates. It can be seen at SPS meetings. Want your very own copy? Just send me a sac (2 oz postage) with \$1. Added bonus, the first 500 to respond get free details about the Library's procedures/rules, a campus map, and other archival trivia. Excess profits to the SPS.

I had hoped to visit the Bancroft Library again right after this past Christmas. However, due to slashed University budgets, the entire campus library system was closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 2. Bummer! It is still my intent, nevertheless, to pursue the possibility of arranging for an inter-campus loan of the SCMRC from Berkeley to UCLA.

Notes from 17 Dec 91 Peak and Gorge Section Meeting

Christmas potluck at Robin Reed's house. A few business items were mentioned including: Next adventure worldwide presentation "Between Extremes" scheduled for Jan 27. Discussed plans for future meetings. We are looking for artwork for the Boulder Newsletter. Discussed increasing production and mailing costs for the Boulder. Proposal to raise the subscription rate to \$6.00 per year was discussed and approved by voice vote.

Notes from 28 Jan 92 Peak and Gorge Section Meeting

Six people attended meeting. Low turnout may have been caused by change from Cheryl Todara's previous residence to Bob Buckles' house. Discussed dates for submitting permit requests: Feb 1 for Yosemite, Mar 1 for Mt. Whitney and other John Muir Wilderness hikes. (Note that you must request your Whitney permits with a written request post dated no earlier than 1 Mar and that it is necessary to get the request in as soon as possible after that date to have any chance of getting the permit date that you want.) Discussed some locations for intermediate cross-country skiing. Talked a bit about equipment and techniques for winter skiing/climbing trips.

YOUR EMBLEMS ARE NO GOOD!!

Before you go spending hundreds or even thousands and putting in the time and work to attain your desired number of peaks or gorges for the glorified status of Emblem holding, be advised that in all chapters or groups promoting these mountaineering goals, the coveted awards have no legal standing, or even assigned credit in the eyes of other mountaineers, gorge scramblers, or interested persons.

Repeated inquiries as to whether any verification is performed on any individual's claims all obtained the same response---"Honor System." Generally, no checking is made of registers--at least, not on an official basis, and persons in charge have strongly indicated that investigations should not and will not be made. "We're all out to have fun," and the various entities in charge of overall Club activities have all indicated the zero value of all such meritings.

Certainly, we have suspected a number of false claims and dubious accomplishments, for instance, a "three-time gorge list finish," and a SPS list finish from the north. Some will remember the bogus certification (essentially a receipt for a \$25 donation to the chapter) for becoming a "mountaineer," which had been foisted on Peak and Gorge people at one meeting.

Truly, this all affects the credibility of true mountaineers and places in a shadowy light the genuine, hard-won successes of this fine sport. But as registers will be destroyed or lost, the real events of whatever happened on what day and what peak will remain known only to the parties involved. Certainly, enough mechanisms exist to convincingly "prove" anyone's feats, whether it be retouched photos, registers signed below and returned to the top, false witness, attempts to sign in an associate's name, or whatever.

Therefore, if you don't really like doing this, you probably shouldn't waste your time, energy, and expense. If for some reason, you should want a patch or T-shirt, financial arrangements have proved sufficient in the past for your needs. For those that do go climb or scramble and really like it, the accomplishment will satisfy your estimation of yourself, and seeing maybe 90% of your company in Emblem holding will be of like mind and honesty, that's the basic derivable bottom line to all this!!

Pete Yamagata 1-1-92

OGUL LIST REVISION STILL IN PROGRESS

Some guidelines for revising the OGUL List were printed in the last *Boulder*, in particular: 1) proposed revisions were to be printed in the March-April issue of our newsletter, 2) a vote would be conducted by mail soon afterward, and 3) the results would be summarized (and hopefully approved) at the April 1992 Peak and Gorge Social.

Unfortunately, I haven't had time to properly notify Peak and Gorge members and others who I expect have proposals, or even type up those already given me. So, there are probably few, if any, proposals in this issue. Per John Watters, the next opportunity to discuss "OGUL List Revision Election Results" at a social meeting won't be until September. This forces a delayed schedule on us, which may be for the best, since it gives people an opportunity to publish comments on proposals published by others before the final vote takes place. This would be in the (July-August) *Boulder*, after proposals go for publication in the (May-June) *Boulder*, submissions due mid-April.

