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CHILDRENS HOLIDAY PARTY ALPINE LODGE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

All generations, come to Alpine Lodge for the Childrens Holiday Party, December 5, 2015 from 2pm to 5pm. Tim Cain, a wonderful guitarist, and the Balloon Elf Lady will be there to entertain the children. The Club provides the beverages, ham and rolls for everyone. All participant families need to bring a favorite dish to share.

The cost is $30 per family of two adults and their children. Additional adult family members are $10 each. Invite your friends and neighbors with kids to come too. This holiday treat is a wonderful way to introduce new families to CAC.

Santa will make a special visit to give each child his/her own present. (With help from Mom & Dad!) Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift for your child with his or her name clearly written on the top. Santa needs you to remember this so his sack of gifts will hold your child's present, too.

Party date of Saturday December 5 is almost here. Reservations are needed so contact **Mary Frey** right away to let her know you are coming. Send Mary your check and tell her how many children will be attending with your family. Contact Mary by phone or email for reservations: (415) 492-2510, marymaryhiker@aol.com.

Mail your check to: Mary Frey 100 Thorndale Drive, Apt. #251, San Rafael, Ca 94903.

Also, if you can help with some clean-up after the party, please let Mary know. Many hands make for light work so it shouldn't take too long with enough volunteers.

Ann Meneguzzi and Mary Frey, Event Coordinators

CAC HOLIDAY PARTY AT ALPINE LODGE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Chef **Tim Warden** has come up with a wonderful menu of prime rib, winter vegetables, baked potato and apple pie with ice cream. Carol Bodtker will be doing a lovely salad. The cost is $28 for members and $38 for non-members. Bring a bottle of wine to share, or purchase drinks from our donation bar. Happy Hour will begin at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. We still need some servers, clean up supervisors, and appetizers.

For reservations, volunteer to help, and provide hors d'oeuvres, call **Margy Eller** at 415-383-7307 or email margyeller@gmail.com. Send checks payable to Margy Eller to 66 Great Circle Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941. Reservations must be in by December 12. We can only accommodate a limited number and it's always a sellout, so book early.

— Margy Eller, Event Sponsor

Monthly TRAILS Editor ~ Susan Patrick

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

Next May, after five years as president I will retire. Before then, I **thank everyone** you see in the **column on the left** and everyone whose name appeared there and elsewhere in Trails over the past four plus years. Also thank you to all the **volunteers** who are not normally recognized. The club would not run without all the volunteer hours you provide. What would our club be without **Committee Chairs?** Were it not for the **Publications Chair** and the great **monthly editors** (see bottom of adjacent column for their names) you wouldn't be reading this.

Others who do not often receive adequate recognition are the members who become **trained hosts**. They make it possible for you and me and our friends (future members?) to go to Echo or Alpine and enjoy ourselves. At the lodges we reunite with old friends and more often than not meet new ones. Sometimes at the lodge(s) we even learn a little more about ourselves. A number of these volunteers have been members for fifty or more years and hosts for much of that time. In addition to our yearly dues, hosts are the economic heart and soul of the club. Host's hard work brings in the income, which makes it possible to pay for repairs and upgrades to our lodges. A portion of your use fees paid for the beautiful new stoves at both lodges

The hard working **trustees** need to be recognized for their contribution. Not only do they train you and me on how to run an event, shut of the gas, keep bears away, etc, they make economic forecasts. These forecasts allow expenditures to be made for everything associated with the lodge. The **lodge and club treasurers** along with the **Finance Committee** keep our financial records in first-class shape.

I don't want to be to specific for fear of missing someone so I will not. However, the club wouldn't be running as well as it is were it not for the **Board.** Over the next few months I remember those I forgot this time.

All these members have one thing in common they are volunteers. **If you are ready to volunteer please contact me.**

Thank you

Jim Nixon

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California Alpine Club

WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE

http://californiaalpineclub.org
309 members registered!
Please REGISTER for our new website, if you have not already done so!

