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HOLIDAY DINNER Saturday, December 10

JOIN BEN HELDENS, HARDY DAWAINIS AND TONY SMITH for a PRIME RIB FEAST at ALPINE LODGE.

Happy hour at 5, dinner at 6. The guys promise you a good time, and ask for volunteers to help us.

BYOB or donate to the lodge bar. Cost is \$25 same as last year. Make check out to Tony Smith and mail to 2345 Tice Creek Drive #4, Walnut Creek CA 94595. Vegetarians welcome, bring your own soy.

Overnight possible; let Tony know.

— Tony Smith



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY Sunday, December 11, 2011



To all three generations of Alpiners: Come join us for the Children's Holiday Party, Sunday, December 11 from 2-5pm. Tim Cain, a wonderful guitarist, and a balloon lady will be there to entertain the children. The club will provide the beverages, ham and rolls. All participants should bring a favorite family dish to share. Cost is \$15.00 per family.

Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift for your child with the name clearly written on top, because Santa Claus will come for a visit and give each child his or her own gift.

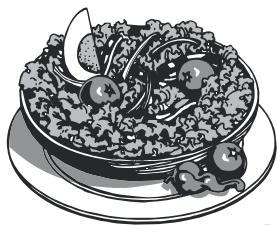
We would like more children to attend this event, so you are welcome to invite neighbors and friends with children. Hopefully attending this event might lead to membership for those families.

Sign up with Mary Frey by sending her your check. Please state how many people are in your family group. Please let Mary know if you can help before or after the party.

If you have any questions, contact Mary at 100 Thorndale Drive, Apt. 251, San Rafael, CA 94903; phone 415-492-2510; email: marymaryhiker@aol.com.

— Mary Frey

SOUP & SALAD ON NEW YEAR'S DAY Sunday, January 1, 2012



Maureen Smith and **Bonnie Radest** are organizing Soup & Salad on New Year's Day 2012. After the traditional hike to the Top of Tam, we will all get together at Alpine Lodge for Happy Hour, followed by Soup & Salad. We need some people to bring appetizers for Happy Hour. You may bring your own wine, or you may make a donation to the club bar for a glass of wine. We need 8 pots of soup. We also need volunteers for set-up, and clean-up. The plan is to serve soup & salad after all the hikers have returned – probably about 3:30 p.m. If you can bring an appetizer, pot of soup, help out, and/or wish to attend, please contact Bonnie Radest and sign up. **PLEASE**

NOTE ALL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE AHEAD OF TIME. WE CANNOT HAVE PEOPLE JUST SHOWING UP ON NEW YEARS' DAY AND EXPECTING TO PAY ON NEW YEARS DAY. WE NEED TO PLAN AHEAD. Email: bonhike@comcast.net or phone: 415-897-0227. Cost: \$10 for members; \$12 for guests. Please make your checks out to Bonnie Radest and send them to her at 30 Verissimo Drive, Novato, CA 94947.

— Maureen Smith

California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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President's Message

Ho-ho-ho – Happy Holidays!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am especially grateful to be able to report some terrific news

Our use permit for Echo Lodge has been approved for 10 more years!

The process of compliance with the regulations of numerous county, state and federal agencies was complex to say the least. I want to thank the Echo trustees and all the members who contributed their time, talent and fortune to making this happen.

We can all look forward to another 10 years of great times at Echo Lodge.

All the best to you and yours for peace, health and prosperity in 2012



— Jim Nixon



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Board has approved the appointment of **Tom Coleman, Nuala Caulfield, Cindy Toran, Ruth Tretbar** and **Tony Smith** to the Nominations Committee. In the coming months you might be contacted by one of these friends asking if you would be interested in accepting an open volunteer position. I hope your answer is yes. From personal experience I can attest to the feeling of accomplishment you will experience as a volunteer.

There currently are and will be additional openings for Trustee(s), Board and Committee Chair person(s) positions. I would love it if you would volunteer for one of these positions. Just contact one of your friends listed above and let them know where you would like to help. The assignments are effective following the Annual meeting in April 2012 or sooner for the currently open positions.

Thank you.

Jim Nixon

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Membership Report

New Members - November

Harry Licursi - Joint Members
Jane McLennan
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Mill Valley CA 94941
415-380-1831
mail@harrylicursi.com;
drjanemclennan@me.com

Sponsors: Patricia Wise and Jock MacDonald

— Sarah Dove, Membership Chair

DUES INCREASE

The Board of Director's, at the November 19 meeting, voted to increase yearly membership dues. This was done following the recommendation of our Finance committee. What this means to you is: if you currently pay \$60.00 your dues will increase to \$65.00, \$90.00 to \$100.00, \$100.00 to \$110.00 and \$155.00 to \$170.00. This is the first increase in dues in five years and is between **two and three cents per day, per member**. If the increase results in a 5% loss in membership, the change would produce a modest boost to the CAC reserves of about \$1,500 per year. On the other hand, if memberships are not terminated the increase could be \$4,195. Please do not terminate your membership over two or three cents a day.

The reason for the increase is the Club does not currently have adequate reserves to cover planned for work at both lodges, plus unexpected expenses. In the recent past there were situations where the total reserves (CAC, Alpine, and Echo) were inadequate to meet unexpected expenses. Measures to cover the extraordinary expense included; transfer of funds from CAC reserves, loans from each of the lodges, member donations, and an assessment. Our by-laws prohibit the Club from incurring indebtedness.

The club continues measures to limit its expenses. However some are fixed and cannot be avoided and continue to increase, (taxes, insurance, etc.) For instance, publishing and mailing costs alone represent 20% of the CAC budget. With mailing rates scheduled to increase, it is more important for you to consider receiving your Trails via the Internet instead of the snail mail. Finally, I trust that you consider everything the club has meant to you over the years and optimistically for years to come and that you remain with the club into our 100th year. I have and I am.

Thank you.

— Jim Nixon

MEETING DATES

Board of Directors & Quarterly Membership Meetings

DECEMBER 2011 – No Board or Membership Meetings

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 – Board and Quarterly Meetings 2:00 & 3:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – Board Meeting 2:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 – Board Meeting 2:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 – Board & Annual Meetings 2:00 & 3:00 P.M.

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



Some of you may have noticed that a couple of large pine trees on the SW corner of the lot at Alpine Lodge were cut down a few months ago leaving a pile of trunk rounds on the ground behind the picnic table and seat. On Thursday Oct 13, an ad hoc work party consisting of Erik Bodtger, Hardy Dawainis, Pete Sager, Jim Ballou and Jock MacDonald, was conscripted to split all this wood. Over the course of about 5 hot hours the crew (with assistance of a hydraulic log splitter) reduced the pile of logs to several cords of firewood that after proper seasoning should keep the club toasty for many winter months. A great example of using renewable resources produced and used at the same location. — Jock MacDonald



Your donations at work: These sixth-graders from White Hill School in Fairfax work with the Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed on a habitat restoration project partially funded by the CAC Foundation. "We are definitely making an impression on the environment as well as on the children", says Charles Kennard, the organization's vice president

ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

HIKERS' WEEKEND LISTINGS HAVE AN ASTERISK AND ARE BOLDED

Sunday December 4	9:30 AM	Erik Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday December 11	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B+
Sunday December 18	9:30 AM	Karl Baeck	415-459-6370	2B
Sunday December 25	9:30 AM	Leaderless		2B
Saturday December 31	9:30 AM	Jordan's Hike with MTIA	510-520-9782	
		Reconvene at Mt. Home Inn parking lot		
Sunday January 1	9:30 AM	New Year's Day Champagne Hike		2B
Sunday January 8	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday January 15	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday January 22	9:30 AM	Graham Forder	415-827-4748	2B
Sunday January 29	9:30 AM	Anne Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday February 5	9:30 AM	Pauline MacDonald	415-381-2870	2B
Sunday February 12	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday February 19	9:30 AM	Anne Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday February 26	9:30 AM	Jock MacDonald	415-381-2870	2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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 are no longer on the hike.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

CAC UPCOMING OUTINGS.

DECEMBER 8 AND 9, 2011 CHRISTMAS IN THE ADOBES IN MONTEREY.

Experience Monterey's historic buildings with candelaria, costumed volunteers and holiday refreshments. Spend the night at the Colton Inn (\$49.00 per person) breakfast included. On Friday we'll do a moderate hike on Point Lobos. Costs are \$20.00 for the "Adobes" tickets and \$25.00 to CAC for happy hour and lunch. Your hosts will be Diane and Bruce Friend and Ruth Tretbar. Contact Ruth at 510-836-0108 or rtretbar@yahoo.com. One or two spaces still available.

JANUARY 14, 2012 (SATURDAY) PASTRY CLASS AT 9:30 AM AT THE ALPINE CLUB

Our professional pastry chef, Martin Dengler, will give hands-on experience and we'll bake a Black Forest Cake and Egg Twist Bread. The cost is \$15.00 and reservations are required. Contact Carol at cbpostme@gmail.com and mail your check to Carol Bodtker, 23 Ashland Drive, Novato, CA 94949 by Dec. 15th. Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll eat our delicious pastry with a good cup of coffee afterwards and socialize. Our first cooking class was a huge success and sold out early.

— Carol Bodtker, Outings Chair

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

DECEMBER

04	Lyda Dicus	925-934-1071
11	Dolores Welsh	415 239 5519
18	Bev Lev	707-539-2802
25	Bev Lev	707-539-2802

JANUARY 2012

01	Open	
08	Sally Hernandez	707 763 8213
15	Nuala Caufield	415-922-6775
22	Bonnie Herzog	415 419 5004
29	Jerry & Ricki Rosenberg	415 388 0544

FEBRUARY 2012

05	Onnie Taylor	415 648 6380
12	Marilyn Hunt	415-435-6850
19	Open	
26	Open	

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

View the up-to-date Alpine Event Calendar: Go to <http://calpineclub.org> under the Members heading. You will need the CAC user ID and password, which can be obtained from any of the CAC leadership individuals.

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 cac_alpine_club@yahoo.com or call 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.

DEC 1 THURS ALPINE LODGE HOLIDAY DECORATING WORK PARTY

Coordinator: Tony Smith 9am - 3pm
925-933-2403 or joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net.
Lunch will be served. Overnight possible

DEC 6 TUES HIKERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC 10 SAT HOLIDAY DINNER

Cook Ben Heldens, assisted by Tony Smith
See article on page 1, or contact Tony at joanne-tony@sbcglob.net or 650-207-1619.

DEC 11 SUN CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Contact Mary Frey 2pm
Phone 415-492-2510 or Email marymaryhiker@aol.com. (See article page 1 for details).

JAN 1 SUN HIKE AND SOUP & SALAD ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

To sign up contact Bonnie Radest
Email: bonhike@comcast.net or Phone 415-897-0227
Cost \$10 for members; \$12 for guests.
(See page 1 for details)

JAN 5 THURS WORK PARTY

Coordinator: Jean Rodgers 9am to 3pm
Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

JAN 14 SAT PASTRY CLASS

Contact Carol Bodtker 9:30am
cbpostme@gmail.com
(See article page 4 for details)

JAN. 15 SUN WORK PARTY

Coordinator: Eva Libien 9am to 3pm
415-383-5184 or elibien@yahoo.co.
Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

JAN 22 SUN BOARD MEETING 2PM QUARTERLY MEETING 3PM

(note: Date changed from January 15 so as not to conflict with MLK Federal holiday).

FEB 2 THURS WORK PARTY 9 TO 3

FEB 18 SAT BOARD MEETING AT 2

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS. Alpine Lodge phone number is 415-388-9940.

ALPINE LODGE HALLOWEEN PARTY October 29, 2011

It was a fright-full affair at Alpine Lodge on October 29th for the lucky 21 guests who attended the Halloween party. The rooms were filled with witches, devils and monsters, a penguin, and other spirited guests who arrived in costumes for the holiday celebration.