As before, if you would like some help in submitting (typing) proposals, please call me at 429-8024. And, if you know of any OGUL Emblem Holders who don't subscribe to this newsletter, please notify them or send me their name and address so I can solicit revisions from all interested parties and correctly address ballots.

John Sarna

18 Jan 92

Three of us, leader Ben Parks, Andy and myself, met for the snow camp trip to Winnemucca Lake. When we reached Carson Pass snow-park area, there were some heavy clouds swirling around Round Top Peak. Elephant Back was clearly visible as we started but disappeared soon as the clouds descended to ground level. Visibility quickly dropped to a few hundred feet. Using our compass and a lot of dead reckoning we continued towards Elephant Back, our only certainty that we were still headed up a slope with scattered trees. Any hope of spotting Frog Lake to get our bearings was wrong. Fortunately Ben had brought his altimeter, and equally important, had checked its reading before we left the parking lot. (Though it was reading about 400' higher than actual, we were aware and compensated for the error.) As a result we knew to start heading south when we reached 9000' elevation. Guided only by approximate knowledge of our location, altimeter and map, we continued forward into the white snow and clouds. After more than an hour of this approximate navigation, we stopped for lunch at the edge of a flat rock field. We were looking at a steep hill down to parts unknown. Looking at the map, we could not determine what terrain feature we were looking down on. My own reckoning said we should be near the east side of Winnemucca Lake. But below us was a white expanse without any sign of tree or rock. It appeared to drop at least 80-100' below our position. The only terrain with a large drop was on the west side of the lake.

While considering these facts, two other skiers came out of the fog. They were no more certain of their position than us. Guessing that they were on the west side of the lake, they headed off east, only to return a few minutes later with the report that the lake wasn't there. We started forward, continuing southwest with the drop off south of us. In a few minutes the clouds lifted enough to reveal that the "steep drop" which had confused us was only a 20-30' slope down to the frozen, snow covered lake surface. The reflection off the snow had deceived us into thinking that we were looking at vacant air through the thick clouds. Our navigation had been perfect. We just didn't recognize our destination when we reached it.

We spent the afternoon digging snow caves and then took a short ski to overlook Round Top Lake. As we ate our evening meal, the clouds moved in again, depriving us of the full moon that Ben had promised. The cold set in and we retired to our frozen shelter. I was the only one to bring a book, so I read aloud John Muir's account of glacier travel on the Stickeen River. It's the sort of thing that makes you think that you are keeping good company while freezing in the woods. As I read by the flickering candlelight, I had to continually stick one hand and then another back into my sleeping bag to keep them warm. One short story was enough. We retired about 7:00. One of the great advantages of cold weather camping is that you get a lot of rest. I won't say sleep since I woke almost every hour during the night. The moon eventually came out but I didn't get out of my bag to look.

After breakfast the next day, we skied up to Round Top Lake again. Conditions were great with an almost cloudless sky and firm snow. We skied back down to our campsite, picked up our packs, and continued out, reaching the car about 2:30. Though the trip down was faster, I found it physically harder to ski downhill, even the moderate grades, with a full pack than the climb up. If your legs burn a bit during the descent on a day trip, be prepared for real pain when carrying full gear.

Bob Buckles

16 Feb 92

After Fred Fischietto canceled his Saturday trip (only three hour delays going up I-80), I was determined to get out on the slopes and conned John Besbekos into going with me on Sunday. We started with an hour delay getting to the turn off at Boreal. It was a cold blustery day with plenty of snow still falling. Just to tease us, the snow peeked out of the clouds for a few moments every hour. As soon as we reached the gate for the Castle Peak road, we knew things were a bit different from our last trip. The gate was completely buried in snow and the trail, broken by some superman of a skier before us, sank two feet below the surrounding snow. Using our poles was awkward as we lifted them above our shoulders to clear the snow and then plunged them 2-3 feet back into the powder. There wouldn't be much gliding on this trip. Any time we stepped off the trail, we sank about three feet into the snow.

