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SPS List FKT Quest

Travis Soares on the summit of Mt. Needham, June 14, 2022. Story on page 3 (Photo by Nathan Longhurst).

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Echoes from the Chair

By Jason Seieroe

We are quickly coming up on mid-year and access to the Sierra back country is opening up nicely (for those of us that don't travel on skis). It's been great seeing members sharing their trips on our Facebook page and other online forums; keep it up! I'm really excited for the upcoming trips on my calendar and hope you have good trips coming up too!

We have a couple of official trips posted on the SPS calendar now and more in the planning stages. For all the outings leaders out there, feel free to reach out to me or Phil Bates if you need any help with getting your trips planned and posted, especially if the new Safety



Management Plan (SMP) requirements are causing you problems. We are also starting to put together a database of SMPs to help make future trip planning easier (much of the info on the plans will be very similar for trips in the same area).

Stay safe and keep climbing!
Jason

Call for Nominations!

It's that time of year when we're looking for members to run for the SPS management committee and to serve on the nominating and election committees. Are you interested? Know someone who might be willing to serve? Please contact Jason Seieroe, chair, to make suggestions. His email is jasonseieroe@gmail.com.

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An Amazing Endeavor!

Nathan Longhurst and Travis Soares are attempting to complete the SPS List in the Fastest Known Time (FKT), combining running with climbing. Their goal is to finish within a year and ask that supporters of their endeavor consider making a donation to the Bishop Paiute Tribe Food Sovereignty Program. To learn more and follow their progress, see <https://www.sps2022.com>.



Top: Nathan Longhurst (left) and Travis Soares (right) on the summit of Whaleback, June 5, 2022 (Photo by Nathan Longhurst). Above: Nathan Longhurst descending the east ridge of Black Kaweah, June 13, 2022, during their traverse from the West Ridge and over to Red Kaweah and Mt. Kaweah (Photo by Travis Soares).

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We Need Your Stories!

We need YOU to submit reports of SPS and private climbs, Trail Tech articles, Mystery Peak challenges, and anything else you think would be of interest to *Echo* readers! Please send submissions to co-editor Tina Bowman at tina@bowmanchange.com.

Thanks!



around-the-web/

By Dave Sholle

Editors' note: Dave Sholle is our correspondent for this column, sharing web links that SPS members may find interesting. If you see something you think would interest other members, please send it to Dave at dsholle@verizon.net.

Some of the links might be behind a paywall.

From Beth Epstein, a link to the "Breaking News" section of the Wilderness Medical Society. The February 8, 2022, article on Korra Pesce's death on Cerro Torre covers hypothermia and evacuation: <https://wms.org/magazine/1108/Breaking-Wilderness-Medicine-News>.

Patt Morrison of the *LA Times* on how some Southern California peaks got their names: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-24/martyr-crackpot-tree-hugger-and-more-the-people-behind-social-mountain-peaks>.

American Alpine Club moves to rename an award due to Robert Underhill's antisemitism both pre- and post-WWII: <https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/climbing/robert-underhill-antisemitism-climbing-award-rename-aac/>.

The Waddington Range in Canada: <https://gripped.com/profiles/im-in-awe-legendary-b-c-climber-talks-about-waddington-range/>.

Fifty most common climbing mistakes: <https://www.climbing.com/skills/50-common-climbing-mistakes/>.

Patagonia article on clean climbing: <https://www.patagonia.com/stories/bring-back-clean-climbing/story-116308.html>.

Visibility matters: <https://www.outdoorresearch.com/blog/visibility-matters>.

Hiker rescued twice in two days on same mountain: <https://www.backpacker.com/news-and-events/news/hiker-rescued-twice-in-two-days-on-same-arizona-mountain/>.

Review of the film *The Last Mountain*: <https://www.climbing.com/people/review-of-the-last-mountain-climbing-film/>.

Best climbing movies streaming online: <https://www.climbing.com/videos/best-climbing-movies/>.