We had "eye balls" for appetizers thanks to **Dolores Welsh**, who attended the party as a deviled egg. Our flavorful meat loaf dinner, prepared by our "Navy Cook," **Karl Baeck**, was a big hit; it was a perfect evening for comfort food. A mixed green salad was prepared by **Kay Gillis** and "Chef" **Adam Wisnewski** assisted Karl preparing the roasted petite red potatoes and sautéed in season squashes. Dessert followed with homemade brownies, a berry crisp with ice cream and pumpkin pies and whipped cream.

I want to thank Karl for his time

and commitment to making this dinner a wonderful treat for all and **Jordan Herrmann** who helped me set up the dinner tables and decorate the lodge. Thanks to **Jim Ballou**, our happy hour bartender, we had spirits to warm us up. Kitchen clean up was efficient with the help of **Innes Bergman**, **Adam Wisnewski**, guest **Mara Vivat** and **Bob Piper**, who got a lesson in dishwashing. He passed with flying colors!

Thanks also to all of the guests who participated and helped out with this event. It was a great evening, full of positive energy, lots of laughs, and an all around fun time.

— Sue Karp



(Top) Karl Baeck and (headless) Adam Wisnewski, (Btm) Jordan Herrmann and Sue Karp (left) Dolores Welsh, Hans Shilling, Innes Bergman, Audrey Hulburd and Sarah Davis.

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!



CANYONLANDS, UTAH CANOE TRIP

A hardy group of thirteen adventurers paddled six canoes and one kayak down the Colorado River through the Canyonlands National Park from Moab, Utah. Our fearless leaders were **Bob Hanson** and **Carlos Miranda**. We paddled on the river for five days, setting up camp and cooking two meals most days, with Bob and Carlos as the anchor chefs and volunteers assisting on meal preparation and washing up. The local, tasty Green River melons were on the menu.

We hiked and explored some canyons along the way, including Monument Canyon. On display were the buttes, mesas, plateaus and pinnacles in brilliant reds, greens, dark browns and blacks (from minerals) eroded by storm run-off from raised portions of the earth's crust. The "angle of repose" is where loosened rocks, some the size of a house, move downslope due to gravity and accumulate at the bottom of cliffs. The landscape is a geologist's playground, as eons show in the colorful layers.

We enjoyed five days on the river, three of which were sunny and two of which brought cold, wind, rain and hail. **Jim Hatfield** took an unplanned swim in cold water due to sudden, unanticipated movement, but no canoes capsized, fortunately. Our gear was protected from the elements by dry bags; only one tent failed in the storm and collapsed under rain water.

We tracked some mammals and birds who left their prints in the mud, observed lizards and blue herons, and even heard the fish jumping. **Arnold Champagne** regaled us with tall tales in the afternoon and evening as we gathered around the campfire. Participants were Bob Hanson, Carlos Miranda, **Jim** and **Mary Hatfield**, **Jim** and **Margret Ballou**, **David Fitzgerald** and **Dee Simmons**, **Ricia Wise**, **Rudy Metz**, **Tom McNicholas**, **Stu Sparling** and **Arnold Champagne**.

— **Ricia Wise**



ALPINE LODGE OCTOBER 23 SUNDAY WORK PARTY

After all of the Sunday hikers had left, it was a pleasant surprise to have a few dedicated members and two prospective members choose to stay behind and join us for our quarterly Sunday Work Party. The October Work Party was especially important because we wanted to get the Lodge looking its best for the Sierra Club. They provide an important source of income for CAC and were occupying the Lodge the following week.

Thank you **Mike Noel**, **Richard Bullock** and **Bob Piper** for making our hedges look well trimmed and cared for, **Rani Devadasan** and **Marie Melka** for all of your hard work getting the Lodge and Tam Building looking spic and span, **Ruth Tretbar** and **Sarah Davis** for making our garden looking its best and Tom Bradner for doing some much needed repairs on the garden lights. And let's not forget **David Solbach's** many backbreaking hours spent pounding ree-bar with a sledge hammer in order to secure the new logs at the north parking lot.

Thank you all for your good spirited camaraderie and dedication to our Lodge.

— **Hardy for
Alpine Lodge Trustees.**

In Memory

BALDO TERRY

Recently Baldo passed to heavenly Trails. He and his wife Ines and their sons, Ivan and Alex were frequent visitors at ECHO. Baldo and Ines spent their vacations hiking their favorite trails in the area. Baldo's energy and enthusiasm knew no limits. He was a chef and cooked with joy and gusto. His love of family pushed his sons to excel.

Baldo's spirit will live on in all who knew him.

— **Ray and Elisabeth Sommer**

ANOTHER SWISS HIKE PLANNED

I am delighted to report that my friend Max Keller will lead another hike for Alpiners this July. In the summer of 2010, several club members accompanied Max on a week-long trek staying at remote huts. Everyone loved the trip.

Max is an English teacher from a village at the foot of the Alps. After retirement he plans on being a professional tour guide. He knows the mountains like the back of his hand.

Next summer's trip will be limited to 10 hikers...first come, first served. To participate, you must be a strong 2-C or better hiker. Elevation gains of up to 3,000 feet per day are in the plan. If you want the complete itinerary along with distances, elevation gain and loss, and pictures send me an email and I will forward it to you.

Dates for the trip will be July 2-8. The very reasonable cost is \$790 if you choose dorm housing; \$890 for double rooms. When we offered the trip in '10, we had eleven enrollees who cancelled before the trip happened. To avoid this, we will be collecting a \$200 deposit to hold a spot on the list. The deposit will be non-refundable, unless the spot is filled by someone else.

For complete details, email me at doctoroutdoors@comcast.net.

— Bob Hanson

PHOTOS ON CAC FACEBOOK FRIENDS

Please do not post photos to the CAC Friends Facebook page without first receiving permission from those in the photo. A member noticed that they were in one or more photos from a recent event at Alpine Lodge. The member requested the photos be removed, which they were.

Member **William Steinmetz** created the CAC Friends Facebook page. Comments and pictures on the page are neither screened nor edited by anyone. The page runs on autopilot and is not affiliated with the Club.

If you wish to check it out go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/102003342589/>

— Jim Nixon

FROM 1920 CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB ANNUAL TRAILS

Edited by Norma Holroyd Pinther

During the summer of 1919 the club made its first excursion into the High Sierra, a very successful under-taking, spending two weeks in the Kern River Canyon area. All but 5 of the 37 members signed the Club Register on the summit of Mt. Whitney.

The enthusiasm of those participating caused the Board of Directors to submit an amendment to the By-Laws creating an ANNUAL OUTINGS COMMITTEE. In July 1920, to Kings Canyon, the Committee was responsible for engaging the pack train, employing the chef and assistants, purchasing and shipping all supplies and equipment. The outings to be run at cost, making it possible for many to travel in the "big country" with much greater comfort and convenience than on individual excursions.



Verna West, Historian
Anita Franz



The group photo, including Anita, of CAC members at Smithsonian Cabin on the summit of Mt. Whitney was copied from 1920 annual "Trails".

FALL HOST PARTY AT ECHO SUMMIT LODGE.

Our semi-annual host training was held on Oct 28-Oct. 30th this year. Our usual instructor, **Cindy Toran**, is staying back east at the moment, so **Edie Nelson** and **Tom Coleman** stepped in to attempt to fill the void. We had a great turn out of old members and new, and everybody there for instruction is now a verified host/ess! The trustees hope that all the new Echo leaders will be hosting at Echo all year long, filling the calendar, and keeping the Old Girl open and running!

Class started @ 9am on Saturday, and about half the folks actually came in Halloween costume! Some of the costumes were hilarious! Might be the first host training group picture where you don't recognize half the people! Instruction included filling out financial forms for regular rentals, and private-spontaneous rentals. We always start with this subject because it isn't the most entertaining, and we want a wide awake audience. We also discussed such subjects as meal planning, deposit collecting, assigning rooms, summer rental vs winter rental, and the problems that might be encountered during each, like bears and 4' of snow! **Barbara Crockett** and **Edie Nelson**, who have over 120 combined years going to Echo, shared many stories of past exploits at the Lodge. Now their children and grandchildren are hosting!!

After lunch, **Bob Bass** and **Tom Coleman** each lead a group through the interior and exterior of the Lodge, explaining how all the differing systems work, and what to do when they don't. Most important, of course, is turning water on and off in the Fall, Winter and Spring. We emphasized that as long as John Hannum's written instructions were followed, and the job was



Photo by Tom McNicholas

done with two people, it's not hard at all.

Dinners and lunch was delicious, provided by member volunteers **Diane** and **Bruce Friend**. **Tom Coleman** was the breakfast chef. Thank you Bruce and Diane for all your hard work!

Participants included:

Edie Nelson, Barbara Crockett, Tom Coleman, Diane and Bruce friend, Linda Lester, Janis Riccomini, Paul Crockett, Paul and Lauri Pastrone, Dee and Ginny Foote, Tom McNicholas, Bob and Vicki Bass, Peter Purgalis, Elaine Kofod, Rena Ivy, Lillie Kocher, Jane McLennan and Harry Licursi, Barbara Nelson, Dave and Mary Maier, and Joyce Thomson. To all the renewing hosts and all the new hosts, the trustees of Echo Summit Lodge welcome you! Now get to work!

— Tom Coleman

CHEF'S WEEKEND AT ECHO LODGE

On November 4th, 5th and 6th, sixteen students and six instructors met at the Echo Lodge for a fun filled weekend of cooking classes and wine tasting. Led by our own celebrity chef **Cindy Pawlcyn**, her husband, **John Watanabe**, and chef **Darren McDonald** everyone learned how to prepare numerous Indian and Italian dishes, and pair wines with the cuisine.

Friday they prepared nine Indian dishes ranging from Persian spiced nuts for hors d'oeuvres to a smooth Mango Lassi dessert. Saturday found students preparing fresh pumpkin ravioli and 5 other dishes for a full four course Italian meal. Each evening John led great wine tastings and paired them with the tasty edibles made in the classes. Darren McDonald's wife, **Jen**, and **Lynn Zachreson** busily facilitated the event, helping students whenever Cindy and Darren were otherwise occupied. **Richard Thornton** hosted the weekend.

Held as an Echo Lodge fundraiser students paid \$275-\$300 each for the weekend. Thanks to Cindy and John's effort in arranging food and wine donations from their vendors we raised more than \$5,000 for the lodge. Thanks to Cindy, John, Darren, Jen and Lynn for all their hard work !!!

— Richard Thornton



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 9:30pm or e-mail to toranski@aol.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 a cadre of 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: Feb 13-16, Feb 26-Mar 2, Mar 4-7, Mar 11-23, Mar 25-27. Dec-Apr is published below; contact Cindy Toran if you want to schedule any of these open days. Private Events are available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days in Dec and Apr-Jun 15. Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting** will be Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 10am at Cindy Toran's home. Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 if you would like to attend.