The scenery was beautiful, with snow heaped on all the tree branches, frequently 2-3 feet high. But we didn't linger under the trees since they would shower their white burden on anyone below every few minutes. We continued up the road to Castle Pass. I led the way up, going around one poor fellow floundering in the powder with a full pack on. I was met on the ridge top with an icy blast of wind. As John reached the exposed ridge, he shook his head, clearly signalling that if I wanted to die, I could very well do it alone. Being a moderate person given to compromise and having already lost several degrees of body heat in spite of my parka, I became reasonable and got back in the trees. Not wanting to waste an opportunity to enjoy some powder skiing, I decided to take a short cut down the steep bank back to the road. About the time the snow reached my chest I found out the snow was a bit too soft. I lost one ski, spent a few minutes digging it out, then waded back to the broken trail. My admiration for the person who broke trail earlier leapt to new heights. John also went for a swim in the powder. I must have looked like I was having too much fun. We finally disentangled ourselves and started back down the trail, reaching the car about 3 hours after we started. The car had about 3 inches of new snow on it even though conditions had eased throughout the afternoon.

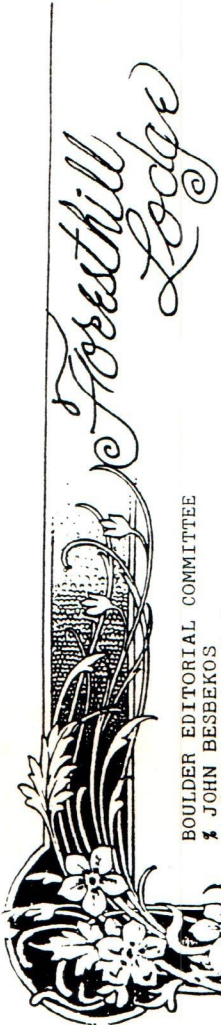
As of today, I understand that there is still a skier missing since Thursday (14 Feb). I can imagine why. Though we enjoyed our day trip, we had the advantage of a broken, well packed trail going in and out. Breaking trail in those conditions could easily be all day effort just to Peter Gnebb hut (3 miles.) If the skier who is missing put in a full day of skiing on firm snow before the storm hit, he may be 10-15 miles away from any plowed road. Another reminder of why you must take winter weather seriously in the Sierras.

Bob Buckles

HISTORY OF THE PEAK AND GORGE OUTINGS SECTION (1968-1991)