Death at Joshua Tree due to anchor failing during rappel: <https://www.climbing.com/news/climber-dies-rappelling-accident-joshua-tree/>.

How to fix a separated zipper: <https://www.backpacker.com/skills/gear-repair/how-to-fix-a-zipper-that-separates/>.

Submitted by Barbara Lilley, an article about a smartphone app that could save lives: <https://www.dailynews.com/2022/03/26/3-words-that-could-save-a-lost-hikers-life/>.

Female Lhakpa Sherpa summits Everest ten times: <https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/everest/lhakpa-sherpa-summits-everest-tenth-time/>.

It is becoming harder to break records on Everest: <https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/everest/mount-everest-record-attempt-jost-kobusch/>.

70-year old plans new route on Everest without supplemental O2: <https://gearjunkie.com/news/70-year-old-everest-climb-no-o2>.

Kami Rita Sherpa summits Everest for the 26th time: <https://www.npr.org/2022/05/08/1097485283/nepali-climber-climbed-everest-for-the-26th-time-world-record>.

More mystery surrounding Mallory and Irvine on Everest: <https://www.adventure-journal.com/2022/04/more-mystery-surrounding-mallory-and-irvine-and-everests-first-ascent/>.

Interview with Patagonia legend Rolando Garibotti: <https://www.climbing.com/people/rolando-garibotti-interview/>.

Solo of the Eiger's North Face: <http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web22s/newswire-laura-tiefenthaler-solos-the-eiger-north-face>.

Doing 100 FKTs (Fastest Known times): <https://www.backpacker.com/stories/adventures/an-inside-look-at-jason-hardraths-journey-to-100-fkts/>.

The story behind thirteen pivotal ascents: <https://www.climbing.com/people/cleaning-up-climbing-history/>.

Climbing rescue above Chamonix in 1966: <https://www.climbing.com/people/climbing-rescue-dru-chamonix-gary-hemming/>.

Why cyclists handle heat better than runners: <https://www.outsideonline.com/health/training-performance/optimal-cycling-temperature-performance-research-2022/>.

Changing outdoor poop etiquette: <https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/environment/outdoor-poop-etiquette/>.

Why you should wear a helmet when climbing: <https://www.climbing.com/people/why-climbers-should-wear-helmets/>.

Profiles on various climbers: <https://www.climbing.com/people/edmund-hillary-first-to-climb-everest-and-avid-philanthropist/> and <https://www.climbing.com/people/royal-robbins-rock-climbing-pioneer/> and <https://www.climbing.com/people/conrad-anker-american-alpinist-meru-everest-torn/>.

All black climbing team summits Everest: <https://adventure.com/full-circle-everest-himalayas/> and <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2022/05/21/1100363030/meet-the-cool-62-year-old-kenyan-on-first-all-black-team-to-summit-everest>.

Body recovered from Mount Whitney: <https://sierrawave.net/after-several-attempts-body-recovered-from-mt-whitney/>.

Austrian solo climber dies on Denali: <https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/07/us/austrian-climber-found-dead-alaska-intl/index.html>.

Japanese climber presumed dead on Denali: <https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/20/us/alaska-denali-japanese-mountain-climber-presumed-dead/index.html>.

Yosemite Legend Mike Corbett dies: <https://www.climbing.com/news/mike-corbett-obituary/>.

History of backcountry water filter: <https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-gear/camping/portable-water-filter-backcountry-history/>.

Idiots try to win Darwin Award in Katmai: <https://www.backpacker.com/news-and-events/news/tourists-who-took-selfies-with-katmai-bears-sentenced-to-fines-prison-time/>.

Dare to Lead! Virtual Leadership Training Seminar for Fall, 2022

Becoming a Sierra Club outings leader starts with curiosity and a love of the outdoors. What better way to step up and lead than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee provides each year?

As home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet, the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections, and committees sponsor thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions. You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a five-hour class offered virtually this fall (dates currently TBD).

The seminar covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail, and make sure that everyone—including you—has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and, if you choose, then pursuing more advanced ratings.

