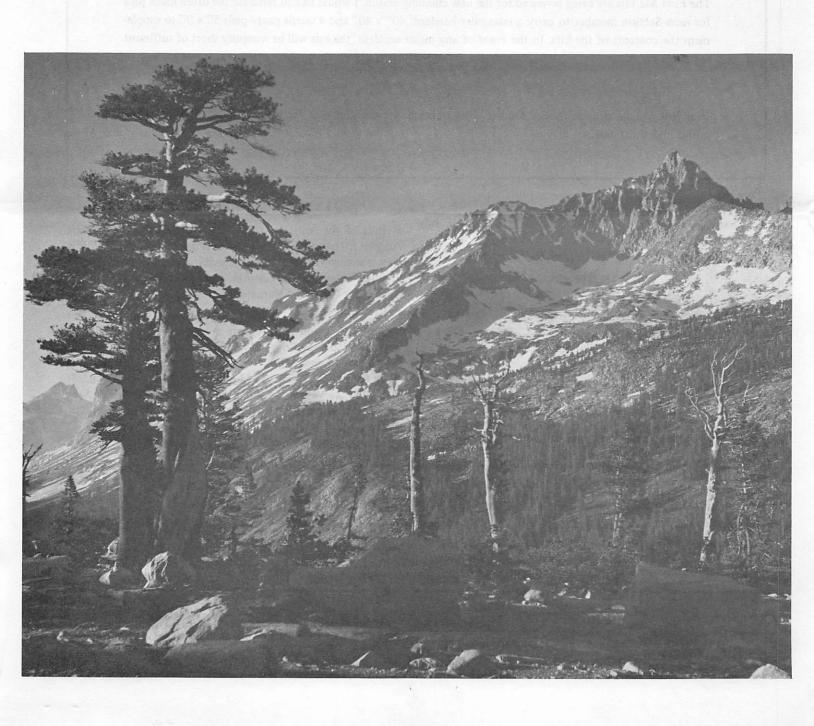
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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

In 1851, when Thoreau said "Nothing is so much to be feared as fear", he didn't have to deal with the US Forest Service.

The latest restrictions in a rapidly growing list appear in detail elsewhere in this issue. It seems to me that the general population, rather than our group stand to suffer most, since we plan our activities so gar in advance. The guidelines have been drawn however, and I can only see a tightening of these restrictions in the future. Within the next few years I forsee a gradually escalating charge for the now free permits, with the attendant stiff penalties for those apprehended without them.

Perhaps the blame for these policies lies with those of us who have been too busy climbing to note the early warnings and express our opposition to the objectionable section.

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The First Aid kits are being reviewed for the new climbing season. I would like to reiterate the often made plea for each Section member to carry a triangular bandage, 40" x 40" and 4 sterile gauze pads 5" x 9" to supplement the contents of the kits. In the event of any major accident, the kits will be woefully short of sufficient materials.

In addition to the aforementioned dangers — the avalanche season is upon us. Extra caution should be exercised in this high snow year.

-Paul Lipsohn

COVER PICTURE

This beautiful sunset shot of Black Kaweah was taken in July 1965 by Tom Ross.

NEW MEMBERS

The SPS is happy to welcome two new members into the Section this month.

Marlin Clark Fadil Mehmed.

PEAK LIST CORRECTIONS

Please make the following corrections on your nice new Peak List:

Left Off-

*Cathedral Peak (10,940) 3(S-4) Tuolume Meadows (place after Vogelsang Peak in the Cathedral Range)

Misspelled -

"Kiop" should be spelled "Koip"

Sorry-Ed

LATEST ON SIERRA SNOWPACK

Results of the April 1st snow survey conducted by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power confirms that this winter's snowpack is substantially above normal. DWP Hydrographers measured snow depths in the Cottonwood Lakes, Big Pine, Rock Creek and Mammoth Lakes areas.

"The April 1 figures indicate that the water content of the snowpack is about 139 percent of the long term mean," announced Ron McCoy, DWP Northern District Engineer. "Cottonwood measured 163 percent, Big Pine 130 percent, Rock Creek 137 percent, and Long Valley 136 percent. Runoff in the Owens Valley and Mono Basin between April and September 15 is expected to be approximately 116 percent of normal.

-taken in part from the Inyo Register 4/12/73

LOOK AHEAD!