- 1968 Gene Markley founds the Peak and Gorge Section with the approval of the Mother Lode Chapter Ex-Comm.
- 1972 Initial qualifying list published with 168 peaks; minimum of 25 peaks required for the NAS Emblem. Wheeler (NV), Olancha, Ritter led.
- 1972 Supplemental list published with 45 additional peaks (Southern Sierra, Oregon, and Washington); trips led to Koip, Dade, Darwin, Tower, Conness, Hoffman, Dana, and Gibbs.
- 1973 Trips led to South Yolla Bolly, Abbot, and others. Christmas trip to Star Pk (NV) results in initial rift in NAS.
- 1974 Attempted traverse of the White Mtn Range; major peaks climbed, but no traverse completed. 10 NAS and 9 SGS Emblems awarded to date.
- 1975 North Yolla Bolly and Black Rock Pk led; first trip to Sweetwaters, Thompson Pk (Trinitities) led by Dan Dobbins; Al Gutowsky leads Lyons, Needle, and Granite Chief in Oct. backpack.
- 1976 Bunker Hill (11,474') led by Markley on Mem. Day weekend backpack; another trip to Sweetwaters; Mt Agassiz (13,891') led for 4th of July Bicentennial; Camiaca and Twin led by Al Gutowsky; Dobbins leads one on weeklong backpack in Southern Sierra--Dan climbs 7 major peaks.
- 1977 Pete Yamagata leads first peak trip to attempt Jeff Davis Pk; climbs Highland and Silver Pks on one-day trip. Markley continues leads with Mt Sill over Labor Day weekend; Colin Fuller leads Genoa Pk in Nov.
- 1978 New Peak and Gorge Qualifying List published---269 peaks and 58 gorges listed; 15 NAS and 13 SGS Emblems awarded to date. Dobbins leads early April trip to Sweetwaters; Division Pk climbed over Mem. Day; Jim Wirick leads Shasta where aid is given to injured climber who is flown out; Gutowsky leads Dunderberg and Excelsior; Yamagata leads Cathedral, Unicorn, and Morgan #1; Dobbins leads two up Mt Tom; Dan Dobbins is killed in Nov. truck collision; Dan Dobbins Fund for Youth is established.
- 1979 Markley leads King Lear Pk--another rift in NAS begins--plus a 4th July lead to Matterhorn Pk (NE NV); Humphreys, Darwin (Hauser), and Williamson (Yamagata) led; First Gourmet Backpack Raffle trip to Natalie Lk led for Dobbins Fund; 40+ persons attending--steak and lobster deluxe dinner for 5 winners; Jackie Stroud leads Whitecliff Pk in Oct.
- 1980 Yamagata continues trips with SPS, and leads Warren, Shasta, Julius Caesar, and others; Harry Erl becomes new chair of Peak and Gorge.
- 1981 Advanced Climbing-Knapsack Section formed with approval of Outings Chair; trips led to Granite (Gerlach), Tohakum, Merriam, Royce, Brewer, Merced, and more; Dave Vandershaf leads Shasta via Hotlum Glacier in late Sept.
- 1982 CKS continues successfully with San Joaquin (ski mountaineering), Emerson, Cloudripper, Highland, Tower, Eagle (Warners), Middle Pal, Blackhawk, and Tallac and others; PGOS in morass.
- 1983 OGUL List developed and published by Harry Erl; 10 pks min. Emblem; Members enjoy fine year of ski mountaineering; CKS leads North Shoshone, Thompson (Trinitities), Cathedral, Highland, Morrison, Mt Eddy and Marble Mtns, and others; Andy Sawyer leads Langley; first official Thanksgiving PGOS/CKS trip to Death Valley peaks.
- 1984 Peak and Gorge Boulder newsletter begins, with editor Janet Erl; CKS leads Gilbert, Johnson, Kaweah Pks, Dicks/Jacks in one day; Peak and Gorge leads Highland, Silver, and Reynolds; CKS leads to East Mojave and Eagle Mtn #2 over Thanksgiving.
- 1985 Peak and Gorge Reorganizing Committee forms, elects Jackie Stroud as chair; Yamagata takes over as Boulder editor; New NAS list developed with 283 peaks and same SGS list (by demand); CKS continues with Arc Dome, S. Shoshone, Shasta, Goddard, Glass, and Nov. trip to Anza-Borrego Pks; five "incidents" incl. lost climber requiring heli-rescue (cost: \$5,000 to taxpayer) creates rifts--all PGOS trips; Sierra Club loses mountaineering liability insurance.
- 1986 CKS leads with Jefferson (NV), Alta/Silliman, University/Kearsarge, Spanish Mtn/Three Sisters, Iron Mtn/Patterson, Russian/Boulder Pks, with Sheephead, Pyramid, Telescope, and Crater Mtn in Nov.; John Sarna takes over as Boulder editor; Club regains insurance; Oct. meeting elects Doug Joy as chair, and Charlie Smith takes over Boulder.
- 1987 CKS abolished by Ex-Comm after final lead of Junipero Serra Pk; Sarna leads 6 HPS pks over Mem. Day weekend; Yamagata completes 500th ascent (but doesn't know it yet!); Boris Nahlovsky finishes OGUL List in Oct.; private lead over Thanksgiving successful with Nelson, Pleasant, and Waucoba.
- 1988 Private leads going strong, with all Yolla Bolly Pks, 3 pks on Kings-Kern Divide, and more; Sarna leads Lyell and Maclure; Charlie Smith temporarily discontinues Boulder; Club loses insurance again.
- 1989 Sarna elected as chair in April. Boulder Editorial Committee formed; Sarna leads in Sweetwaters; John Watters leads Shasta (private trip) and Tower; insurance dilemma continues; Bill Hauser continues fine Christmas desert peaks trips.
- 1990 California Mountaineering Club is formed; OGUL List revision begins; Sarna leads Arc Dome; Watters successful on Matterhorn in Oct. after Aug. abort; proposed Coastal Peaks List printed.
- 1991 First article by Raoul Mocho; Rock climbers interest list published; 35 NAS, 16 SGS, 18 OGUL, and 5 Super Emblems plus 3 OGUL list finishing awarded to date; Sarna leads successful trip to Trinitities; Watters elected chair in April; first Peak and Gorge survey; by far a majority of trips go private; Shasta trip led by Watters as private trip; Sarna leads trip to Marbles; County Highpointers Club forms; no solution to insurance crisis foreseen. Peak registers project receives funding.