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

Echo Summit Lodge Fall/Winter Schedule:

DEC 1 - DEC 23 **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

DEC 23-27 FRI-TUES **MERRY CHRISTMAS
(COOP MEALS)**
Martha Stewart & Tim Seeley 831-475-1813
450 Baker St, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
margostew@gmail.com

DEC 27-29 TUES-THURS **HOSTED EVENT**
Lynn Garric & Larry Langbehn 707-539-2078
5400 Alpine Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
cransac@sonic.net

DEC 29-JAN 2 THURS-MON **HAPPY 2012!
- HOSTED EVENT**
Kathy & Bill Faherty 707-539-7081
5420 Gates Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
kfaherty@mac.com

JAN 2-8 MON-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Shelly Navine & Bob Henry 707-829-3728
1286 Hurlbut Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472
clyde33301@comcast.net

JAN 8-12 SUN-THURS **HOSTED EVENT**
Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

JAN 12-16 THURS-MON **YOUNG FAMILIES
SNOW WKND (COOP MEALS)**
Joan Ryan & John O'Sullivan 415-564-8507
2625 23rd Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116
joanryan@mac.com

JAN 16-20 MON-FRI **HOSTED EVENT**
Diane & Bruce Friend 510-654-4218
6124 Chabot Rd, Oakland, CA 94618
bifedf@comcast.net

JAN 20-22 FRI-SUN **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

JAN 22-27 SUN-FRI **HOSTED EVENT**
Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

JAN 27-30 FRI-MON **HOSTED EVENT
(COOP MEALS)**
Martha Stewart 831-475-1813
450 Baker St, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
margostew@gmail.com

JAN 30-FEB 3 MON-FRI **PRIVATE EVENT**
Cindy Toran 707-321-3262

FEB 3-5 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

FEB 5-9 SUN-THURS **HOSTED EVENT**
Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

FEB 9-13 THURS-MON **HOSTED EVENT**
Shelly Navine & Bob Henry 707-829-3728
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clyde33301@comcast.net

FEB 13-16 MON-THURS **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

FEB 16-20 THURS-MON **YOUNG FAMILIES
SNOW WKND
(COOP MEALS)**
Joan Ryan & John O'Sullivan 415-564-8507
2625 23rd Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116
joanryan@mac.com

FEB 20-24 MON-FRI **CO-HOSTED EVENT**
Paul & Lauri Pastrone 408-455-6800
Jane McLennan & Harry Licursi
17070 Wild Way, Los Gatos, CA 95030
LMPastrone@gmail.com

FEB 24-26 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Pam & Garry Greever 530-677-5616
3200 Red Rock Ln, Shingle Springs, CA 95682
pamgreever@yahoo.com

FEB 26-MAR 2 SUN-FRI **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 2-4 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Emily Lockett & Christine Piccin 707-576-0948
2927 Midway Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
auntem@sonic.net

MAR 4-7 SUN-WED **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 7-11 WED-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
karwag@sonic.net

MAR 11-23 **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 23-25 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
richard@thorntonpartners.us

MAR 25-27 SUN-TUES **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 27-30 TUES-FRI **PRIVATE EVENT**
Martha & Dennis Stewart 831-475-1813

MAR 30-APR 1 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

APR 20-23 FRI-MON **PRIVATE EVENT**
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650

APR 27-29 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
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cransac@sonic.netLynn Garric

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

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CORRECTION TO NOVEMBER TRAILS ARTICLE

Due to a miscommunication, I stated in my front page November Trails article, Celebrating Holidays at Alpine and Echo Lodges, that **Bonnie Radest** was cooking Christmas Dinner this year at Alpine. This is an error. She has moved her cooking and organizing talents to co-hosting with **Maureen Smith** the Soup and Salad after the New Years Hike on Mt. Tam. We thank and appreciate Bonnie for having hosted the Christmas Dinner at Alpine Lodge for the previous four years.

Now, hosts and want-to-be guests for Christmas Dinner at Alpine, we need you to communicate with each other and come up with a host, cook and all the other talented members it takes to make this happen. We don't want the lights to be dark at Alpine Lodge on December 25th.

If you are willing to help in some way, Email me at maeharms@mindspring.com and I will pass the info on to our schedulers. CAC members can make this happen!

— Mae Harms

TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please send articles for the February issue of TRAILS to monthly editor, **Helena Troy**, hmtroy@aol.com. Helena should receive articles for the February issue no later than January 5th.

Digital photographs are appreciated and will be published as space permits. Send photographs to the editor, uncropped, as jpeg attachments to an e-mail message. In the e-mail, please state clearly the names of the people in the photo, the date and place of the event, and the title of the corresponding article if applicable. Make sure you have permission from the people in the photos to publish their photo in TRAILS. For images in formats other than jpeg, contact the editor.

Our March TRAILS will be edited by **Tom Mahood**. Send all submissions by February 5th to tmahood@callatg.com.

Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact **Mae Harms** at maeharms@mindspring.com.

— Mae Harms, Publications Chair



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HOWARD'S FUN-RAISER HIKE AND POTLUCK FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Join us on Saturday, February 11 for a 2B hike to the top of Loma Alta, a beautiful open-space preserve between Fairfax and Lucas Valley. Standing at almost 1,600' of elevation gain, it is one of Marin's highest points. On the hike we will explore the newly-opened "680 Trail" (3/4 million dollar-trail that skirts a rock stars estate).

Meet up at 10am on Saturday morning at Howard's house in Sleepy Hollow at 29 Mather Road, San Anselmo (cross Street is Van Winkle at the end of Butterfield Road.). Carpool, if possible. Bring a snack for our brief rest at the top of Loma Alta. You can drop off your food for the potluck at the house before the hike. The fee will be \$8 and can be paid on the day of the hike. This will help fund club activities. Rain will postpone to the following Saturday.

Potluck at Howard's house should start somewhere between 3-4pm. Contact **Melanie Facen** at mfacen@sbcglobal.net to hold your reservation.

Howard will be leading the Sunday hike the following morning from Alpine Lodge. This will be a 1B+ hike.

— Howard Ortman

SUPER BOWL PARTY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Join us at the Alpine Club for a Super Bowl Party after the Sunday hike on February 5. The TV show starts at 3:00pm with the kickoff scheduled for 3:25pm. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs on the BBQ with all the fixings and side dishes of chips, dips and potato salad, and a Super Bowl pool. Cost will be \$10 for food and donations will be accepted for provided beer and wine. If you plan to come please either send a check for \$10 (\$12 for non-members) to **Jock MacDonald**, 14 Laverne Avenue, Mill Valley, Ca 94941, or e-mail him at jockmacdonald1@comcast.net and pay on the day.

— Jock MacDonald

COOKING AT THE LODGE

Lessons in kitchen confidence, a home-cooking lifestyle and regional recipes offered by Adam Wiz. Each Saturday afternoon class will concentrate on a set of techniques and prepare a meal for a dinner party at the Lodge that evening. You can sign up as a student or as a dinner party guest. Make a weekend of it from a Friday evening overnight at the lodge through the Sunday morning hike, if you'd like!

A series of 5 cooking classes offered on the 2nd Saturday of each month, beginning in February 2012 at the Alpine Lodge on Mt. Tam. If all goes well, I'll do a July BBQ class. If all goes *really* well, I'll repeat the 5 class series, with different regional recipes, in the second half of 2012 and twice more in 2013.

Saturday, February 11

Knife Skills – Fondue

Saturday, March 10

Sauces - Italian/Pasta

Saturday, April 14

Roasting & Braising - German

Saturday, May 12

Saturday, June 9

Saturday, July 14 BBQ

Vegetarian Lite (Less Meat) - Indian

Sushi/Ramen - Japanese

Grilling/Smoking (tentative)

About Adam: I've got 15 years in the restaurant business and 30 years of home cooking. I like to use what's in the fridge, rather than concentrate on specific recipes. I'm an enthusiastic amateur who would love to share my experience and hear yours. For more details and to sign up, please visit <http://www.kitchen-adventures.com>, or email awiz1@yahoo.com.

— Adam Wisniewski

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The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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President's Message

Hello everyone,

If you look at the top of page three, you will see some positive news for our club, **New Members**. Now look at the Box on page two and you will see there is some not so positive news, **Open Positions**.

Our club is in its 99th year and showing signs of aging. I have asked in the past but I'll try again. The club needs your help. Please volunteer for the club.

As of the end of April 2012, four of the five Alpine Trustees and three to six of the Board Members are stepping down.

Over the past few months the Nominations Committee has been working conscientiously to fill those and Committee positions. Some are still open. Most needed at this time are a Secretary, a Registrar and someone(s) to coordinate event(s) at Alpine.

Do you know that some volunteers have been volunteering for 50+ years and are in their 80's. We really need you to step up now. Most positions do not require special knowledge or skills, only a willingness to devote your time to the club. Please call or email me. I hope you too get a warm feeling when you picture all the positions filled and the lodges humming with all sorts of activities.

A second but equally important situation is there are fewer and fewer members using Alpine Lodge for any type of event. It's there for you to use. Lack of use is causing financial concern. Just like Echo Lodge, the majority of Alpine's income comes from you and me using the lodge or attending events there. Unlike Echo Lodge, which has hundreds of days of use, Alpine is mostly used on weekends and the occasional weeklong event. I also notice that many younger members do not attend many events. We need to encourage participation by younger members. As some of you know, Jan and I volunteer at our grandsons' 1st grade class. I would love to hear the laughter and feel the excitement that only youngsters can give, echoing throughout Alpine. If you have an idea to increase usage please contact me, one of the Trustees or Board members listed on this page. I truly want to hear from you.

Thank you

— Jim Nixon



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Tom Coleman and Bill Jones

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530-344-1883
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Tom Coleman and Nuala Caulfield

— Sarah Dove, Membership Chair

MEETING DATES

Board of Directors & Quarterly Membership Meetings

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 – Board Meeting 2pm

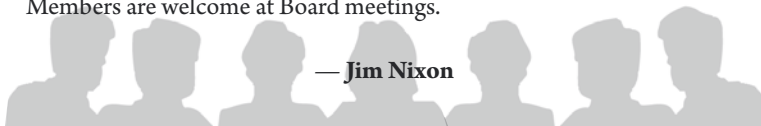
SATURDAY, APRIL 28 – Board & Annual Meetings 2pm & 3pm

SATURDAY, MAY 19 – Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 – Board Meeting 2pm

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



ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday February 5	9:30 AM	Pauline MacDonald	415-381-2870	2B
Sunday February 12	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday February 19	9:30 AM	Anne Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday February 26	9:30 AM	Jock MacDonald	415-381-2870	2B
Sunday March 4	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday March 11	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday March 18	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday March 25	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday April 1	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday April 8	9:30 AM	Pascal Leroy	415-661-8904	2B
Sunday April 15	9:30 AM	Open	2B	
Sunday April 22	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday April 29	9:30 AM	Tony Smith	650-207-1619	2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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 are no longer on the hike.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

CAC UPCOMING OUTINGS.

FEBRUARY 5, 1PM: MUSHROOM HUNT AT SYCAMORE GROVE, LIVERMORE

When you hike didn't you ever wonder what type of mushrooms you were seeing and if they were edible? Join ranger Amy Wolitzer and Debbie Veiss from the Bay Area Mushroom Society for the annual mushroom hunt at 1pm. Meet at Sycamore/Veterans Park, 5211 Arroyo Rd, Livermore. This is the heart of mushroom season so spend a few hours collecting and then learning to identify fungi. This outing is free.

MARCH 8, 9:30AM: TIBURON BIKE RIDE

Dust off your bike and pump up those tires, we're going for a beautiful ride along the Tiburon waterfront with gorgeous views of the San Francisco skyline. We'll meet at Blackie's Pasture and start our gentle nine mile ride. Blackie was a swaybacked cutting horse whose claim to fame was that he swam across the Bay from southern Marin to Crissey Field in 1938.

From Hwy. 101 take the Tiburon Blvd. exit for about 1.5 miles and turn right into the large parking lot which is Blackie's Pasture. Contact Carol Bodtker at cbpostme@gmail.com.

— Carol Bodtker, Outings Chair

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

FEBRUARY 2012

05	Onnie Taylor	415-648-6380
12	Marilyn Hunt	415-435-6850
19	Open	
26	Open	

MARCH 2012

04	Nancy Boot	415-388-0245
	Gail Lindlow	415-441-0838
11	Alpidia Barraza & Don Schwartz	707-526-4026
18	John & Barbara Lillich	925-930-9489
25	Susan Head	415-331-2598

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.	View the up-to-date Alpine Event Calendar: Go to http://calalpineclub.org under the Members heading. You will need the CAC user ID and password, which can be obtained from any of the CAC leadership individuals.	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 alpinelodge1@yahoo.com , or call 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.
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FEB 2 THURS
Contact Tony Smith
650-207-1619 or
joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net

WORK PARTY
9am to 3pm

FEB 5
Contact Jock MacDonald Show starts at 3pm; kickoff at 3:25pm
Jockmacdonald1@comcast.net BBQ and all the fixings.
See Article page 1 for further details.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

FEB 10 FRI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

FEB 11-12 SAT - SUN
Noon- 5:30pm - Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: Knife Skills and Fondue
5:30pm-8pm – Happy Hour,
Dinner and Raffle for all interested. Overnight to Sunday
9am includes a Breakfast Egg Lesson.
Contact Adam Wisnewski
at awiz1@yahoo.com or 408-515-5820, or check Alpine
Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org. See Article page 1 for further details.