The annual SPS banquet will be held at Taix French Restaurant on the 17th of December (maybe 18th). There will be no December meeting.

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CALENDAR

SPS 1973 SUMMER SCHEDULE

July	14 – 15	Mt Stanford, Mt Morgan — Paul Kellow, Jim Angione
July	14 — 15	Mt Corcoran, Mt LeConte — Ed Treacy, Doug Mantle
July	21 – 22	Mt Agassiz, Mt Goode — George Toby, Beverly Schultz
July	21 – 22	Bear Creek Spire - Kim Ellis, Gene Mauk
July	28 – 29	Highland Pk, Disaster Pk — Paul Lipsohn, Doug Mantle
Aug	4 – 5 ·	Mt Izaak Walton — Jerry Keating, Harry Brumer
Aug	4 – 5	Mt Langley, Cirque Pk - Paul Kellow, Don Croley
Aug	11 – 12	Cardinal Mt, Striped Mt — Ron Jones, R J Secor
Aug	18 — 19	Mt Banner, Two Teats — Harry Brumer, Phil Bruce
Aug	18 — 19	Silver Pk — Dennis Lantz (south), George Barnes (north)
Aug	18 – 19	Mokelumne Pk - Jerry Keating, Roy Michel
Aug	24 – 26	Foerster Pk — Gordon MacLeod, Jerry Keating
Aug	25 – 26	Mt McClure, Mt Lyell - Roy Magnuson, Paul Lipsohn
Aug	25 – 26	Mt Whitney, Mt'rs Route — Dennis Lantz, Bob Ayers
Sept	1 – 3	Mt Williamson, Mt Tyndall — Tom Cardina, Dick Searl, Howard Stephens
Sept	1 – 3	Mt Brewer - Phil Bruce, Joe McCosker
Sept	1 – 3	Norman Clyde Pk, Disappointment Pk — Dennis Lantz, Diana Dee, Ron Jones
Sept	8 – 9	Deerhorn Mt, West Vidette - Doug Mantle, George Hubbard
Sept	8 – 9	Merriam Pk, Royce Pk — Roy and Barbara Magnuson
Sept	15 — 16	Tower Pk — Doug Mantle, Dave Gladstone
Sept	22 – 23	Center Pk, Mt Bradley, - Ron Jones, Fran Smith
Sept	29 — 30	Mt Mills — Howard Stephens, Tom Cardena, Chuck Stein
Oct	6 - 7	Mt Harrington, Kennedy Mt — Fran Smith, Steve Smith
Oct	6 – 8	Mt Clark, Mt Starr King — Dennis Lantz, Diana Dee
Oct	13 14	Rockhouse Pk, Sawtooth Pk — Diana Dee, Nada Berger
Oct	20 – 21	Goat Mt — Ron Jones, John Robinson

ECHOS FROM THE PAST

Ten Years Ago in the SPS by Ron Jones

There were two trips scheduled for April 1963 and an additional two scheduled for May. Sawtooth and an attempt at Spanish Needle were tried by a group of 22 climbers led by Tom Amneus. The summit of Sawtooth with a full compliment of lady bugs was reached without difficulties but the attempt on Spanish Needle the following day was rained out. Sherman Peak scheduled later in April also fell casualty to inclement weather.

On May 11–12, Andy Smatko and Arky Erb led 22 people on successful attempts of Independence and Kearsarge Peaks. Snow conditions were heavy in May and soft powder snow was encountered from 500 feet above Onion Valley to the summit, which prevented glissade descents. On May 25–26, Barbara Lilley led 25 people from one mile below snowed-in North Lake on an attempt of Mt Goethe. Mount Emerson was unsuccessfully attempted by 11 people Saturday afternoon after making camp near frozen-over Piute Lake. Sunday only 3 persons crossed over Keyhole Pass and climbed Goethe. Barbara was determined to reach the summit as she had carried in a new SPS summit register box and wasn't about to carry it back out again! Ten other people climbed Mt Muriel and the group returned to the cars in a snowstorm.

New members joining the Section in May included Charles Ray and this brought the SPS membership total to 91 active members and 76 inactive members.