Pete Yamagata



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THE PEAK GORGE BOULDER/Motherlode Chapter - Sierra Club

In your issue No 46 we came across a by-line with regard to our FORESTHILL LODGE and wish to thank the person responsible.

We only moved and took over the Foresthill Lodge in May of 1991 (from San Francisco) and absolutely love our new lifestyle. Though we are working far too many hours/days (they all seem to run together) we have made wonderful progress in 'exciting' the hotel permanent guests and since have been busy cleaning and remodeling the lodge so soon we will have lovely mountain accomodations.

In the meantime our concentration has been to upgrade the restaurants (two plus) and bar/dance hall. We now have a fine dining room - The Cedar Room which is open on Friday/Saturday/Sunday for dinner. We also have developed a banquet area for private parties. Our food is excellent and we are most proud of our chef who has an outstanding background including his basic training for two years at the CULINARY COOKING INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK.

Every day we are open for breakfast and lunch. We close at 2:30 in order to set up daily in our informal dining room TONY'S PLACE. Here we feature Italian specialties including PIZZA (to enjoy here or for take out).

The bar known as the WHATS UP CLUB is just that - and the atmosphere has been greatly improved/with the clientele either behaving or not being here at all...it surely created havoc for a spell but now they all seem to like being in a clean and decent place. We offer a piano bar at our lovely 'grand' as well as dances most every week. We will in 1992 be adding even more entertainment as we continue to discover great talents in and around us. We also have a 60 inch wide screen for football nights and

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major events. In a small community we all need to offer as many enjoyments as possible.

The lodge has at this time just a few attractive and redone rooms/suites but within another six months we feel we can be proud to offer accomodations to any one travelling to Foresthill.

It would be wonderful if we can be of service in any way to your beautiful organization and want you to keep us in mind for anything that we might add to your future trips to our Glorious area.

Our thanks for the 'plug' under "SAILOR FLAT TRAIL: NORTH FORK AMERICAN CANYON HIKE.....My husband related to this being a result of a visit by Pete Yamagata.

Again let us stress that we will be happy to be available for whatever your needs.

Sincerely

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HELP!! MOUNTAINEER WANTED!!

Free ride, free food, free beer, free champagne on top, cash rebate, free complimentary summit photo, no charge equipment loan, donation to the club---and no one wants to go??!! Is there any interest in mountaineering here? Am I wasting my and everyone's time?? If not, give me a call!!
Pete Yamagata (916) 444-6319

FOR SALE:

Tua Wilderness Telemark skis, 200 cm., brand new, never used, unmounted.
Classic Epoke 900 skis, 200 cm., Rottfella 3-pin bindings, waxable, needs cleaning. \$50
Various used clothing items--Patagonia, North Face, etc. Expedition Polypro, \$15. Also synthilla caps, neck gaitors, wool caps, gloves, fishnet t-shirt, Craghopper heavy wool knickers, lots more. Cheap. Contact Pete Yamagata (916) 444-6319

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION (HPS) JOSHUA TREE CLEANOUT FEB. 8-10, 1992

First go, then no go, then go again---Fred Johnson and I carpooled down Friday to meet the climbs in this fine desert national monument (hope--soon to become park!), vacillating due to forecasts of the worst weather to hit the L.A. Basin in 20 yrs.

Basecamped in the vacant lot and guesthouse of a generous HPS couple, we did 8 peaks with HPS luminaries such as Frank Goodykoontz, 6X HPS list finisher, and Barbara Pedersen, first and only female to complete the HPS Peakbagging Olympics (33 peaks, 24-27 miles, 11,400' gain in 23 hrs., 42 min.), in addition to various other list and multiple list finishers.

We hiked Quail (5800+') and Queen (5680+') on Saturday, enjoying nice weather and nice, cbody vistas. Sunday, we did Bernard (5430') and Little Berdeo (5440+') in a loop, then did Inspiration Pt. (5560+') and Lost Horse (5313'). Both nights we enjoyed a potluck dinner and the great company of some of the HPS's finest. Monday, the remaining 7, from 24 starting, hiked Ryan Mtn. (5457') and Warren Pt. (5103'), finishing early at 3 p.m., allowing for my return home by 12:15 a.m. Tuesday. Remarkably, we experienced almost no rain, but white-out conditions on 4 peaks. Totals were 32 miles, 8,000+' gain.
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