The class costs \$25. The application is on-line at <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>, where you can also check for the dates of the seminars. At this site, <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/angeles-chapter-leadership-training-program>, you can learn more about the Leadership Training Program and view the LTC's upcoming offerings, which are also on the Schedule of Activities page [note that due to the pandemic, all in-person training sessions are currently suspended].



Olancha? Nope. Cirque Peak? Yep!



By Tina Bowman

Gary Schenk and I have been trying to lead an intro SPS outing to Olancha Peak for several years now, thwarted by COVID and this year by lack of water anywhere near the good camping and our lack of desire to carry in all the water we'd need. The trip was filled with a waiting list of five or so before we knew about the water problem.

What to do? We thought Cirque would make for a nice outing with a camp at Chicken Spring Lake and the option to climb three unlisted peaks in the area: Trail Peak, Smatko Peak by Cottonwood Pass (not the one the SPS considers the unofficial Smatko Peak), and Trailmaster Peak, which rises above Chicken Spring Lake and provides a nice loop trip to Cirque. Because Gary got a "walk-up" permit (now done via [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) —at least for Inyo National Forest reservations—and now charging \$10 per person whereas the old walk-up permits were free) for Cottonwood Pass, we decided we probably wouldn't go to Trail Peak, which would have been very easy from Trail Pass.

By the time the trip started, we were a group of nine, one spot unfilled even though Gary went through the waiting list. We were signed in and ready to go at 7:00 a.m., Friday, June 3rd, except for one tardy participant. Once Gary gave the trailhead talk, we were on our way at 7:18 with Gary in the lead. After reaching Cottonwood Pass, we turned north on the Pacific Crest Trail to the spur

trail to Chicken Spring Lake and were soon setting up our tents, choosing from a myriad of perfect tent sites. We discovered that we were in the midst of the PCT though-hikers, who stop at the lake for water, a break, and a wash or, later in the day, to camp. It's a gorgeous setting with foxtail pines and a lovely bowl for the lake. We considered going back to the pass and climbing "Smatko Peak," but inertia took over. As Gary put it later, "Friday may have been the most laid back SPS trip day ever." Per the maps, we'd gone a little more than a whopping four miles to get to camp. There's a good reason Cirque is often climbed as a dayhike.

Some of us circumnavigated the lake, others dozed, some read on this lovely day. We had happy hour on Friday in case we went out Saturday instead of Sunday morning. Chuck Schillings and Chandra Campbell provided guacamole (he hauled in four avocados and other fixings), Pringles-like chips, and Macallan Scotch. Kai Rau had made scrumptious gluten-free cookies with nuts and coconut added. Yvonne Lau shared the world's smallest cucumbers, which looked like teeny-tiny watermelons; Gary and Mary

Above: On Cirque Peak, L to R, Chuck Schillings, Chandra Campbell, Yvonne Lau, Kai Rau, Mihaela Campan, Gary Schenk (Photo by Tina Bowman).



At left: Yvonne Lau's backpacking cucumber. Top: Below Trailmaster Peak, L to R, Tina Bowman, Mihaela Campan, Kai Rau, Gary Schenk, Chuck Schillings, Chandra Campbell, Mary Jo Dungfelder (Photo by Yvonne Lau). Below: Sierra Wave over Mt. Langley (Photo by Tina Bowman).

Jo shared Mint Milano cookies; Mihaela Campan shared dried fruit; Scott Klatte had made bacon-wrapped tiny sausages; and I brought a lame can of Lindsay olives (organic, though) because I was in Independence when the word went out Wednesday night about happy hour. Happy hour took care of most of dinner for us.

At 7:00 Saturday morning we were on our way back almost to Cottonwood Pass, where Gary turned off the trail and led us cross-country to the north toward Trailmaster Peak (12,336'). The wind had come up around 3:00 that morning but had settled down quite well by the time we were out and about. We often had clouds and enjoyed looking at the lenticular clouds over the Sierra and Owens Valley (the Sierra Wave) and later clouds creeping over the Sierra from the southwest. We continued

north from Trailmaster to Cirque (12,900'), pretty easy going. From there we angled southwest to intercept the PCT and head back to camp. The loop was a little over seven miles long with the squiggle factor.