Louise Werner was kind enough to send us a summit picture taken on Olancha Peak on June 20, 1948 by the late Niles Werner. You may recognize some of these people and their names. Front — Polly Connable, Eric Kent, Bill Crookston, Louise Werner. Center — Henry Greenhood, Howard Hill, Rosie Kent, Elsie Kent, Bill & Marge Henderson, Bill Clifton. Rear — Willard Dean, Art Johnson, Bob & Emily Bear, Freda Walbrecht, Betty Crookston, Peggy Cullens, Alden Hilton, and Mary DeDecker. Those of you climbing Olancha on the June trip this year take a special look in the summit register.

TRIP WRITEUPS

Through the years the SPS has accumulated many honors. As a group we have the reputation of providing the finest peak climbing leadership in the entire Sierra Club. But when it comes to composing trip writeups our leaders don't shine so well. In fact - Dick Akawie, Chairman of the Angeles Chapter Schedule Committee, reports that none of the 28 trips submitted by the SPS for the summer schedule escaped his blue pencil scrutiny. All required editing. And this after your SPS Schedule Chairman had given these same writeups his own blue pencil treatment, or in some cases retyped them. It would appear all of us could use some education on trip writeups. The procedure is reproduced in the box to the right of this column. Study it, clip it out and keep it handy for your next trip submittal. The inputs for the fall and winter Schedule No 204 are just around the corner and are due the latter part of July. Maybe all of us will get a gold star from Dick Akawie for our inputs to the next schedule.

-George Toby, Schedule Chairman

EVENT WRITE UP FOR SCHEDULE

Type double space on a separate $8-1/2 \times 11$ sheet for each event.

HEADING - All in caps

- Month: In caps, abbreviate to 3 letters, no periods. JAN, FEB, etc.
- Date: If event is longer than one date, use first and last dates only. Separate by dash. No spaces. SEP 9-10 or SEP 9-11, etc.
- Days: In caps. Abbreviate to 3 letters. No periods. SAT-SUN or SAT-MON, etc.
- 4) Organization: In caps. Do not use words committee, section, or group in heading. S F VALLEY, SIERRA PEAKS, etc.
- 5) Joint Trip: Show organization responsible for write up first (usually that of the leader). If space permits show both organizations on the first line. If two lines needed show one organization on each. WEST LA-YOUTH or E SAN GABRIEL VALLEY—CABRILIO

TITLE - In initial caps

- 1) Always underline.
- Comma between name and time or between time and day (if included in the title).
- 3) Peak elevations in parentheses (8472'); if over 10,000' use comma (14,495'). Pine Mtn (9648'), Olancha Pk (12,123'), etc.
- 4) am or pm lower case, no spaces, no periods.
- 5) On the hour is 8 am. Other than on the hour is 8:15 am or 7:30 pm.
- 6) Title always ends with a colon.

FEB 17 SAT VERDUGO HILLS
Mt Lukens Leop: Climb highest point (5074') in LA
city via scenic loop route including trails, fuel break
and fire road. 2800' gain, about 10 mi rt. Bring water
and lunch, lugsole boots advisable. Meet 9 am at N
and of Haines Cyn Ave, Tujunga, at flood control
basin. Leader: GENE MAUK. Asst: WARREN MOREHEAD.

MAIN TEXT

- Be brief but give enough information so that prospective participants can determine if the event will suit their plans and abilities.
- 2) Use wording to attract participants but keep it brief.
- 3) Include all necessary information, restrictions and requirements (No wood, bring stoves. Camp on snow. Strenuous trip. Lug soles required. Not for beginners, etc.)
- 4) Hiking distance and gain (total). Difficulty.
- 5) Driving distance optional.

LEADERS

- 1) Names in caps.
- 2) Leader, Asst, Refresh, Trans, Reserv, followed by colon.
- If not listed in present schedule, submit directory information on 3 × 5 card. Separate card for each name.
- 4) Directory format:

Last name, first name (should be same as in trip write up).

Street address, city, zip code (show state only if not Calif.)