**COOKING AT THE
LODGE – CLASS 1**

FEB 18 SAT
CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

MAR 1 THURS
Coordinator: Hardy Dawainis
hdawainis@comcast.net

WORK PARTY
9am to 3pm
415-461-4432

MAR 2-3 FRI-SAT
Torie Beedle (Tentative)

OVERNIGHT

MAR 9 FRI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

MAR 10 SAT
8am

MTIA BOARDMEETING

MAR 10-11 SAT-SUN
Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: Italian/Pasta 5:30pm-8pm – Happy Hour, Dinner
and Raffle. Overnight to Sunday 9am includes a Breakfast
Egg Lesson. Contact Adam Wisnewski at awiz1@yahoo.com
or 408-515-5280, or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on
our website for further details www.calalpineclub.org.

**COOKING
AT THE LODGE – CLASS 2**

MAR 17 SAT
CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

MAR 17 SAT
See Article on page 8 for Details.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

MAR 24 SAT
Details to follow

KID'S COOKING CLASS

MAR 30-31 FRI-SAT
Reservations: Hardy Dawainis
Phone 415 461 4431
hdawainis@comcast.net Or any Alpine Lodge Trustee
Donations \$25 (\$35 per Couple)

HOST TRAINING

APR 1-3 SUN-TUE
Bob Hansen

PRIVATE EVENT

APR 5 THURS
9am to 3pm

WORK PARTY

APR 13 FRI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

APR 14-15 SAT-SUN
Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: German
5:30pm-8pm – Happy Hour, Dinner and Raffle.
Contact Adam Wisnewski at awiz1@yahoo.com or
408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our
website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org

**COOKING AT THE
LODGE – CLASS 3**

APR 15-21 SUN-SAT
Marymaryhiker@aol.com

MARY FREY'S B&B WEEK
415-492-2510

APR 21 SAT
Overnight for 3 Sierra Club Leaders

SIERRA CLUB

APR 22-28 SUN-SAT
Out by 11am Saturday

SIERRA CLUB

APR 28 SAT
CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM
ANNUAL MEEETING 3 PM

MAY 4 THUR
9am-3pm

WORK PARTY

MAY 11 FRI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

MAY 12-13 SAT-SUN
Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: Indian
(See April 14-15 Event for Details)

**COOKING AT THE
LODGE – CLASS 4**

MAY 14-16 MON-WED
Overnight: Contact Tony Smith
joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net. Out by 4pm Wednesday

**ROSSMOOR & CAC
HIKERS**

MAY 19 SAT
CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

JUN 1 THUR
9am-3pm

WORK PARTY

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE
Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from
9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets
members with coffee and snacks and is
available to show the Lodge to prospective
members. See Sunday innkeepers list and
the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS.
Alpine Lodge phone number is 415-388-
9940.

JUN 2-3 SAT-SUN
Daytime party with graduating 5-year olds and parents,
overnight.

PRIVATE EVENT

CORTE MADERA CO-OP PRESCHOOL

JUN 5 TUE
Allyn Bromley

PRIVATE EVENT

JUN 8 FRI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

JUN 9-10 SAT-SUN
Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: German
5:30pm-8pm – Happy Hour, Dinner and Raffle.
Contact Adam Wisnewski at awiz1@yahoo.com or
408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our
website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org

**COOKING AT THE
LODGE – CLASS 5**

JUN 16 SAT
CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

JUN 17-18 SUN-MON
Overnight

MT. PLAY PARTY

JUN 23-24 SAT-SUN
Graham Forder Party – Overnight

PRIVATE EVENT

JUN 24 SUN
Ann Roberts

SIERRA CLUB
In by 4pm

JUN 25-29 MON-SAT
Out by 9am Saturday

SIERRA CLUB

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

JANUARY WORK PARTY

The big Christmas tree in the Social Hall has been taken down and all the holiday tinsel, garlands, and decorations have been taken down, too. Everything is packed tightly in new plastic storage boxes for safekeeping until next year. **Melanie Facen, Hans Schilling, Eva Libien, Jordan Herrmann, Jean Rodgers, Mary Jane McKown, Jim Ballou, Ricia Wise and Dolores Welsh** pitched in to put away all signs of the 2011 Christmas festivities. The lodge is now ready for all the events and meetings that lie ahead in 2012.

— Jean Rodgers

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL

The trustees of Echo Summit Lodge would like to thank **Tim Seeley** for his efforts above and beyond the call of duty. The wind blew the vent top for the DR wood stove sideways. The DR stove was unusable, because it wouldn't draw properly. A heating company looked at the problem and said they would need to get some kind of expensive crane out there because a ladder wouldn't reach the vent to repair it.

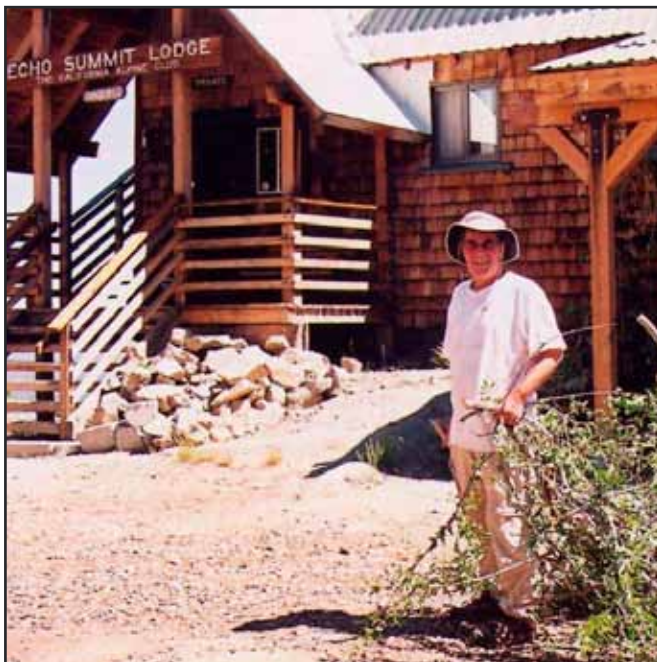
Tim Seeley volunteered his time and his scaffolding. He drove up from Santa Rosa, installed his scaffolding (with help from two young strong fellows!), and fixed the vent, better than ever! He saved the Lodge hundreds of dollars, and kept the Dining Room warm and toasty.

And he did this the day after Christmas. We love our volunteers!! Thank you, Tim.

— Your very appreciative trustees
Tom, Cindy, Edie, Ray and Kurt



Broken Wood Stove at Echo. Photo Tim Seeley



Reuven Segev at Recent Echo Lodge Work Party

In Remembrance

Reuven Segev of San Rafael, a very special friend and CAC member, ended his battle with stomach cancer on December 13th, just 2 days after his 63rd birthday. Reuven and his dear wife, **Yudith**, were active contributors to CAC, including many work parties at Echo Summit Lodge. Reuven always had a positive roll-up-your-sleeves attitude, boundless energy, keen intellect, and a willingness to help CAC. He has been a Director of the CAC Foundation for the past few years. He was devoted to his family, with 3 adult children (Michal, Jonathan, and Tamar) and a precious baby granddaughter, Romy. Reuven also loved the outdoors and was an avid hiker and backpacker. He and Yudith shared a love of paddling together and frequented CAC canoe and kayak trips. They also enjoyed Echo Summit Lodge in winter, both on snowshoes and skis. Reuven will be remembered as a warm and caring friend to many of us at CAC.

— Cindy Toran

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 9:30pm 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 a cadre of 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: Feb 13-16, Feb 26-Mar 2, Mar 4-7, Mar 11-20, Mar 25-30. Dec-Apr is published below; contact Cindy Toran if you want to schedule any of these open days. Private Events are available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days in Dec and Apr-Jun 15.
Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting** will be February 15, 2012, 5pm, by teleconference. Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 if you would like to attend.

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

Echo Summit Lodge Winter/Spring Schedule:

JAN 30-FEB 3 MON-FRI PRIVATE EVENT
Cindy Toran 707-321-3262

FEB 3-5 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

FEB 5-9 SUN-THURS HOSTED EVENT
Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

FEB 9-13 THURS-MON HOSTED EVENT
Shelly Navine & Bob Henry 707-829-3728
1286 Hurlbut Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472
clyde33301@comcast.net

FEB 13-16 MON-THURS AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

FEB 16-20 THURS-MON YOUNG FAMILIES
SNOW WKND
(COOP MEALS)
Joan Ryan & John O'Sullivan
2625 23rd Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116
415-564-8507
joanryan@mac.com

FEB 20-24 MON-FRI CO-HOSTED EVENT
Paul & Lauri Pastrone 408-455-6800
Jane McLennan & Harry Licursi
17070 Wild Way, Los Gatos CA 95030
LMPastrone@gmail.com

FEB 24-26 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Pam & Garry Greever 530-677-5616
3200 Red Rock Ln, Shingle Springs, CA 95682
pamgreever@yahoo.com

FEB 26-MAR 2 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

MAR 2-4 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Emily Lockett & Christine Piccin 707-576-0948
2927 Midway Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
auntem@sonic.net

MAR 4-7 SUN-WED AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

MAR 7-11 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
karwag@sonic.net

MAR 11-20 AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

MAR 20-23 TUES-FRI FAMILY FRIENDLY /
COOP MEALS
Lori Barekman 707-579-9218
3907 Park Gardens Dr., Santa Rosa CA 95404
lvlylri@aol.com

MAR 23-25 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
richard@thorntonpartners.us

MAR 25-30 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

MAR 30-APR 1 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

APR 20-23 FRI-MON PRIVATE EVENT
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650

APR 27-29 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Lynn Garric 707-539-2078
5400 Alpine Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
cransac@sonic.net

MAY 4-6 FRI-SUN SPRING HOST TRAINING
Reservations: Cindy Toran 707-321-3262
cktoran@gmail.com

MAY 20-22 SUN-TUES ANNUAL SOLAR
ECLIPSE
Tom McNicholas & Peter Purgulis 707-254-9953
4200 Maher St, Napa, CA 94558
tommcnicholas@yahoo.com

MAY 24-27 THURS-SUN SPRING FUN
& WORK PARTY
Contact: Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
travmcgee@comcast.net

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!



March 1969 - Echo Lodge Covered with Snow. Photo by Verna West, Historian.

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner MARCH 17

This year we will be able to celebrate on the actual day, Saturday, March 17. After last year's huge success, we expect quite a rush of reservations, so get yours in early. There will be a cut-off number. The usual repast will be served: corned beef with that wonderful glaze you liked so well, carrots in a cream sauce that were such a hit last year, cabbage cooked in broth, and potatoes. We'll have the usual hors d'oeuvre. Dessert hasn't been decided upon. Any suggestions? The cost will be \$22. Make check payable to **Nuala Caulfield** and mail it to me at 1550 Bay Street, Apt. 320, San Francisco, CA 94123."

— Nuala Caulfield

TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please send articles for the March issue of TRAILS to monthly editor, **Tom Mahood** at tmahood@callatg.com. Tom should receive articles for the March issue no later than February 5th.

Digital photographs are appreciated and will be published as space permits. Send photographs to the editor, uncropped, as jpeg attachments to an e-mail message. In the e-mail, please state clearly the names of the people in the photo, the date and place of the event, and the title of the corresponding article if applicable. Make sure you have permission from the people in the photos to publish their photo in TRAILS. For images in formats other than jpeg, contact the editor.

Our April TRAILS will be edited by **Mae Harms**. Send all submissions by March 5th to maeharms@mindspring.com.

Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact **Mae Harms** at maeharms@mindspring.com.

— Mae Harms, Publications Chair



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St. Patrick's Day Dinner SATURDAY, MARCH 17

You are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by joining us for a traditional dinner of corned beef baked in a glaze, with delicious accompaniments, followed by a dessert of apple crumble. To make a reservation, send a check in the amount of \$22 per person made payable to the undersigned at 1550 Bay Street, Apt. No. 320, San Francisco, CA 94123.