Everyone wanted to head out, so we packed up. The others signed out and went ahead; Gary, Mary Jo, and I hiked out together, getting back to the cars before 5:00. The whole trip was about sixteen miles with 3,300' gain, a very relaxed intro trip indeed.



Vagabond Peak (13,374')

August 4-5, 2018

By Greg Gerlach



Vagabond Peak is identified on the topo map as “Peak 13,374” and is also referenced in R.J. Secor’s *The High Sierra: Peaks-Passes-Trails*, Third Edition, as “Vagabond Peak.” In addition, the peak is located approximately 0.5 mile north of SPS Cloudripper, is one of California’s 133 or so 13,000’ or higher peaks, and has 334’ of prominence. More importantly, the peak qualifies for my Andy Smatko Explorer Emblem.

Kelley Laxamana and I drove up to Bishop on Saturday, arriving at the Forest Service Ranger Station at 12:01 p.m. only to find the office closed for lunch. We decided to have lunch ourselves and went to the new organic frozen yogurt store that we saw on the drive into Bishop. The yogurt was sure good, but was a little pricey at about \$19.00 for two medium sized bowls. Afterward, Kelley and I picked up a walk-in overnight permit from the ranger station, then drove up the road to South Lake for the start of the Aqueduct Trail to Brown and Green Lakes; the parking lot was completely full, which I expected since we arrived mid-day on a Saturday. Fortunately, the trail can also be reached from Parcher’s Resort. Kelley and I drove back down the road and parked at the South Lake overflow parking area located alongside the road and adjacent to the resort. We left the car at 2:00 p.m., but couldn’t find the trailhead even though the topo map showed it starting at the resort. Kelley stopped at the store to ask directions, and we were soon on our way up the trail. From the trailhead, we backpacked in about three miles with 1,400’ of gain to the campsite shown on the topo map located east of Brown Lake. The next morning, Kelley and I left at 7:30 a.m., day hiking up the trail to the saddle located at about 11,800’ in elevation. From there, Kelley returned to camp to pack up our gear, and I went southwest cross country up to the summit. The vast majority of this route is class 1 with just a little bit of class 2 near the top. It was tempting to climb Cloudripper for a second time because it’s only half a mile away from Vagabond Peak, but I didn’t want to drive home to Riverside County on Highway 395 in the dark. I did not find a summit register, so I dropped down about twenty off the top to have a snack. Later, I went back up to the summit to look again for the register, and located it below the east side of the summit block within a hole in the rock; it was damp and did not have a pencil. I dug a pencil out of my pack, but I didn’t have much success in signing the wet book. Afterwards, I returned to our campsite to find Kelley ready to go and my share of the gear ready to be packed. After I loaded my pack, Kelley and I had lunch, then we backpacked out to the car, arriving at 3:00 p.m.

Trip stats: 12.3 miles round trip and 3,930’ of elevation gain.



Top: Vagabond Peak from the north.
Above: Eastside hole with register
(Photos by Greg Gerlach).

Please note: Outings are being led again! Currently the Sierra Club requires all participants on an outing more than an hour from help to complete a medical form, and leaders for such outings must complete a safety management plan. Both are fairly simple forms, which are available at the LTC web site here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/forms-resources>.



We've chosen the photo above taken by Mat Kelliher, showing climbers ascending Mt. Emerson on an SPS trip, to represent the outings section. Do you have a photo you would like to see here? If so, please send your submission as an email attachment to tina@bowmanchange.com or via USPS to Tina Bowman.