— Website Implementation Team

Board of Directors and Quarterly Membership Meetings

DECEMBER – NO BOARD MEETING

If you have any questions or wish to have an item on the agenda, contact **Jim Nixon** at jimnixon2000@yahoo.com or call 650-756-7771. Members are welcome at Board meetings.

Jim Nixon, CAC President

2016 CAC Board Schedule

January	23	* Lunch	2:00--Board
January	23		3:00--Member
February	20		2:00--Board
March	19		2:00--Board
April	30	* Awards Dinner	2:00--Board
April	30		3:00--Annual
May	21		2:00--Board
June	11		2:00--Board
July	16	* Meal tbd	3:00--Member
August			No Meeting
September	17		2:00--Board
October	15		2:00--Board
October	15	* Meal tbd	3:00—Member
November	19		2:00—Board
December			No Meeting

All meetings are at Alpine and occur on Saturdays
The January, July and October Member meeting dates can/will be combined with a meal welcoming new members.

SPECIAL SOUP-N-SALAD LUNCHEON

Jan McCulloch (my wife) and volunteers will prepare a delicious soup and salad lunch prior to the Saturday, January 23, Board/Membership Meetings. There will be Mac-n-cheese for the children. Lunch will be at 12:15. The cost for adults is $10 and for children older than twelve, $5. Children 12 or under are free. There is no charge for new members. New members, please check with **Bev Leve** at hikingbev@gmail.com or 707-539-2802 to get your name on the new member attendee list. All others please mail your check, made out to Bev Leve, 7614 Oak Leaf Drive, Santa Rosa CA, 95409.

I look forward to seeing you there and for you to meet other new members and experienced members as well.

Thank You

Jim Nixon, CAC President

ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE
OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday December 6	9:30 AM	Jennie Bruyn	415-456-1877	2B
Sunday December 13	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday December 20	9:30 AM	Tony Smith	650-207-1619	2B
Sunday December 27	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday January 3	9:30 AM	Tony Smith	650-207-1619	2B
Sunday January 10	9:30 AM	Lynn MacDonald	510-525-3843	2B
Sunday January 17	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	
Sunday, January 24	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday January 31	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday February 7	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday February 14	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday February 21	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday February 28	9:30 AM	John Eller	415-383-7307	2B

Hike Coordinator: Pauline MacDonald, at 415-381-2870 or luddite48@comcast.net

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKES DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. INFORMAL, SLOWER-PACED 1A HIKES ALSO DEPART SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM. CALL EDIE NELSON AT 831-331-1754 OR MAYME HARRIS AT maymeharris@cs.com FOR MORE INFORMATION OR JUST SHOW UP. SUNDAY 2B HIKES ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN. ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKES ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE. A 1A HIKE IS 5-6 MILES AND UP TO 1000 FEET. A 1B HIKE IS 5-6 MILES AND 1000-2000 FEET.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A HIKE CURRENTLY SHOWN AS OPEN, PLEASE CALL PAULINE MACDONALD (415-381-2870)

NOTES: All hikes initially convene at the Alpine Club; however hikes may then reconvene at a trailhead of hike leader's choice. All hikers should have prior hiking experience and be able to hike at a moderate pace (i.e., approx. 2 miles per hour). If you hike in front of the leader and are not at the stated destination when the leader arrives, the leader will consider you no longer on the hike.

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

Hello fellow Alpine Club Members!

December 6	OPEN
December 13	Marguerite Murphy
December 20	OPEN
December 27	Nuala Caulfield
January 3	OPEN
January 10	OPEN
January 17	OPEN
January 24	OPEN
January 31	OPEN

I am the Innkeeping Coordinator (recruiter & scheduler) for the Alpine Lodge Sunday Open House. Please, would you consider signing up to be the Innkeeper(s) on a Sunday of your choice and selecting one of the dates shown below as OPEN - or any Sunday after that. It is a great way to spend a day at our beautiful Alpine Lodge while at the same time fulfilling a portion of your volunteer responsibilities. You need not be host trained to serve as Innkeeper(s) however, I can provide you a list of brief instructions/ suggestions which outline what the Innkeepers traditionally have done. Also, if you don't wish to serve alone (you are a new member for example) consider serving together with another member – and co-innkeep!