— Nuala Caulfield

BED AND BREAKFAST WEEK APRIL 15-21

Come spend a week hiking on the trails of Mt Tamalpais in the Spring when the hills are covered with beautiful wildflowers and the weather is warm and sunny. Barbara Crockett and I are hosting the week. We will furnish the three meals a day and offer early morning exercises before breakfast in the big hall. Then we hike during the day and relax after dinner with games, puzzles and just socializing with other members. You will be free to just hang around the lodge if that is your desire. For those who live out of the Bay Area - this is a perfect opportunity to enjoy San Francisco's museums, theaters and shopping.

Cost is \$25 per day for the dorm for members, \$30 for non-members. There is an additional charge per day for a private room. For reservations, please send a \$25 non-refundable deposit to Mary Frey by check payable to her at 100 Thorndale Drive, Apt #251, San Rafael, CA 94903. For information, call her at 415-492-2510 or email her at Marymaryhiker@aol.com.

— Mary Frey

CAC ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Please save the date for our Annual Awards Dinner prepared by **Jan McCulloch** and her talented helpers. The menu will be based on delicious recipes selected to celebrate Spring.

Board and Membership meetings begin at 2pm and 3pm. Happy hour with appetizers and donation bar will start around 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm. We need volunteers for a kitchen crew, set-up and clean up. Contact **Bonnie Herzog** at 415-419-5004 with your offer to help.

Cost for dinner is \$25 for members and \$30 associate members. If you wish to stay overnight (Saturday) the dorm rate is an additional \$21 for members and \$26 for associate members; single person in room double rate. Sunday morning Continental Breakfast is \$5. **Tony Smith** will be leading a 2B hike at 9:30am.

Send checks payable to **Ruth Tretbar**, 320 Lee Street Apt. 801, Oakland, CA 94610. Your check is confirmation of your reservation. Space is limited so get your reservations in early.

The Awards Winners will be announced in April Trails.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

— Jim Nixon

Monthly TRAILS Editor ~ Tom Mahood

California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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Innkeeper			
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President's Message

Hello all,

In this month's issue there is an article listing the Nominations Committee's recommendations for filling vacancies on the Board and Alpine Trustees (all Echo Trustees are continuing to serve). I am sorry to say the committee was unable to locate candidates for all of the vacancies. There are only three candidates for the five Alpine vacancies. Although there are dedicated members, taking reservations, making schedules and keeping the Alpine calendar up to date, etc., three trustees cannot do what is necessary to keep the lodge open and running. So, if you have ever thought of helping, now is the time.

If a Board or Trustee position seems too daunting, perhaps a committee position would be right for you. There is good news on the committee front. **Renee Lee** has agreed to assume the Youth Activities Chair, thank you Renee. I am sure Renee and the activities she and you decide on will bring a wonderful atmosphere of youthful joy and a sense of enthusiasm to the lodge.

Please take a look at the available committee positions and let me know of your interest. As I explained to Renee, being the Chair of a committee does not and will not mean you do all the work.

On another issue, at the Saturday, March 17 meeting, the web site team (**Vicki Olds, Adam Wisniewski and David Nelson**) will be giving a short presentation on a major overhaul of our web site. I invite you to attend and participate in the discussion. Having attended their brainstorming sessions I found their knowledge to be extensive and their passion contagious. Bring your questions.

If you like, you could remain after the meeting and enjoy the wonderful St. Patrick's dinner, but you do need reservations.

I hope to see you on the 17th

— **Jim Nixon**



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granite@sonic.net

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707-763-2696
mvrlichey@gmail.com

— Sarah Dove, Membership Chair

DEAR MEMBERS,

Last year the Club was saved considerable expense by members responding to an electronic dues letter. Over a hundred of you printed and sent your renewal checks to the Registrar and Life Members sent donations. During the first two weeks of February, you should have received those emails again. I hope that even more of you will respond this year. Eventually, we hope to handle this annual task without paper and ink at all. Thank you,

— Stefan Berlinski, Registrar



See Pastry Class article on pg 7. Picture of the Challah bread by Adam Wisnewski.

MEETING DATES

Board of Directors & Quarterly Membership Meetings

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 – Nominations Committee Meeting 1:30pm,
Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 – Board & Annual Meetings 2pm & 3pm

SATURDAY, MAY 26 – Board Meeting 2pm – **Note Date Change**

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 – Board Meeting 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 15 – Board & Quarterly Meetings 2pm & 3pm

No meeting in August

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

NOMINATIONS FOR CAC LEADERSHIP

The Nominations Committee continues work to fill vacancies on the CAC Board of Directors and Alpine Lodge Trustees, but our task is far from complete. We still have vacancies on the CAC Board and need 2 Alpine Lodge Trustees.

If there are nominations from the floor at the Nominations Meeting, March 17, 2012, 1:30pm, prior to the Board Meeting, then the person making the nomination must have a written statement from the candidate stating that they are willing to serve in the leadership position.

Recommended candidates currently are:

Gene Kendrick – CAC Board of Directors

Ricia Wise – CAC Board of Directors (Secretary)

Karen Ebadi – CAC Board of Directors

Bob Freinkel – CAC Board of Directors

Ruth Tretbar -- (currently serving pro tem) CAC Board of Directors

William Mayers -- (currently serving pro tem) CAC Board of Directors

Jim Ballou -- (currently serving pro tem) Alpine Lodge Trustee

Dan Larsen – Alpine Lodge Trustee

Jayma Brown – Alpine Lodge Trustee

Kurt Eichstaedt -- (currently serving pro tem) Echo Lodge Trustee

Ray Sommer has agreed to remain as Echo Lodge Trustee for another term.

— Cindy Toran, Nominations Chairperson

ALPINE LODGE HOST TRAINING MARCH 30-31

There is no better way to enjoy your Alpine Lodge then to take ownership of it.

A good way to do this is to become a Trained Host. Our Host Training is not only designed for members who are planning to host an event, book the Lodge for a private event or a spontaneous overnight, but also for any members who are interested and would like to help in the day to day working of the Lodge.

We will meet on Friday afternoon to share some information about our Lodge followed by a social get together before and after dinner. Please plan to stay overnight as we have an early breakfast on Saturday followed by familiarizing ourselves with the physical infrastructure of the buildings and learning how to plan and execute a successful event. We are usually finished around 3:30 or 4pm. The club will provide you with three delicious meals and a copy of our Alpine Lodge Hosting Manual. A donation of \$25 (\$35 per couple) is requested.

For Reservations, please contact: Hardy Dawainis Phone: 415-461-4431

E-mail: hdawainis@comcast.net or any of our Alpine Lodge Trustees.

— Hardy Dawainis

ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday March 4	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday March 11	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday March 18	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday March 25	9:30 AM	Anne Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday April 1	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday April 8	9:30 AM	Pascal Leroy	415-661-8904	2B
Sunday April 15	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday April 22	9:30 AM	Anne Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday April 29	9:30 AM	Tony Smith	650-207-1619	2B
Sunday May 6	9:30 AM	Graham Forder	415-827-4748	2B
Sunday May 13	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday May 20	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday May 27	9:30 AM	Open		2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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 are no longer on the hike.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

CAC UPCOMING OUTINGS.

MARCH 8, 9:30AM: TIBURON BIKE RIDE

Dust off your bike and pump up those tires, we're going for a beautiful ride along the Tiburon waterfront with gorgeous views of the San Francisco skyline. We'll meet at Blackie's Pasture and start our gentle nine mile ride. Blackie was a swaybacked cutting horse whose claim to fame was that he swam across the Bay from southern Marin to Crissey Field in 1938.

From Hwy. 101 take the Tiburon Blvd. exit for about 1.5 miles and turn right into the large parking lot which is Blackie's Pasture. Contact Carol Bodtker at cbpostme@gmail.com.

— Carol Bodtker, Outings Chair

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

MARCH 2012

04	Nancy Boot	415-388-0245
	Gail Lindlow	415-441-0838
11	Alpidia Barraza & Don Schwartz	707-526-4026
18	John & Barbara Lillich	925-930-9489
25	Susan Head	415-331-2598

APRIL 2012

01	Mary & Less Will	415-751-6469
08	Nuala Caulfield	415-922-6775
15	Open	
22	Open	
29	Stanley Finkelstein	415-381-4676

MAY 2012

06	Open	
13	Open	
20	Sally Hernandez	707-763-8213
27	Open	

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

View the up-to-date Alpine Event Calendar: Go to <http://calalpineclub.org> under the Members heading. You will need the CAC user ID and password, which can be obtained from any of the CAC leadership individuals.

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 alpinelodge1@yahoo.com, or call 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.

MAR 1 THURS WORK PARTY
Coordinator: Hardy Dawainis 9am to 3pm
hdawainis@comcast.net 415-461-4432

MAR 9 FRI ADAM WISNEWSKI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

MAR 10 SAT MTIA BOARD MEETING
8am

MAR 10-11 SAT-SUN COOKING
AT THE LODGE – CLASS 2
Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: Italian/Pasta 5:30pm-8pm – Happy Hour, Dinner and Raffle. Overnight to Sunday 9am includes a Breakfast Egg Lesson. Contact Adam Wisniewski at awiz1@yahoo.com or 408-515-5280, or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details www.calalpineclub.org.

MAR 17 SAT CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

MAR 17 SAT ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
See Article on page 1 for Details.

MAR 30-31 FRI-SAT HOST TRAINING
Reservations: Hardy Dawainis 415-461-4431
hdawainis@comcast.net Or any Alpine Lodge Trustee
Donations \$25 (\$35 per Couple)

APR 1-3 SUN-TUE PRIVATE EVENT
Bob Hansen

APR 5 THURS WORK PARTY
Contact: Eva Libien 9am to 3pm
elibien@yahoo.com 415-383-5184
Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

APR 13 FRI ADAM WISNEWSKI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

APR 14-15 SAT-SUN COOKING AT THE
LODGE – CLASS 3
Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: German
5:30pm-8pm – Happy Hour, Dinner and Raffle.
Contact Adam Wisniewski at awiz1@yahoo.com or 408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org

APR 15 SUN WORK PARTY
Contact: Jean Rodgers
jrodd1218@aol.com 415-435-9383
Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

APR 15-21 SUN-SAT MARY FREY'S B&B WEEK
Marymaryhiker@aol.com 415-492-2510
See article on page 1.

APRIL 21 MEMORIAL
For Margaret (Meg) Thomas 12 noon
See article on page 6.

APR 21 SAT SIERRA CLUB
Overnight for 3 Sierra Club Leaders

APR 22-28 SUN-SAT SIERRA CLUB
Out by 11am Saturday

APR 28 SAT CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM
ANNUAL MEETING 3 PM
Awards Dinner after meetings, see article on page 1.

MAY 3 THUR WORK PARTY
Contact: Jim Ballou 9am-3pm
jrball321@gmail.com 414-884-4975
Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

MAY 4-5 FRI-SAT PRIVATE EVENT
Torie Beedle tentative; overnight

MAY 11 FRI ADAM WISNEWSKI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

MAY 12-13 SAT-SUN COOKING AT THE
LODGE – CLASS 4
Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: Indian
(See April 14-15 Event for Details)

MAY 14-16 MON-WED ROSSMOOR
& CAC HIKERS
Overnight: Contact Tony Smith
joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net. Out by 4pm Wednesday

MAY 26 SAT BOARD MEETING AT 2PM

JUN 1 THUR WORK PARTY
9am-3pm

JUN 2-3 SAT-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
CORTE MADERA CO-OP PRESCHOOL
Daytime party with graduating 5-year olds and parents, overnight.