July 22-25 | Fri-Mon

SPS

MR: Mt Russell via George Crk and Other Pks: What better way to spend an extended weekend than climbing all the SPS peaks between Trojan and Russell? On day one of this peakbagging extravaganza we'll make our way up the use trails of the George Crk drainage to camp at the last lake (4mi xc, 4600 gain), this day will help us to acclimatize for the coming days. Then we start the peakbagging on day two as we climb up to Trojan Pk (13,947') before heading over to Mt Barnard (13,990') and then down into the Wallace Crk drainage, where we will set up our next camp near Wallace Lk (11,473') and enjoy amazing views to the West (3.78mi XC, 3700' gain). On day three we will move our camp a couple miles to Tulainyo Lk (12,822') before dayhiking Tunnabora (13,563') and possibly the 3rd class N Ridge of The Cleaver (13,383') before resting up for our last and highest day (4.1mi XC, 2600' gain). Then our final day we will finally climb Mt Russell (14,088') via an airy 3rd class route before also climbing up nearby Mt Carillon (13,400'). After successfully summiting so many high peaks in so few days, we will start our

SPS outings can always be viewed online on the electronic Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities>

<https://sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/outings-schedule>

You can visit the SPS website for an up-to-date listing at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sps>.

From the Outings Chair

By Phil Bates

Hello, SPSers!

Welcome to the third quarter of 2022! This is the period when the summer training season and higher elevation hikes and climbs really get going. If you're like many, the pandemic and work from home did little to help you prepare for the upcoming outdoors season. If you haven't been out hiking, climbing, and brushing up on your nav skills, now is a good time to get going. You might have noted that the Sierra snow levels are way below average, on the order of 40% below the norm. While this is not good in some ways, it will help those pushing to get twenty-to-twenty-five peaks this season a leg-up on the SPS peaks count. So I hope you Peakbaggers have been getting permits lined-up. The SPS leaders and leadership are anxious to help budding Leaders to become rated Leaders. So, please reach out to me if you would like to pursue becoming rated!

Happy Climbing,
Phil Bates

OUTINGS

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Aug 20 | Sat

LTC

M/E: Rock practice: Instruction and practice to prepare leadership candidates for rock checkout. Restricted to Sierra Club members with prior technical rock-climbing experience. Medical form, climbing helmet and harness required. Send climbing resume to Ldr: Patrick McKusky. Asst: Dan Richter.

Aug 21 | Sun

LTC

M/E: Rock checkout: M & E level rock checkout for leadership candidates. Restricted to Sierra Club members with prior technical rock-climbing experience. Medical form, climbing helmet and harness required. Send climbing resume to Ldr: Patrick McCusky. Asst: Dan Richter.

descent by making our way down to the NFork of Lone Pine Crk with an optional side trip to Thor Pk if people have any energy left on our way to the waiting car shuttle at Whitney Portal (6.5mi XC, 3000' gain). This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing and restricted Mountaineering outing requiring a current Sierra Club membership and medical form to be submitted prior to the outing. Send email and hiking/backpacking resume to Ldr: Jason Seieroe. Asst Ldr: Derek Tse.

July 23 | Sat

LTC

M/E: Stoney Point Rock Practice: Instruction and practice to prepare leadership candidates for rock checkout. Restricted to Sierra Club members with prior technical rock-climbing experience. Medical form, climbing helmet and harness required. Send climbing resume to Ldr: Patrick McKusky. Asst: Dan Richter.

July 24 | Sun

LTC

M/E: Rock checkout: M & E level rock checkout for leadership candidates. Restricted to Sierra Club members with prior technical rock-climbing experience. Medical form, climbing helmet and harness required. Send climbing resume to Ldr: Patrick McCusky. Asst: Dan Richter.

Thinking of leading a trip or looking for info on a trip you've already decided on?

SPS Safety Chair Doug Mantle invites you to e-chat about it, get his input, flesh out your ideas—sierradoug@icloud.com.