Telephone No. (generally home only) show area code if other than 213.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS: mi, am, pm, Hwy, Fwy, Int, Jct, St, Ave, Bl, Tr, Pl, Ln, Bch, Cyn, Pt, Mon, Mdw, Rd, elev, N, E, S, W, NE, NW, SE, SW, rt (round trip), ow (one way), Pk, Mt, Mtn, Cpgd, Matl, Stn

IF IN DOUBT COMPARE A SIMILAR SITUATION IN THE CURRENT SCHEDULE

ASCENTS

Twenty-three stalwart snowshoers met at 6 AM under darkly overcast skies in Springville following an auspicious Friday night rainstorm. The trip was limited to twenty-five participants and I was surprised to have nearly everyone show up under the prevailing conditions. The trip had been scouted two weeks before and we were able to drive to only about 5000 feet on the Balch Park Road before heavy snow stopped us. All participants had been warned of 8 to 12 feet of snow and a long snowshoe trek in.

Two weeks later, after 2 persons decided against the climb because of poor conditioning and the weather, a group of 21 signed in at about 5500 feet on the Balch Park Road, adjusted bindings on their skiis and snowshoes, and started out in a light snow storm for the end of the road five miles away. Five miles and a thousand feet gain through the scenic Mountain Home Grove of sequoias brought us to Shake Camp with the loss of one climber who bivouacked in good condition in his tent to await our return. We then descended down the new logging road to the northeast reaching the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Tule River at 6,000 feet, and then proceeded crosscountry up the river to 6,400 feet for a total mileage of at least seven and one-half miles in a light to medium snowfall. Camp was set up on the east side of the Tule River, right amongst the redwoods in about 8 feet of snow.

At seven on Sunday morning, with a temperature of about 28 degrees and overcast skies, a group of eight hardy peakbaggers set out for North Maggie Mountain, while most of the remaining climbers started on the long trip back. The weather varied for us from occasional sunshine to snow flurries. Two persons dropped out at about 8,000 feet. Finally, at about 8,500 feet the snow surface became consolidated enough to remove the snowshoes. It was here we encountered the first avalanche surfaces - and we traversed with care. At 12:15 a group of six persons reached Peak 10,100' just west and slightly lower than North Maggie (10,235'). At this point I decided to turn the group back as some were tired, and it would be a long 10 mile trip out to the cars in deteriorating weather. Two climbers left the group and covered the remaining steep quarter mile to the summit of North Maggie in an additional hour's work.

Base camp was broken about 3:30, and after hiking through the Redwoods in lovely full moonlight, the last climbers reached the cars at 10 PM. I would like to give special thanks to Jim Jenkins, who volunteered to be Assistant Leader for the trip, to Marlin Clark who helped in route finding, and to Roy Ward and Myron Rosenberg who were the usual helpful stalwarts in a good climbing group. Lotters ...

Dear Editor,

Most trip reports seem to start out with how many people met at the roadhead, where they stopped for lunch, the route to the peak, how many people stayed in camp for assorted reasons, how many people made the peak (stop and figure out the difference between those in camp and those on the peak and usually there are 4 or 5 people who disappear for the rest of the trip but happily are in the final count at the cars), what they had for supper, how many sleeping bags got wet, how many people came out, the arrival time at the cars, who had beer waiting, and the uneventful ride home (or in some cases a little moral to the story is added). There are other trip reports which in essence are similar to the above except - that the trip could not go as planned, that usually at the summit there is mention of seeing the mountain originally scheduled, and on the way out a remark as to "how nice a trip it was anyway", and a parting line about "we'll be back".

These reports all make excellent reading, are extremely informative, and well written — but what about the wonderful trip reports that could be written on the trips that didn't go at all? Either the people don't send them in or you don't think they are worth printing.

Here's a good example of at least the start of a good trip report that didn't go to Excelsior & Goat. It could be titled "The Trip that Didn't Go to Excelsior and Goat", or perhaps a simple "The Excelsior-Goat Trip that Didn't Go".

The report itself could be patterned after this one that just happened to me recently (I won't be sending it in so don't expect the rest of it later.) "As I arrived at the Excelsior roadhead, it was extremely cold and was snowing heavily. My buddy couldn't come to the Sierra this weekend, so I was alone at the deserted roadhead when I noticed a little group of people standing forlornly by a tree holding an American Flag, and a large piece of paper with writing all over it - another member of the party obviously taking a picture for posterity. Well, with not another soul around and probably no one else going in my direction but these rather unsavory looking people I dared not venture into the wilderness with them. There are some strange ones about."