JUN 5 TUE PRIVATE EVENT
Allyn Bromley

JUN 8 FRI ADAM WISNEWSKI
Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

JUN 9-10 SAT-SUN COOKING AT THE
LODGE – CLASS 5
Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Theme: German
5:30pm-8pm – Happy Hour, Dinner and Raffle.
Contact Adam Wisniewski at awiz1@yahoo.com or 408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org

JUN 16 SAT CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

JUN 17-18 SUN-MON MT. PLAY PARTY
Overnight

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE
Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS. Alpine Lodge phone number is 415-388-9940.

JUN 23-24 SAT-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
Graham Forder Party – Overnight

JUN 24 SUN SIERRA CLUB
Ann Roberts In by 4pm

JUN 25-29 MON-SAT SIERRA CLUB
Out by 9am Saturday

JULY 1-3 SUN-TUES PRIVATE EVENT
Tentative

JULY 8-14 SUN PRIVATE EVENT
Sun After 4, to SAT

JULY 15 SUN BOARD AT 2PM,
QUARTERLY AT 3PM, DINNER AFTER

JULY 20-21 MEMBER WEDDING

JULY 30-AUG 5 MON-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

QUARTERLY DINNER LOCATION NEEDED

Alpine Lodge is not available for our Sunday, October 21, Quarterly Meeting. Therefore I am asking you if you know of a place, which the club can rent for our meeting and a possible potluck. The meeting(s) begin at 2pm with the potluck following. Most likely we would be out of the facility before 9pm. We would most likely have fewer than 50 members in attendance. Kitchen facilities would be a plus. If you know of such a place, please contact me at jimnixon2000@yahoo.com or 650-756-7771.

Thank you.

— Jim Nixon, CAC President



In Memory of **MARGARET "MEG" THOMAS, 1922-2011**

Our dear friend, **Meg Thomas**, a long-time member of the California Alpine Club, passed on peacefully at her home in Ashland, Oregon on December 13.

Meg hosted many Echo Lodge events and was especially valued during the yearly spa weeks where she led morning exercises and performed massages.

Meg was a physical fitness instructor; massage specialist, and long term volunteer at Planned Parenthood in Contra Costa County.

The upcoming Spa Week at Mt. Tam, April 15-21, will be an opportunity to honor Meg with a memorial gathering to be held at Alpine Lodge on April 21 at noon.

— **Phyllis and Karen Fleischer**

In Remembrance

George Ossy, Past President of CAC (1983) passed away on December 27, 2011, at St. Paul's Towers in Oakland, where he lived since 2003.

At many CAC 4th of July picnics, George was king at the grill, serving his famous barbecue chicken. Also, his favorite time of the year was playing Santa Claus at CAC's Children's Christmas party. George and his wife Ruth Bulwich Ossy (dec.) were active participants in many CAC activities.

George loved to sing, tell jokes and recite poems, entertaining CAC members on many occasions. This is one of his poems:

Count your garden by the flowers,
Never by the leaves that fall.
Count your days by golden hours,
Don't remember clouds at all.
Count your nights by stars, not shadows.
Count your years with smiles, not tears.
Count your blessings, not your troubles.
Count your age by friends, not years.

HISTORIC HIKE AND EVENING AT BRASSICA

Join us for a tour of the historic Bale Grist Mill and hike at the nearby Bothe-Napa Valley State Park in St. Helena. We will take a tour of the mill and sample some of the flours made there. The tour will be followed by an easy 5 mile hike through the nearby Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.

Those who want to can also enjoy a wine pairing and dinner at Cindy Pawlcyn's newest Mediterranean restaurant, Brassica. Cindy created a six course Mediterranean dinner menu for us that will be paired with 3 wines for \$69 per person.

The hike and dinner will be held Sunday April 22nd. The dinner is optional. You could also combine the trip with visits to some of the local wineries and stay in a Bed and Breakfast!

For reservations or more information please call or email Richard Thornton at 925-287-0764 or Richard@thorntonpartners.us. The Brassica menu, which includes wine pairings, is below:

Eggplant Fries *Za'atar yogurt*

Baba Ghanoush *crispy pita, toasted sesame seeds*

Crispy Bacon Wrapped Dates

Spring Asparagus Salad

Moroccan Lamb Tagine *cous cous*

Walnut Baklava *honey ice cream*

— **Richard Thornton**

NEW AND OLD AT THE ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY

A pleasant February day up on Panoramic Highway, getting the old Lodge ready for Spring.

There weren't many of us but we got the work done; **Nuala Caulfield, Delores Welsh, Jayma Brown, Jean Rogers, Jim Ballou, Hardy Dawainis**, and yours truly pitched in to do the necessary chores.

Incoming trustee (as of April 28) Jayma got a tour of the Lodge so she now has a better knowledge of the lodge and where the problems are. Prospective member Peter Mellett, a friend of Ann Meneguzzi's, proved to be a hard worker and we hope will bring his family and friends into the CAC.

I think I speak for all the retiring Trustees when I say to those who came to our Work Parties, thank you very, very much! We could not have gotten through a difficult year without your generous help. You volunteers are what makes the CAC great. Please do the same for the new Trustees; they will need and deserve your support going forward.

— **Tony Smith**

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 9:30pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com.
Echo Lodge Telephone
530-659-7274

Summer/Fall Hosts: I am working on the schedule for Summer and Fall of 2012 (July-Dec). The current schedule through August is listed below. If there are available times that you would like to host, please contact me. Of course, there is plenty of time available in April through mid-June for either hosted or private events.
Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting** will be March 7, 2012, 5pm, by teleconference. Contact Cindy at 707-321-3262 if you would like 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 Summit Lodge Fall/Winter Schedule:

FEB 26-MAR 2 SUN-FRI **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 2-4 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Emily Lockett & Christine Piccin 707-576-0948
2927 Midway Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
auntem@sonic.net

MAR 4-7 SUN-WED **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 7-11 WED-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
karwag@sonic.net

MAR 11-17 SUN-SAT **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 17-19 SAT-MON **HOSTED EVENT**
Art Ewart & Kathleen O'Dea 707-481-2432
2360 Dominic Dr, Novato CA 94947
kathleensodea@gmail.com

MAR 20-23 TUES-FRI **FAMILY FRIENDLY /
COOP MEALS**

Lori Barekman 707-579-9218
3907 Park Gardens Dr., Santa Rosa CA 95404
lvlylri@aol.com

MAR 23-25 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
richard@thorntonpartners.us

MAR 25-30 SUN-FRI **AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 30-APR 1 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

APR 20-23 FRI-MON **PRIVATE EVENT**
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650

APR 27-29 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Lynn Garric 707-539-2078
5400 Alpine Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
cransac@sonic.net

MAY 4-6 FRI-SUN **SPRING HOST TRAINING**
Reservations: Cindy Toran 707-321-3262
cktoran@gmail.com

MAY 20-22 SUN-TUES **ANNUAL SOLAR
ECLIPSE**
Tom McNicholas & Peter Purgulis 707-254-9953
4200 Maher St, Napa, CA 94558
tommcnicholas@yahoo.com

MAY 24-27 THURS-SUN **SPRING FUN
& WORK PARTY**
Contact: Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
travmcgee@comcast.net

JUN 1-5 FRI-TUES **PRIVATE EVENT**
Emily Lockett 707-576-0948

JUN 6-11 WED-MON **CONSERVATION
BENEFIT & BIRDING**
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
karwag@sonic.net

JUN 17-24 SUN-SUN **YOUNG FAMILIES &
TEENS WEEK**
Janis Riccomini & Paul Crockett 408-981-9137
12602 Cambridge Dr, Saratoga, CA 95070
janisriccomini@comcast.net

JUN 24-JUL 1 SUN-SUN **SUMMER
WILDFLOWER HIKES**
Lin Mangiante & Barbara Crockett 650-697-7403
424 Hazel Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030
foxtails@pacbell.net

JUL 14-19 SAT-THURS **HIKER'S WEEK / COOP
MEALS**
Eva Libien 415-383-5184
2 Eucalyptus Knoll, Mill Valley, CA 94941
elibien@yahoo.com

JUL 26-29 THURS-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Lillian Young & Genie/Tim Frye 650-588-5689
3650 Sneath Ln, San Bruno, CA 94066
lcyou@sbcglobal.net

AUG 1-5 WED-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Art Ewart & Kathleen O'Dea 707-481-2432
2360 Dominic Dr, Novato CA 94947
kathleensodea@gmail.com

AUG 5-11 SUN-SAT **COOP MEALS**
Mae Harms 530-333-1058
5941 Garden Park Dr, Garden Valley, CA 95633
maeharms@mindspring.com

AUG 12-19 SUN-SUN **COOP MEALS**
Jim Nixon & Jan McCulloch 650-756-7771
50 Seacrest Ct, Daly City, CA 94015
jimnixon2000@yahoo.com

AUG 22-26 WED-SUN **HOSTED EVENT +
TRAIL CLEARING WEEKEND**
Come help maintain the hiking trails we all enjoy so much!
Note: the lodge will also be open as a hosted event (i.e., open to members not involved in trail clearing.)
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

PASTRY CLASS

A special thank you to **Martin Dengler** and his able assistant, **Elaine Dengler** for our Pastry Class on January 14th. As you can see by these pictures, it was a delicious learning experience. Pictures of the Challah bread (see pg 3) and Black Forest Cake by **Adam Wisniewski**.

— Carol Bodtker



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COOKING AT THE LODGE MARCH 10 - SAUCES / ITALIAN

Join me for afternoon classes, focused on a “home-cooking lifestyle”, and evening dinner parties (and morning hikes) on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Alpine Lodge. Spend Friday or Saturday nights at the Lodge and make a whole weekend of it!

The theme in March will be sauces and we’ll be doing Italian recipes: including rolling pasta, baking focaccia and making minestrone. mmMMmm, minestrone...

My web site, <http://kitchen-adventures.com/>, has all the details, including the schedule for the weekend, and sign-up pages to register as a student, guest, volunteer and overnighter for all 4 remaining classes. Or you can email me at awiz1@yahoo.com or call me at 408-515-5820.

Courses:

March 10 – Sauces / Italian & Pasta

April 14 – Braising & Roasting / German

May 12 – Vegetarian Less Meat / Indian

June 9 – Sushi & Ramen / Japanese

July 14 – BBQ / World-wide –

(Tentative - Let me know if there is interest...)

Cost Per Class: Students: Saturday lunch, classroom, happy hour and dinner party, \$45 CAC members / \$95 non-members. Guests: Just the happy hour and dinner party, \$20 CAC members / \$30 non-members. Overnights (Friday or Saturday or both), per night: additional \$25 CAC members / \$35 non-members, for dorm room, additional charge for private room. Free breakfast egg class for Saturday overnights.

Register now for a fun Kitchen Adventure!

— Adam Wisnewski

TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please send articles for the April issue of TRAILS to monthly editor, **Mae Harms** at maeharms@mindspring.com. Mae should receive articles for the April issue no later than March 5th.

Digital photographs are appreciated and will be published as space permits. Send photographs to the editor, uncropped, as jpeg attachments to an e-mail message. In the e-mail, please state clearly the names of the people in the photo, the date and place of the event, and the title of the corresponding article if applicable. Make sure you have permission from the people in the photos to publish their photo in TRAILS. For images in formats other than jpeg, contact the editor.

Our May TRAILS will be edited by **Anita Cabrera**. Send all submissions by April 5th to aa_cabrera@msn.com.

Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact **Mae Harms** at maeharms@mindspring.com.

— Mae Harms, Publications Chair



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Annual Awards Dinner

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Please save the date for our Annual Awards Dinner prepared by **Jan McCulloch** and her talented helpers. The menu will be based on delicious recipes selected to celebrate Spring.

Board and Membership meetings begin at 2pm and 3pm. Happy hour with appetizers and donation bar will start around 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm. We need volunteers for a kitchen crew, set-up and clean up. Contact **Bonnie Herzog** at 415-419-5004 with your offer to help.

Cost for dinner is \$25 for members and \$30 associate members. If you wish to stay overnight (Saturday) the dorm rate is an additional \$21 for members and \$26 for associate members; single person in room double rate. Sunday morning Continental Breakfast is \$5. **Tony Smith** will be leading a 2B hike at 9:30am.