Please call me to reserve a date or provide feedback (916-690-1828) or better yet, e-mail me at janashob@gmail.com Or shober@csus.edu.

Thank You! Happy Trails To You All!
Jana Shober, Innkeeping Coordinator

ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY SCHEDULE

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Lunch will be served.
Overnight is possible. Please contact the host to RSVP

WORK PARTY	HOST	CONTACT INFO
Thursday, December 3	Tom Coleman	travmcgee@comcast.net
Saturday, January 9	Tom Coleman	travmcgee@comcast.net
Saturday, February 6	Tom Coleman	travmcgee@comcast.net
Saturday, March 5	Tom Coleman	travmcgee@comcast.net

Tom Coleman, Alpine Trustee

NEW 1A SUNDAY HIKES AT ALPINE

A few Alpine Lodge Members have started doing an informal, slower paced 1A hike leaving the Lodge on Sunday at 9:45 AM. They are interested in having others join them. If you would like more information contact either **Edie Nelson** at 831 331-1754 or **Mayme Harris** at maymeharris @cs.com or just show up.

Pauline MacDonald, Hiking Leaders

CAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Many of you offer to help with events at Alpine Lodge every year, but we would love to have help from other members and especially new members. Helping with some aspect of an event is a great way to meet people and make new friends. We always have lots of fun. The tasks are divided into groups, so that many hands can make light work.

The chart below shows the major task areas for each event and the number of volunteers needed. If you can volunteer in any capacity for these events, please contact the event host, task leader, or BoD Sponsor by email. You can find contact information for the sponsor/host/task leader in the event description on our website calendar. More detailed task descriptions and templates for managing an event are/will be located on the website. You can sign up to help with an event by going to our website at californiaalpineclub.org MEMBERS>QUICK LINKS. Just double-click on the appropriate cell and enter your name to volunteer. If you have any trouble with the Events spreadsheet, contact Jordan Herrmann at jordanzon82@gmail.com and give him your phone number. See the CAC Box on page 2 for the list of the Event Committee members.

CAC Social Event Calendar Volunteers 2015-16	Nov 26, Thanksgiving Dinner	Dec 5, Children's Holiday Party	Dec 19, Holiday Party	Jan 1, 2016 N Y Day w/ Soup& Salad	Jan 23, 2016 Q'tly Mtg	Mar 19, 2016 St. Patrick's Day Dinner	April 30, 2016 Awards Dinner	May 25, 2016 Memorial Day Pot Luck	July 4th, BBQ 2016 (Volunteers for 2015 shown	July 18,2016 Qtrly Mtg&New Mems(Volunteers for 2015 shown)
BoD Sponsor	Need	Ann Meneguzzi	Margy	Jay Gustafson	Mark	Helena Troy	Mark	N/A	Ann Meneguzzi	Jay Gustafson
Event Host(s)		Mary Frey Ann Meneguzzi	Margy	Tony		Need 1	Need 1		Eva Libien	
RSVPs/Accounts		Mary Frey	Margy	Tony		Need 1	Need 1		Eva	Bev Leve
*Head Chef		Ann Meneguzzi	*Tim, Helpers: Elaine, Martin, Salad:Carol B	Tony B/F 2nd	Need lunch chef and helpers	*Ed Troy, Need 4 cooks, 6 helpers	Tim Warden, Need 4 cooks, 6 helpers	3 Volunteers needed to BBQ	Cooks (BBQ) Need 2	Barbara Hall; Lunch - Bev Leve; Dinnner Helpers: Ken Judy
Table Setup & Decoration			Sarah Davis, Wendi Olmsted, MaryJane McKown Servers:Ursula Pedersen, Kathleen Nemitz, Jan, need 2 more			Need 3	Need 3	2 Volunteers needed	Set up tables, chairs, umbrellas)Need 4 Put out plates, cups, utensils (Need 1) Tablecloths Decorate tables	Plus 2 Hike Leaders
Name Tags & Place Cards			Mary Jane McKown,			Need 1	Need 1	N/A	N/A	
*Cleanup Supervisor			Need 2 dishwashers, Need 3 supervisors			Need 5	Need 5		Tony Smith	
Overnight Host		Ann Meneguzzi		Tony Smith					Tony Smith	Bev Leve
Other Volunteers			10 Appetizers/ Melanie to tend bar			5 Apps	8 apps	Jordan- Lead Hike Confirmed for 2016		