Maybe you could go on with the story in this manner - "I decided to head south and try something like Olancha or Pilot Knob. Olancha was selected. When I arrived, it seemed pretty cold to me and my better judgement made me scrap this one also. But at least I contented myself with a little game I play everywhere I go in the Sierra - I hop for miles through the snow taking 2 steps with my right foot to every 1 step with my left. I certainly wish I could see a group following these footprints and hear them yell 'OK - who's the guy up there with two left feet!' "So you see - what facinating stories we could have - that have been left untold.

Thank you for printing this. I enjoy your paper.

Harvey Mudfoote

Diana Dee received the following letter and information from the US Forest Service. She has since written again asking for clarification of their goals. Do they want to control total use or do they want to control population density? If and when she receives an answer it will be printed in a future *Echo*.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
Three Rivers, California 93271

Dear Ms. Dee,

As part of our three-year, three-phase program to bring both the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks under one, single system of controlled use, we are this season initiating Phase II of the Controlled Use Plan. Phase II of our program means that all of the back country areas in the Kings Canyon National Park will be subject to a schedule of limited entry. The three-phase of the Controlled Use Plan will be implemented according to the following time table:

1972 - Phase I - Rae Lakes Loop.

1973 - Phase II - Kings Canyon National Park.

1974 - Phase III - Sequoia National Park.

Each trailhead entry point in the Kings Canyon National Park has a daily entry limit established for it. Please refer to the attached sheet listing the Kings Canyon trailheads and their respective entry limits.

In conjunction with the Phase II Kings Canyon Controlled Use Plan we have this season initiated a limited reservation system which is designed to allow those back country visitors who so desire it, to arrange by mail, a firmly committed trailhead entry date. This is to assist both individual, and large organized groups in the planning of their back country trip.

If you desire a reserved Wilderness Permit---trailhead entry date, please return the attached Wilderness Permit Application (fully completed) to this office as soon as possible. Your reservation for a Wilderness Permit may then be issued to you, provided of course that the daily trailhead entry limits have not been met for the day which you apply. To avoid having to possibly select an alternate entry point and date we suggest that you schedule your trailhead entry date on weekdays, and try to avoid the holiday weekends.

Thank you for applying for a Wilderness Permit. With your support we hope to provide a quality wilderness experience for both present and future generations of back country travelers.

Sincerely yours

Chief Park Ranger

^{*}Please return the Permit Applications with a more complete itinerary of your planned trips.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Daily Entry Limits for Individual Entry Points

KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Three Rivers, California 93271

1973

Kings Canyon Trailheads (West side of the Sierras)

Please send your Wilderness Permit Application to:

The Superintendent Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Three Rivers, California 93271

West Side Trailheads	Daily Entry Limit
Sugarloaf	50
Bubbs Creek	30
Woods Creek	30
Copper Creek	30
Lewis Creek	30
Crown Valley	25
North Fork - Hell-For-Sure Pass	25
South Fork - Piute Creek Entrance Silliman Pass - Twin Lakes	30 25

Kings Canyon Trailheads (East side of the Sierras)

Please send your Wilderness Permit Application to:

Inyo National Forest 2957 Birch Street Bishop, California 93514

East Side Trailheads	Daily Entry Limit
North Lake	25
South Lake	50
Taboose Pass	25
Sawmill Pass	25
Baxter Pass	25
Onion Valley	60
Shepherd Pass	25
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS



Minimum impact is an attitude that can lead to much enjoyment of the wilderness without seriously changing or damaging it. Here are some practices we recommend and ask for your full cooperation.

Remember to obtain Wilderness Permit before entering the backcountry. They are obtainable at Park Service and Forest Service Ranger Stations.

CAS STOVES are recommended in the high country, especially above 10,000 feet. Use of wood from standing trees, live or dead, is not permitted. Rotting wood enriches the soil and hosts organisms which larger animals feed upon.

SOAP & DETERGENTS should be kept out of lakes and streams. Their use in the backcountry is ill-advised for they pollute the waters.

CONSTRUCTION of improvements such as rock walls, large fire places, bough beds, tables, rock and log stream crossings, etc. is not permitted.

CAMPSITES must be 100 feet from lakes and streams, and on mineral soil or unvegetated forest floor locations--never in meadows or other soft vegetated spots. Build no new campsites and camp away from the trail.

GROUP SIZE is limited to 25 persons or less.

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PACK & SADDLE STOCK should be given the right of way on trails.

Animals must not be tied or picketed but allowed to graze freely.