Send checks payable to **Ruth Tretbar**, 320 Lee Street Apt. 801, Oakland, CA 94610. Your check is confirmation of your reservation. Space is limited so get your reservations in early.

The deserving Awards Winners this year are Alpine Loge Trustee **Eva Libien** and longtime Alpine Loge Treasurer **Melanie Facen**. Eva and Melanie's contact information is on page 2 in case you would like to congratulate them before the Awards Dinner.

Thank you

— Jim Nixon

ALPINE LODGE PHOTO SHOOT & LEADERSHIP PORTRAITS

A big THANKS! to all who propped themselves for the Alpine Lodge photo shoot March 17, 2012! Because of your participation, and photographer **Dan Ryan's** extraordinary eye, we now have a wealth of beautiful images of members enjoying fellowship throughout the lodge, as well as portraits of current leaders. **Leaders:** If we missed you--you know who you are!--would you please submit a head shot of yourself for publication and posterity?

But the biggest thanks goes to Club Historian **Verna West**. She alone is keeper of the nearly 100-year-old image archive, and has been providing the publications team with fascinating photos and anecdotes for decades! You may let her know your appreciation by contacting Verna at 99swest@earthlink.net.

— Vicki Olds, Publications Team



California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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President's Message

Please join me in congratulating two deserving winners of this year's Distinguished Service Award, Alpine accountant **Melanie Facen** and Trustee **Eva Libien**.



On another note, given the task I assigned the Nominations Committee (NC) late last year, they have done a first-rate job in filling all but one of the vacating Trustee and Board Positions. However, due to our by-laws there will not be anyone in the past president's position, leaving 10 members where 11 are allowed.

Beginning in May the Board will have returning members, **Stefan Berlinski** (registrar), **Graham Forder**, **Bill Mayers** (treasurer), **Ann Meneguzzi**, **Ruth Tretbar** and **me**. Although these wonderful volunteers agreed to continue to serve, they would not mind being replaced. So, I would appreciate it if you would please contact me to discuss the possibility.

Departing Board Members **Art Ewart**, **Anne Good** (secretary), **John Hannum** (immediate past president) and **Bob Piper** will be replaced by **Karen Ebadi**, **Doug Evans** (secretary), **Bob Freinkel**, and **Gene Kendrick** (President in 1988 when the club turned 75 and will be on the Board when the club turns 100). Thank you all.

The NC has recommended three replacements for the four departing Alpine Trustees. The NC's job was made more difficult as generally no more than two trustees leave at the same time. Departing after many years serving the club will be **Hardy Dawainis**, **Eva Libien**, **Jean Rogers** and **Tony Smith**. Thank you for what you have done.

Joining returning trustee **Jim Ballou** will be **Jayma Brown** (accountant), **Dan Larson** and **Ricia Wise** and perhaps **you**?

Operating Alpine Lodge is a challenge for a full contingent of trustees and Alpine Lodge Support volunteers. This year it will be especially more difficult. I am almost certain someone will step forward and be the fifth trustee. Although it appeared that there were five there were actually six. Unlike Echo Lodge, which has an accountant (**Ray Sommer**) as one of its trustees, **Melanie** was not a trustee. This year the person doing the accounting at each lodge will be a trustee.

Thank you so much to all the Board Members, Trustees and Committee volunteers and **you** without whose help at work parties, events, etc. the club would not operate.

Finally, I am seeking someone to volunteer to write an account of the Awards Dinner. Please contact me.

Thank you one and all

— Jim Nixon

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YOUR CAC FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

A grant from the CAC Foundation enabled the Marin Audubon Society to purchase this mower to help remove invasive plants at Bahia. This is part of their ongoing program to protect and restore wildlife habitat in Marin. The mower augments volunteer labor and removes the invasives far more quickly than could be done by hand. They thanked us in the December issue of their newsletter.

— Arlin Weinberger

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Board & Annual Meetings 2pm & 3pm

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Board Meeting 2pm – **Note Date Change**

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Board Meeting 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Board & Quarterly Meetings 2pm & 3pm

AUGUST – No meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Board Meeting at 2pm

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 SKI & SKATE FEBRUARY 1916

Story from Claire D. Sprague for 1982 Caroline Waldear History:

In 1916, one of our many Club outings was a Washington Day weekend railroad trip to Donner Summit to skate on Donner Lake and to ski. We prepared ourselves for the outing by going on evenings to an ice skating rink in San Francisco where our CAC members who knew how, taught us to skate. In February we went by train to Donner Summit and the car we were in was put on a side track and was used as our hotel for the

weekend. Al Pinther and Irvine Sprague planned and executed this outing. They wore pin-striped white shirts such as football umpires do today. We easily recognized them when and if we needed help. Emil and Caspar Zwerlein's parents were our chaperones and they were a delightful pair. At night they'd take some of the boys' shoes and put them under the girls' berths. In the morning, much laughter.

— **Verna West, Historian**



ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday April 1	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday April 8	9:30 AM	Pascal Leroy	415-661-8904	2B
Sunday April 15	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday April 22	9:30 AM	Anne Good	510-526-6792	2B
	9:30 AM	Jordan's Wildflower Hike	510-520-9782	1B
Sunday April 29	9:30 AM	Tony Smith	650-207-1619	2B
Sunday May 6	9:30 AM	Graham Forder	415-827-4748	2B
Sunday May 13	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday May 20	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday May 27	9:30 AM	Eva Libien	415-383-5184	2B
Sunday June 3	9:30 AM	Ricia Wise	510-525-8268	2B
Sunday June 10	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday June 17	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday June 24	9:30 AM	Jordan Herrmann	510-520-9782	2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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 are no longer on the hike.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

CAC UPCOMING OUTINGS.

The California Alpine Club's Annual Base Camp trip will be held during the week of August 13-August 17, at the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness Area, near Courtright Reservoir, east of Fresno. It will be co-led by Carlos Miranda, and Bruce and Diane Friend. We will meet at the Cliff Lake Trail Head on Monday, August 13, and hike 5 1/2 miles (1,300' elevation gain) into Cliff Lake. From there, campers can hike to many beautiful lakes and peaks. The price this year is \$300, which includes all food (nouveau California camping), daily Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m., appetizers, tent cabins at the Packer Station for those who wish to come Sunday, August 12, and of course, horses/mules to carry our gear. Campers will be required to carry their own personal day packs and water bottles. The trip is limited to fourteen (14) people, first come, first served. To reserve a spot, please send a check for \$50 made out to Carlos M. Miranda at 1041 3rd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818. For any questions, call me at 916-446-1161.

— Carlos Miranda

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

APRIL 2012

01	Mary & Less Will	415-751-6469
08	Nuala Caulfield	415-922-6775
15	Open	
22	Open	
29	Stanley Finkelstein	415-381-4676

MAY 2012

06	Open	
13	Pascale Leroy	415 661 8904
20	Sally Hernandez	707-763-8213
27	Open	

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

View the up-to-date Alpine Event Calendar: Go to <http://calalpineclub.org> under the Members heading. You will need the CAC user ID and password, which can be obtained from any of the CAC leadership individuals.

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 alpinelodge1@yahoo.com, or call 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.

APR 1-2 SUN-MON

Bob Hansen

PRIVATE EVENT

APR 5 THURS

Contact: Eva Libien
elibien@yahoo.com

Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

WORK PARTY

9am to 3pm
415-383-5184

APR 6-7

Tori Beddle

PRIVATE EVENT

APR 13 FRI

Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

APR 14 SAT

Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students

Roasting and Braising

5:30pm-8pm – Happy Hour, Dinner and Raffle.

Contact Adam Wisnewski at wiznals@gmail.com or 408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org.

COOKING AT THE LODGE – CLASS 3

APR 15 SUN

Contact: Jean Rodgers
jroddg1218@aol.com

Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

WORK PARTY

9-3pm
415-435-9383

APR 15-21 SUN-SAT MARY FREY'S B&B WEEK

Marymaryhiker@aol.com

415-492-2510

APRIL 21

For Margaret (Meg) Thomas
See article on page 6.

MEMORIAL

12 noon

APR 21 SAT

Overnight for 3 Sierra Club Leaders

SIERRA CLUB

APR 22-28 SUN-SAT

Out by 11am Saturday

SIERRA CLUB

APR 28 SAT

CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM ANNUAL MEEETING 3 PM

Awards Dinner 5-8:30pm, see article on page 1.

MAY 3 THUR

Contact: Jim Ballou
jrball321@gmail.com

Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

WORK PARTY

9am-3pm
414-884-4975

MAY 4-5 FRI-SAT

Torie Beedle tentative; overnight

PRIVATE EVENT

MAY 11 FRI

Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

MAY 12 SAT

Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students

Vegetarian/less meat

Contact Adam Wisnewski at wiznals@gmail.com or 408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org.

COOKING AT THE LODGE – CLASS 4

MAY 14-16 MON-WED

Overnight: Contact Tony Smith

joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net. Out by 4pm Wednesday

ROSSMOOR & CAC HIKERS

MAY 18-19 FRI-SAT

Alice Ricks

PRIVATE EVENT

MAY 26 SAT

BOARD MEETING AT 2PM

JUN 2-3 SAT-SUN

Daytime party with graduating 5-year olds and parents, overnight.

PRIVATE EVENT

CORTE MADERA CO-OP PRESCHOOL

JUN 5 TUE

Allyn Bromley

PRIVATE EVENT

JUN 7 THUR

WORK PARTY

9am-3pm

JUN 8 FRI

Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

JUN 9 SAT

Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students

Sushi/Ramen

Contact Adam Wisnewski at wiznals@gmail.com or 408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org.

COOKING AT THE LODGE – CLASS 5

JUN 15-16 FRI-SAT

Joe Fay

PRIVATE EVENT

JUN 16 SAT

CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

JUN 17 SUN

The Mountain Play Association has the lodge reserved from 3 to 10 PM for their final dinner.

MT. PLAY PARTY

JUN 23-24 SAT-SUN

Graham Forder Party – CANCELLED

PRIVATE EVENT

JUN 24 SUN

Ann Roberts

SIERRA CLUB

In by 4pm

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS. Alpine Lodge phone number is 415-388-9940.

JUN 25-29 MON-SAT

Out by 9am Saturday

SIERRA CLUB

JULY 1-3 SUN-TUES

Tentative

PRIVATE EVENT

JULY 8-14 SUN

Sun After 4, to SAT

PRIVATE EVENT

JULY 15 SUN

Quarterly at 3pm, Dinner after

BOARD AT 2PM,

QUARTERLY AT 3PM, DINNER AFTER

JULY 20-21

Member wedding

MEMBER WEDDING

JULY 30-AUG 5 MON-SUN

Private event

PRIVATE EVENT

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

Alpine Lodge innkeepers and users, please note that the big TV in the Alpine Lodge hall has been hooked to a permanent outdoor antenna and is again fully functional with great reception for all the major channels that are broadcast over-the-air for free.

— Jock MacDonald



TO ENJOY YOUR LODGE, JOIN US FOR AN EVENT!

To take **ownership** of your Lodge, join us for a Work Party. It is at our work parties that members get to know all the interesting nooks and crannies of our beautiful property on Mount Tam and learn to take care of it. This was certainly the case on a gray and rainy day last Thursday when a great group of members, and prospective new members braved the rain for a busy day of work, camaraderie and good food. **Lynn Pelletier** brought **Melinda Harris, Nancy MacDonald, Dave Chalk** and **Robert Morse**, a friendly and hard working group of prospective new members all the way from Santa Rosa. Before long, they were teamed up with some very experienced work party regulars--**Dorsey McTaggart, Melanie Facen, Dolores Welsh**, and **Ruth Tretbar** taking care of general house keeping. We were all impressed by **Bruce Friend** who, undeterred by the rain, was seen doing some backbreaking digging in the garden. It is always good to welcome our longtime "Friends of Alpine Lodge" **Hans Schilling** and **Ben Heldens** to the work party.

The present A L Trustees **Jean Rodgers, Jim Ballou** and **Hardy Dawainis** were very happy to welcome **Dan Larson** and **Russ Toran**, two prospective new Trustees.