Abbreviations: O/N = Overnight; B/F = Breakfast; Lun = Lunch; Din = Dinner; Apps = Appetizers; Spon = Sponsor; BoD = Board of Directors; TBD = To be Determined; N/A = Not Applicable; Deco=Decorations; Help = helpers

THE JOY OF COOKING RETURNS

After listening to many complaints about the old Wolf stove, and how the ovens weren't working, and pilots kept blowing out, and how expensive it is to repair it, the trustees of Alpine Lodge voted to purchase a new similar stove.

The shiny new stove arrived at noon on Friday November 13, just in time for the Fall Host Training event. Trustees **Tom Coleman** and **Carl Duisberg** met the delivery men at noon, and watched as the old stove was partially dismantled to get it through the door into the Living room. Once it barely made it through that door, it was clear sailing to the outside of the building.

The new stove came in more easily because it isn't as wide as the old Wolf stove. Two hours later, it was hooked up and ready to use. It's a beautiful stove, and the burners put out much higher BTU's than the old stove. Both the burners and the ovens were christened at the host training, and the griddle surface was 'cured' with vegetable oil left burning on low for 30 minutes or more.

Two issues we had that will be corrected; the stove comes with only two oven racks, one for each oven. We have asked for two more racks to be mailed to us. The other is that the workers didn't give us a gas shut-off that's easy to reach. We will have them come back to fix this issue very soon.

The old Wolf range, which was going to the metal scrap yard, has instead found a home in a barn, where it will make beer! I think that's a wonderfully fitting end to the story of a stove that's served the CAC so well for so many years.

Enjoy the new stove. Enjoy the two great ovens, the griddle and the six burners which will provide us all with wonderful food for decades to come.

Tom Coleman, Alpine Lodge Trustee

Tom Coleman with new stove

JANUARY 1 – HIKE AND NEW YEARS GREETING AT ALPINE LODGE

We're holding an Open House at Alpine Lodge on Friday, January 1 and you are invited.

It is the Club's intention to greet all members in the neighborhood… yeah that's you East Bay, Peninsula folks, and Marin and Sonoma. You know you're invited. Well, actually all member are invited to visit and/or hike Mt. Tam are invited for their first CAC adventure of the year!

Here is the schedule:

1. A hike will leave at 10am for East Peak on Mt. Tam for a champagne toast to the New Year lead by Tony Smith.
2. A hot Cuppa (Tea or Coffee) will await you on the sunny back porch through out the morning. Bring your book and sunblock.
3. A Free Soup and Salad Lunch will be provided for all enjoying the Lodge or returning from a hike from Noon to 1:30pm.
4. There will be CAC Leaders and members around the lodge to discuss what we do, preview events and activities for the coming year and as always to invited participation and fresh ideas from members.
5. For those members and guest who care to stay overnight at the Alpine Lodge, Tony Smith is hosting the Friday night to Saturday morning hangout for the first night of the year. Contact him for details on food and room reservations. The usual rates apply and include a Good Start Breakfast on Saturday morning to get your next activity underway. Please email Tony Smith at tbs1932Sf@gmail.com.

See ya on the mountain.

Jay Gustafson, CAC Vice President

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS AND HOST CALENDAR

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR LATEST UPDATES.	**ALPINE LODGE PHONE # 415-380-8250** **OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS ONLY;** **NO PAY PHONE** **WIFI NOW AVAILABLE**	**To Schedule an Event:** For a private member event or a Club function, please leave a message with your request, name, email, and phone number at 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.

Phone Russ Toran 707-321-3845 anytime or
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In Loving Memory

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Sara Tretbar, daughter of CAC member Ruth Tretbar, has died, after a long battle with cancer.

Sara loved the outdoors. As a teenager she wanted to backpack, so she and Ruth learned together. Every summer they packed in a western mountain range.