Twenty head is maximum limit without permission from Superintendent.

FOILET should be well away from camps and water supply, in soft soil. Dig a hole or turn over a rock to make a hole. Bury all.

SAITCH SACKS are expensive to construct and maintain. Cutting them hastens destructive erosion.

PACK CUT UNBURNABLE REFUSE. Burn or pack out all burnable refuse.

SUMMARY OF WILDERNESS RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions are summarized here for the purpose of providing information to hikers traveling these portions of the Sierra Wilderness.

Over the past several years these limitations have become necessary in order to protect these valuable high country resources, and to insure minimum impact.

EULLFROG LAKE: (In Kearsarge Basin) Closed to all camping and grazing.

EVOLUTION BASIN: (From Evolution Lake to Muir Pass) Closed to use of wood fires. Gas stoves only.

DUSY BASIN: Due to severe wood shortage, no wood fires from Bishop Pass to Upper Bridge on Dusy Branch Trail. Gas stoves only.

KEARSARGE LAKES: (In Kearsarge Basin) Closed to use of wood fires. Gas stoves only.

PEAR LAKE: (Trailhead in Lodgepole-Wolverton area) No camping between the trailhead at Wolverton and the campsites at Aster Lake. Overnight camping is permitted only in numbered campsites located at aster; Pear and Moose Lakes: Heather and Emerald Lakes have been set aside for day use only; overnight camping is prohibited.

Open campfires are not permitted at any of the above lakes due to severe wood shortage.

RAE LAKES LOOP: One day camp limit at each camping area around the entire loop. Camps are to be at least 100 feet from lakes and streams. These restrictions apply to Paradise Valley, Woods Creek, Rae Lakes, Kearsarge Lakes, Charlotte Lake, Sixty Lakes Basin, Junction Meadow and Bubbs Creek. No wood fires at Rae Lakes from Dollar Lake (Baxter Pass Trail Junction) to Glen Pass. Use gas stoves only.

TIMERLINE LAKE: (West of Mt. Whitney on Muir Trail) Closed to all camping and grazing.

FISHING LIMIT is 10 fish per day. California State regulations apply. Possession of more than one day's catch by a person at one time is prohibited. California State fishing license is required for persons 16 years of age and older.

NO PETS - NO FIREARMS in National Park back country.

☆ GPO 7:0-379

To: SPS Members and Echo Subscribers From: Diana Dee, SPS Secretary, 1973

Re: 1973 SPS Membership and Echo Mailing List

The following pages contain the names, addresses, and (in most cases) phone numbers of active members, inactive members, and Echo subscribers for 1973.

You may notice that each name and address looks like an address label. Well, you're right! (Please pardon my inane sense of humor.) We have finally gotten around to keeping the membership and Echo subscription list on computer cards so that we can produce the Echo mailing labels via Xerox machine, rather than having Guyneth White type address labels every few months.

As always, emblem holders have an asterisk preceding their name. Inactive members have an "I" just below and to the left of their address, and Echo-only subscribers have an "E" in that spot.

This list represents 1973 renewals, new memberships, and new Echo subscriptions received by 23 April. Therefore,

* * * THIS LIST CONSTITUTES ONE-MONTH'S NOTICE * * *

In other words, you will not receive an Echo next month if you are not on this list! Also, we have tried our best to double-check for errors in addresses and phone numbers, but we may have missed a few. We are reproducing the address labels here as they will actually appear on your Echo; so please notify Diana Dee if there is an error on your label.

For many of you active or inactive members, we have no phone number. We would appreciate having this information, since we may wish to be able to contact you in an emergency. If you wish this phone number to be confidential (SPS Officers only), we can place it on your records so that it does not appear on your address label or in the membership list. So if no phone number appears above your name, please send it to Diana Dee, indicating if you wish it to be confidential.

Statistics:

236 members (down from 375 last year!) ***

100 emblem holders

46 females (19\frac{1}{2}\%)

34 inactive (14½%)

*** Have all of you 140 people merely forgotten to renew????? Send \$2 immediately with your name, address, phone number, and activity (if active) to Treasurer Ron Jones (see list for his address!).

P.S. The following two people have sent their \$2 "renewal", but we have absolutely no record of their ever having been members:

R. Reynolds Creed

Don Gardiner

I would appreciate their contacting me.

Happy climbing!

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