Sep 9-11 | Fri-Mon

SPS

I: Convict Creek Peakbagging: This long weekend trip will take us up Convict Crk to climb several of the peaks in the drainage. On Fri we will hike in past Convict Lake and camp at Mildred Lake (~5mi trail, 2400' gain) with a potential for climbing Mt Baldwin after setting up camp (3.6mi XC 2nd class, 2900' gain additional). Sat we will climb past several

Two Yosemite Notices

As you may have read on the SPS web site's home page, Yosemite's road construction projects for 2022 may affect your travel in the park. Here are the basics from the web site: "(1) Glacier Point Road closed during 2022. (2) Wawona Road will experience delays due to lane closures. (3) Tioga Pass will have delays (up to 60 minutes at night and 30 minutes daytime, from 11 pm Sunday thru 4:30 pm Friday) at a number of locations between Olmstead Point and Tioga Pass. For more up-to-date info and changes, check the Yosemite web site at <https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/roadwork.htm>." See also <https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>.

Also, beginning May 20th through September 30th this year, with a few exceptions, you'll need a reservation to enter the park between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. seven days a week. No reservation required to enter before 6 a.m. or after 4 p.m. You can find more information here: <https://yosemite.org/experience/peak-hours-2022/>.

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lakes to the saddle between Bloody Mtn and Laurel Mtn where we will follow the 2nd class N Ridge of Bloody to the summit (12mi RT, ~4500' gain). On the way down we have the option to add on Laurel Mt from the saddle if people feel up to it (adds ~1mi, 1000 'gain). On Sun we will wake up early to climb Baldwin if we didn't do it on day

one or sleep in before packing up camp and hiking out for the drive home. Weekend totals of up to 26.6 mi and 10,800' gain. This is a Sierra Club backcountry outing that requires submission of a completed Local Outings Medical Form to the leader; the medical form will be returned at the conclusion of the outing. Email ldr with contact

Wilderness Permit Info

Most wilderness permit reservations are now made through <http://recreation.gov>. For day use permits for Desolation Wilderness, get a free permit from a local Forest Service office (this requirement was waived in 2021 due to COVID and may also be waived in 2022).

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

Web site: www.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/home

All wilderness permits are reserved through <http://recreation.gov>. Follow instructions regarding permit pick up. This includes the "walk-up" permits (and you now have to pay for them!).

Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center, Lone Pine, CA
(760) 876-6200

White Mountain Ranger Station
Bishop, CA 93514
(760) 873-2500

Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
(760) 924-5500

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center, Lee Vining, CA 93541
(760) 647-304

KERN PLATEAU

Web site: www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia

Wilderness permits are required only for overnight stays in the Golden

Trout Wilderness. For trips departing from a Sierra National Forest trailhead, permits are free via email using the application you'll find at https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sequoia/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev3_059517. For entry into the Golden Trout Wilderness from Inyo NF or Sequoia/Kings Canyon NPs, make your reservation through <http://recreation.gov>.

Cannell Meadow Ranger District
105 Whitney Road
P.O. Box 9
Kernville, CA 93238
Phone: 760/376-3781
Fax: 760/376-3795

Tule River Ranger District
32588 Highway 190
Springville, CA 93265
Phone: (559) 539-2607

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Web site: www.nps.gov/yose

Yosemite wilderness permit reservations become available by lottery twenty-four weeks in advance through <http://recreation.gov>. Any remaining reservations become available on a first-come, first-served basis after the lottery process is complete for that week's reservations up until seven days in advance. May-October walk-up unreserved permits (40% of the trailhead quota) are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the day before the intended date at permit issuing stations. Reservations aren't needed from November through April, but permits are required. Trailhead quotas are in effect in winter. See <https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm>.

If your starting trailhead is outside Yosemite NP, obtain your permit from the land agency that manages that trailhead.

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NP

47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA. 93271-9599
Phone (559) 565-3766 for permit & trail info. Fax (559) 565-4239

For general information go to www.nps.gov/seki. For wilderness permits go to www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness_permits.htm.

Up to six months in advance of your trip, permits may be reserved at <http://recreation.gov>. Permits may be self-issued outside the quota period, from roughly mid-September to mid-May.

SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST (WESTSIDE) ENTRY

Web site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra>

Ansel Adams Wilderness—North
Bass Lake Ranger District
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OUTINGS

information, recent conditioning and experience for trip status and details and to get a blank medical form. Ldr: Jason Seieroe. Asst: Tina Bowman.

Sep 20-21 | Tue-Wed

SPS

MR: Needham Mtn (12,520+), Mineral Pk (11,615'): Join us to climb two peaks in the Mineral King area in the western Sierra. Tues backpack on trail to Crystal Lk (c 4.25 mi, 3,000' gain), set up camp, and climb Mineral Pk (c 2 mi, 1200' gain, mostly class 2). Wed hike cross-country over Crystal Pass (a spot of class 3), drop to Amphitheater Lk, and climb Needham (possibly some class 3) (c 4 mi, 2500' gain RT), return the same way to camp, pack up, and hike out (c. 4.25 mi). Total of c 13.5 mi, 6700' gain. Helmets and medical form required. Send Sierra Club #, experience, and conditioning to Ldr: Tina Bowman. Co-lldr: Sandy Lara.

Sep 24 | Sat

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Navigation: Mt Pinos Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Mt Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, phone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Ann Shields. (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.) Note: Early (at least two weeks prior to the event) sign-up for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the *Leaders Reference Book* for more information.

SPS Management Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, March 13, 2022 7:00 pm via Zoom

1. Call to order. Present: Jason Seieroe, chair; Jim Fleming, vice-chair; Paul Garry, secretary; Laura Newman, treasurer; Dan Richter, archivist; Joe Wankum, webmaster; Doug Mantle, safety chair; Greg Mason, IT chair.
2. Standard business and reports
 - a. Approval of minutes—Previous minutes approved by email.
 - b. Chair—Recurring bi-monthly invitation sent to MComm for management meetings.
 - c. Vice Chair
 - i. Banquet speaker—2023 Banquet to be on January 29, 2023 at Almansor Court in Alhambra.
 - ii. Laura sent honoraria for 2020, 2021, and 2022 banquets to presenters.
 - d. Outings
 - i. The committee discussed assisting leaders to prepare Covid Safety Management Plan and building templates for Safety Management Plan—no report.
 - ii. The committee discussed renting the Sierra Club Tahoe ski hut for a weekend outing this summer. Laura to find out more about reserving the hut.
 - e. Treasurer's report—Taxes have been completed. Treasurer's report to be completed by Wednesday 3/9/22.
 - f. Emblem Committee Report—Richard Carey submitted list for Smatko Explorer Emblem. Paul asked him to submit it in list form with additional information.
 - g. Outreach—No Report.
 - h. Archivist—Dan has a couple of boxes of material to send to the UCLA archives.
 - i. *Echo*
 - i. Deadline for next issue was not known at time of meeting.
 - ii. *Echos* from 1994 to present have been scrubbed for copyrighted material. Some have been removed from website for cleaning and will be reloaded when cleaned.
 - j. Mountain Records—Committee discussed status of SEKI Wilderness Management Plan and will ask Harry Langenbacher for report on status of plan and its impacts on registers on SPS peaks.
 - k. IT—The committee discussed how to transition the sierrapeaks.org domain name and email addresses from Google

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Services due to Google starting to charge for the services in July that had been free. Greg Mason gave overview of options and the Committee requested that Greg put his recommendations in writing on how to transfer the domain.

- l. Website—No Report.
- m. Conservation—no report.
- n. Safety Chair
 - i. Doug Mantle offered his services to discuss outings with leaders to help with trip planning and approval.

- ii. The Committee discussed snow training opportunities for this year and decided to contact Kurt Wedberg (SMI) to try to have him lead a snow skills course with SPS subdividing some of the cost.