Like her mother, she was a devoted gardener.

Her spouse, Sandy Manning; her brother, Paul, and his family; and her mother will keenly miss her.

Ruth Tretbar

ECHO LODGE HOST APPRECIATION AND TRAINING
NOVEMBER 6-8, 2015

It was apparent that El Nino had already crept in for this winter season when we arrived for Host Training! We had to locate snow shovels stored in the Spring in order to clear about 6 inches of snow on the steps leading into Echo Summit Lodge and from the fire escapes. The views of the surrounding peaks and Lake Tahoe already look like a winter paradise with the new snow cover. The snow-bedecked peaks around Echo Lake were reflected in the calm water and reminded us of a perfectly balanced painting.

We were fortunate to have **Rick and Margaret Jacobson** join our host training to demonstrate the operation of the new kitchen stove. It is very easy to use. Rich showed us how to use the griddle by making blueberry pancakes as part of the meal they prepared for the group on Saturday morning. He also showed us how to light the pilot lights if needed and how to clean the griddle, oven and stove top. Our other weekend chefs included Trustees **Richard Thornton** and **Cindy Toran,** who thoroughly enjoyed cooking on the new stove with the help of many volunteers.

Longtime hosts, **Barbara Crockett**, and daughter, **Janis Riccomini**, demonstrated an alternate method for the early stage of prepping dishes for washing after meals. The scraping and pre-washing are taken care of in the dining room near the wood stove, which alleviates the chaos in the kitchen that normally occurs.

Thanks to all the graduates of the 2015 Fall Host Training and Appreciation:

Stefan and Mary Larkin-Berlinski, Kate Twain, Betty Stanfield, Janis Riccomini, Barbara Crockett, Kristina and Ben Gale, Kristin Jensen, Lesley DeLone, Ellen Burkhart, Tom Dewey, Madelyn Miste, Jerry Schweickert, Rani Devadasan, Alana Koch, Maryellen Buckley, Linda Kumataka, Margaret and Rick Jacobson, Gary Milburn, Emily Lockett, Patty and Gerry Montmorency, Bob and Theresa Phillips, and John and Barbara Hills.

The Spring Host Training dates have not yet been set, but will be published in a future edition of TRAILS. You too can enjoy this special weekend hosted by Echo Trustees and then move on to giving a special gift to fellow CAC members by hosting a weekend or event at Echo Summit Lodge.

Cindy Toran, Echo Summit Trustee

Serene Echo Lake

DONATION HELPS PRESERVE WETLANDS

Earlier this year, the CAC Foundation donated to the Marin Audubon Society to help purchase land in the Corte Madera Ecological Preserve. The purchase of the Madera Bay Park marsh and upland complex in Corte Madera is now completed. Planning for restoration of the natural habit is underway and when that's done, the 5.2-acre property will become part of the Preserve. On September 27, a celebration and tour of the site marked the purchase.

This is another example of the Foundation using your donations to make a difference in our community. Please remember the Foundation in your year-end giving. All contributions are 100% tax-deductible.

Arlin Weinberger, CAC Foundation President

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE HOST SCHEDULE

To make reservations for a session, contact the host listed as early as possible. A deposit (minimum $15 per person/day) is required to hold a reservation. Private Events are not available to the general CAC membership. Other sessions below are either general hosted events or hosted events with a special theme as described. Contact the host for details.

Phone **Cindy Toran** at **707-321-3262** until 7:30 pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com. Echo Lodge Telephone 530-659-7274

The winter season is upon us and Echo Lodge is a perfect home base for snow play-- skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, good ol' snow ball competition, and warming by the fire! We have enthusiastic Hosts ready to take your reservations. Call them while they still have room available, so you can enjoy winter in the Sierra at our wonderful lodge! Happy Holidays!

Winter/Spring Hosts: There are still openings in the Schedule available for either hosted or private events. Dec-Apr is published below with open dates listed as *Available for Trained Hosts*; contact Cindy Toran if you want to schedule any of these open days. Private Events are available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days Apr 1-Jun 15. Give me a call or send an email to let me know your preferred times.

Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting**: Thursday, December 3rd, 5:30 pm by teleconference. Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 to attend.

Problems or Concerns about Echo Summit Lodge? Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 or cktoran@gmail.com. Discussions will, of course, be kept confidential.

ECHO LODGE DIRECTIONS:

Echo Summit Lodge is located at the summit of Old Meyers Grade above Lake Tahoe, one mile from U.S. 50 on Johnson Pass Road. To contact someone at the lodge call 530-659-7274.

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE

DEC 1-DEC 18 — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

DEC 18-20 FRI-SUN — **PRIVATE EVENT**
Carolyn Williams 916-677-9224
wildflowerbycarol@hotmail.com

DEC 20-25 — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

DEC 25-27 FRI-SUN — **HOLIDAY PLAY & CLUB DISCUSSIONS (HOSTED EVENT)**
Jay Gustafson 415-831-7261
4024 Ash Street, Mill Valley, CA 94941
jaygustafson@yahoo.com

DEC 27-30 SUN-WED — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

DEC 30-JAN 4 WED-MON — **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
Shelly Navine & Bob Henry 707-829-3728
1286 Hurlbut Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472
clyde33301@comcast.net

JAN 4-14 — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

JAN 14-18 THURS-MON — **MLK WKND**
Nick Gregoratos & Anita Cabrera 415-206-9152
430 Ellsworth St, San Francisco, CA 94110
nick.gregoratos@gmail.com

JAN 18-22 MON-FRI — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

JAN 22-24 FRI-SUN — **HOSTED EVENT**
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
RGThorn@pacbell.net

JAN 24-29 SUN-FRI — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

JAN 29-FEB 3 FRI-WED — **HOSTED EVENT**
Mary & Stefan Berlinski 831-325-6215
P.O. Box 776, Moss Landing, CA 95039
mlarkin804@sbcglobal.net

FEB 3-7 WED-SUN — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

FEB 7-11 SUN-THURS — **PRIVATE EVENT**
Kate Twain & Dave Chalk 707-996-2325
ktwain@vom.com

FEB 11-15 THURS-MON — **PRESIDENT'S WKND**
Nick Gregoratos & Anita Cabrera 415-206-9152
430 Ellsworth St, San Francisco, CA 94110
nick.gregoratos@gmail.com

FEB 15-19 MON-FRI — **PRIVATE EVENT**
Paul & Lauri Pastrone 650-368-6024
paul.pastrone@gmail.com

FEB 19-22 FRI-MON — **HOSTED EVENT**
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

FEB 22-26 MON-FRI — **HOSTED EVENT**
Edie Nelson & Mary Berlinski 831-331-1754
74 Surrey Lane, San Rafael, CA 94903
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

FEB 26-MAR 2 FRI-WED — **HOSTED EVENT**
Mary & Stefan Berlinski 831-325-6215
P.O. Box 776, Moss Landing, CA 95039
mlarkin804@sbcglobal.net

MAR 2-6 WED-SUN — **HOSTED EVENT**
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
oldmawagner@gmail.com

MAR 6-11 SUN-FRI — **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 11-13 FRI-SUN — **HOSTED EVENT**
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
RGThorn@pacbell.net

MAR 13-18 — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

MAR 18-21 FRI-MON — **HOSTED EVENT**
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

MAR 21-24 MON-THURS — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

MAR 24-29 THURS-TUES — **GETAWAY TO TAHOE**
Dianna Klemmick & Mary Cahill 650 520-6183
1235 Howard Ave #3, San Carlos, CA 94070
dklemmick@gmail.com

MAR 29-APR 17 — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

APR 17 - 20 SUN-WED — **HOSTED EVENT**
Kristina & Ben Gale 415-381-9319
158 Morningsun Ave, Mill Valley, CA
krissgale@yahoo.com

APR 20-APR 30 — ***AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS***

*** Watch for updates in future issues of Trails! ***

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The editor for the **March 2016** issue will be **Susan Patrick**. Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact Susan D. Patrick at susandpatrick@msn.com or 360-943-6439.

Susan D. Patrick, Publications Chair