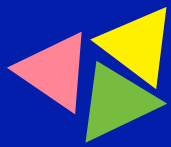
- 3. Old business—None
- 4. New business—Next meeting date: Monday, May 2, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Garry, SPS Secretary

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2. Standard business and reports
 - a. Approval of minutes—March 7, 2022, minutes approved by email.
 - b. Chair—New employment position will require significant out-of-country travel for Chair starting in 2023.
 - c. Vice Chair—Banquet speaker: Committee discussed the possibility of inviting Nathan Longhurst, who is currently trying to complete the SPS list in one calendar year. No decision made.
 - d. Outings
 - i. Paul volunteered to work on preparing Covid Safety Plan and building templates for Safety Management Plans (SMP). Committee to work on work-flow to get SMPs to Phil Bates.
 - ii. Not many outings on the calendar yet.
 - iii. The committee decided not to reserve the Sierra Club Tahoe ski hut for a weekend outing this summer, but to let membership know it is available for reservations.
 - iv. The committee decided it was too late in the season to sponsor any snow training classes this year.
 - v. The committee will coordinate with Dan Richter and Pat McKusky on three LTC rock training opportunities in the works.
 - e. Treasurer's report
 - i. Financial Report submitted to the Committee on May 23, 2022.
 - ii. Laura is still trying to collect refund from Brown Paper Tickets.
 - f. Emblem Committee Report—Richard Carey submitted list for Smatko Explorer Emblem. Paul asked him to submit it in list form with additional information.
 - g. Outreach—No Report
 - h. Archivist
 - i. Dan Richter has a requested volunteers to index some material in the fall and then send it to the UCLA archive.
 - ii. Harry Langenbacher to send electronic *Echo* files to Dan for archive.
 - i. *Echo*—Deadline for next issue is May 25, 2022.
 - j. Mountain Records
 - i. Harry reported there has been no change in status of SEKI Wilderness Management Plan. There has been no contact with SEKI for several years.
 - ii. Harry desires to resign as Mountain records chair. He has 5 gb of data to turn over to a successor.
 - k. IT—The committee decided to keep sierrapeaks.org on the Google domain but eliminate the associated emails through Google hosting. New Gmail accounts will be created for certain committee positions and these will be

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Mystery Peak Challenge Answer



Yes, Ron Bartell's photo in the last issue is of the fourth-class pitch just below the summit of Palisade Crest. First to answer correctly was Jim Ramaker, followed by Romain Wacziarg, Dave Sholle, Dan Richter, all within several hours after the issue came out. A bit later Greg Gerlach and then Doug Mantle chimed in, followed by Bob Hartunian. Later we also received correct answers from Paul Garry and Kathy Rich.

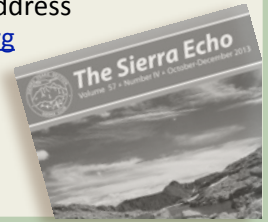
listed on website with direction to personal email addresses for committee members.

- I. Website—No Report.
- m. Conservation—No report.
- n. Safety Chair--No report.
- 3. Old business—None
- 4. New business—Next meeting date:
Monday, June 27, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Garry, SPS Secretary

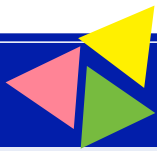
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Money In		\$1,791.01
Donations		600.00
Interest		0.18
Membership		1160.83
Merchandise Income		30
Money Out		-\$1,212.31
Banquet		-900.00
Speaker Honoraria		-900.00
Echo Expense		-286.78
Postage		-142.52
Printing		-144.26
Merchandise Expense		-5.10
PayPal Fees		-17.58
Taxes		-2.85
Sales Tax		-2.85
	Money In	\$1,791.01
	Money Out	-\$1,212.31
	Net Total:	\$578.70



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This occasional just-for-fun puzzle is for you to figure out which Sierra peak or peaks are featured in the image. If you have a fine mystery peak puzzle to challenge *Echo* readers, please send it to tina@bowmanchange.com. We welcome any mountain images, including those from popular culture - imagery used and abused in film and print!

Jim Ramaker sent us this photo. The climbers are Kathy Rich and Daryn Dodge. Which SPS peak are they on their way to climb?

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