Thank you Russ and Suzie King, a friend of CAC, for some much needed painting and from all of us, thank you Jean for preparing a delicious lunch.

— Hardy Dawainis

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE BIRDING FORAY & CONSERVATION BENEFIT

It's time to sign up for this year's Birding Foray & Conservation Benefit event held this coming June 6-11 (Wed-Mon).

Four birding trips will be led by **Karen & Jerry Wagner**. We visit varied habitats in hopes of finding many unique species. Birders from beginning to expert are welcome. We leave the lodge at 7:30 am after coffee, snack & lunch making. Picnic breakfast and lunch in the field.

Thursday, we head to Markleyville and the Nevada side of the Sierras. Friday the group will head down Highway 50 towards Pollack Pines and take the turn off at Ice House Canyon. Saturday, we head down Highway 50 towards Lake Tahoe. We began the walk in the meadow near the east end of Fallen Leaf Lake. From there we head to the Lake Tahoe Visitor's Center where we bird along Taylor Creek and eventually down to lake. We are staying an extra night this year, so we can spend a day birding around the lodge and Echo lakes.

In early June, there will be the first wildflowers in the meadows and colorful breeding birds in the trees. 60 bird species have been sighted in past years.

The CAC Conservation group generally leads a hike on Saturday.

All the proceeds from this event go into the CA Alpine Club's Conservation Foundation, which will eventually be donated to many organizations that are working specifically with conservation/ environmental projects. Attending this session is a chance, not only, to have fun in the mountains, but to also support the club's interest in environmental issues.

— Karen Wagner

2012 FOUNDATION GRANT WILL SUPPORT MT. TAM STATE PARK

A much-needed project at Pantoll campground will be funded by the CAC Foundation this year. Thanks to our grant, there will soon be a site for a campground host to stay at Pantoll, overseeing both that campground and new one at Bootjack. The host collects fees, sells firewood and provides information to campers and others at the site. Our funding will provide electricity and septic tank hook-ups for the RV that the host brings to the site which will be in the lower parking lot.

This means a presence where the often is none, improving safety as increasing revenue at the park. Our grant is up to \$10,000 and may include bringing a campsite at Bootjack up to ADA standards.

We chose this project because not only does our state park need funds at this time, but because we use the park for hiking from the Alpine Lodge every Sunday, paying no fees at all. Time to give back!

Please be generous when you renew your membership and send a little extra to support the foundation. It's the only outreach program we have. A sign at the site at Pantoll will give us recognition for our contribution.

— Arlin Weinberger

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 9:30pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com.
Echo Lodge Telephone
530-659-7274

Spring Work and Fun Party is May 24-27. Come enjoy the camaraderie of working together at our mountain retreat—it's a lot of fun! Contact Tom Coleman for reservations (see contact information below).

Summer/Fall Hosts: There are still a few openings in the Summer schedule. The current schedule through August is listed below. Open dates are July 8-14, July 29-Aug 1, Aug 19-22, and Aug 26-Sept 7. If there are available times that you would like to host, please contact me. Of course, there is plenty of time available in April through mid-June and after mid-Sept for either hosted or private event

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting** will be April 18, 2012, 5 PM, by teleconference. Contact Cindy at 707-321-3262 if you would like 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 Summit Lodge Spring/Summer Schedule:

APR 20-23 FRI-MON PRIVATE EVENT
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650

APR 27-29 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Lynn Garric 707-539-2078
5400 Alpine Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
cransac@sonic.net

MAY 4-6 FRI-SUN SPRING HOST TRAINING
Reservations: Cindy Toran 707-321-3262
cktoran@gmail.com

MAY 18-20 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
Roger & Mary Rigney 916-985-7351

MAY 20-22 SUN-TUES ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE
Tom McNicholas & Peter Purgulis 707-254-9953
4200 Maher St, Napa, CA 94558
tommcnicholas@yahoo.com

MAY 24-27 THURS-SUN SPRING FUN & WORK PARTY
Contact: Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
travmcgee@comcast.net

JUN 1-5 FRI-TUES PRIVATE EVENT
Emily Lockett 707-576-0948

JUN 6-11 WED-MON CONSERVATION BENEFIT & BIRDING
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
karwag@sonic.net

JUN 15-17 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
richard@thorntonpartners.us

JUN 17-24 SUN-SUN YOUNG FAMILIES & TEENS WEEK
Janis Riccomini & Paul Crockett 408-981-9137
12602 Cambridge Dr, Saratoga, CA 95070
janisriccomini@comcast.net

JUN 24-JUL 1 SUN-SUN SUMMER WILDFLOWER HIKES
Lin Mangiante & Barbara Crockett 650-697-7403
424 Hazel Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030
foxtails@pacbell.net

JUL 1-8 SUN-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Tim Seeley 707-486-8288
4819 Foxglove Ct, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
seeley@sonic.net

JUL 8-14 AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

JUL 14-19 SAT-THURS HIKER'S WEEK / COOP MEALS
Eva Libien 415-383-5184
2 Eucalyptus Knoll, Mill Valley, CA 94941
elibien@yahoo.com

JUL 19-26 THURS-THURS HOSTED EVENT
Kathy & Bill Faherty 707-539-7081
5420 Gates Rd, Santa Rosa CA 95404
kfaherty@mac.com

JUL 26-29 THURS-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Lillian Young & Genie/Tim Frye 650-588-5689
3650 Sneath Ln, San Bruno, CA 94066
lcyou@sbcglobal.net

JUL 29-AUG 1 SUN-WED AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 1-5 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Art Ewart & Kathleen O'Dea 707-481-2432
2360 Dominic Dr, Novato CA 94947
kathleensodea@gmail.com

AUG 5-11 SUN-SAT COOP MEALS
Mae Harms 530-333-1058
5941 Garden Park Dr, Garden Valley, CA 95633
maeharms@mindspring.com

AUG 12-19 SUN-SUN COOP MEALS
Jim Nixon & Jan McCulloch 650-756-7771
50 Seacrest Ct, Daly City, CA 94015
jimnixon2000@yahoo.com

AUG 19-22 SUN-WED AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 22-26 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT + TRAIL CLEARING WEEKEND
Come help maintain the hiking trails we all enjoy so much!
Note: the lodge will also be open as a hosted event (i.e., open to members not involved in trail clearing.)
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

AUG 26-SEP 7 AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS
(incl LABOR DAY WKND)

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SPRING WORK PARTY, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, 2012

Please join **Tom Coleman** for this year's Spring Work/Play Party up at Echo Lodge. The dates are Thursday, May 24th through Sunday morning, May 27th. If you heard the scuttlebutt, then you know how much fun we all had at the work party last fall. If we can accomplish as much in the spring, it will be a wonder!

We will be doing fun interesting stuff, like 'rounding 40' long logs into 20" 'rounds'. We'll be splitting those rounds into stove-sized logs, and let them weather all summer long. We are also going to tackle installing a 40' wide X 10' tall block retaining wall near the propane tank. WOW! And there are all the rest of the usual jobs that we do at every WP, like carpet-cleaning, leach-field switching, painting, and on and on!

Of course the very good food!! And lots of it!! And it's all FREE!

Please E-mail me as soon as you know you can join us, so I can reserve a spot for you.

I thank you, and the CAC thanks you!

— **Tom Coleman**

TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please send articles for the May issue of TRAILS to monthly editor, **Anita Cabrera** at aa_cabrera@msn.com. Anita should receive articles for the May issue no later than April 5th.

Digital photographs are appreciated and will be published as space permits. Send photographs to the editor, uncropped, as jpeg attachments to an e-mail message. In the e-mail, please state clearly the names of the people in the photo, the date and place of the event, and the title of the corresponding article if applicable. Make sure you have permission from the people in the photos to publish their photo in TRAILS. For images in formats other than jpeg, contact the editor.

Our June TRAILS will be edited by **Susan Patrick**. Send all submissions by May 5th to susanpatrick@msn.com. Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact **Mae Harms** at maeharms@mindspring.com.

— **Mae Harms, Publications Chair**



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DISTINGUISHING EVA

Friends,

When I heard that **Eva Libien** would be receiving the Distinguished Service Award, my first thought was "it is about time". To me, Eva has always been the ultimate in what it means to be a good member of the Alpine Club. She has been willing at all times to put at least as much into a community like ours as the benefit that she has derived from it. We would like to thank Eva for her tireless service as an Alpine Lodge Trustee, but this is just one in a very long list of responsibilities she has taken on over the twenty five years that Eva has been a member. This long list includes her service on the Board of Directors, six years as Hike Coordinator, and taking charge of our yearly Hiker's Week at Echo Lodge, as well as many other CAC events.

Eva Libien's love for the outdoors and its preservation has been a great inspiration to all who know her and have shared many a hike with her.

Thank you, Eva, for your many valuable contributions.

— Hardy Dawainis

BOOKKEEPER TALE

Once upon a time there was a young girl in Ticino, Switzerland named **Melanie Facen** who loved to hike with her friends in the Swiss Alps. When she grew up she decided to visit America as an au pair to see what that country was like. She found that there were beautiful mountains in California, and she discovered a small hiking club whose members were very nice. The trouble was their lodge had no bookkeeper, and they needed someone efficient and orderly to do this important work. Now, Melanie, being Swiss, had these qualities, so she volunteered to fulfill the position. This was 7 years ago.

For all these years, Melanie has paid the bills, advised the trustees, kept the accounts in order, balanced the books, and performed many other duties around the lodges, always in a quiet, effective way. Now she is retiring, but we owe her an enormous debt of gratitude for her hard work, unseen by most of us, but absolutely essential to the operation of Alpine Lodge.

Thank you, Melanie, from your friends in the California Alpine Club.

— Tony Smith

KIDS' KITCHEN, FOR AGES 6 TO 13 June 30

My name is **Shayna Bomfim** and I am 12 years old. Since I was four, I have been cooking with my mother, a California Culinary Academy graduate, and my aunts from Brazil. Every time I go to Brazil, I learn a few new recipes. Last year, I was also in a cooking club at Mill Valley Middle School.

Because I love to cook, I am inviting members ages 6-13 to learn how to make Brazilian appetizers -- cheese bread and Brigadeiro -- on June 30th from 11am to 1 pm. It's fun and easy. Your friends and family will be impressed. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call 415-381-4676 or email at selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

Also, look in coming *Trails* issues for my Etiquette Class for Kids scheduled for November.

— Shayna Bomfim

California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oh, how I love the colors of spring. On my twice-weekly drive to Concord, I am amazed at how many shades of green there are. The countryside is so lush and beautiful that I wish I had time to stop and "smell the roses". I see the colors as an indication of a new beginning.



And a new beginning is happening at the Alpine Club as four new trustees and four new board members begin their service. I look forward to their fresh ideas. I also hope to hear your input.

In the coming year, with your help, I will be working on increasing our membership. A few days back I read an older copy of Trails. In it there was mention that the club had about 900 members in 2001. We are now somewhere around 600-650. The final figures will not be known until memberships are either renewed or dropped. Maybe we can't or shouldn't try to get back to 900, but we do need new members, to help with the chores and our financial bottom line. This is where you come in. During this year I would love it if you would interest your family and/or friends in becoming members.

New members are required to attend an event and participate in a work effort. I know sometimes the work effort seems difficult to fit into our busy schedules. But there are ways. A couple from Washington and a Napa Valley chef were able to join by editing Trails; another used his computer skills to help the club move forward. There are many things that qualify as a work effort; just ask one of the lodge trustees.

I would appreciate your suggestions and help regarding what events we should have to recognize our almost 100 years (April 2013). I will share your ideas with the Board. You know, it is special to have a group of volunteers from various aspects of life join together and continue the tradition of our club. I am so happy that I am a member. Our Club is really something special and with your help, I hope to keep it so.

Thank you

— Jim Nixon

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MAY 2012

Dennis Carrington – regular member

6550 Conestoga Lane
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dencarri@hotmail.com

925-997-6484

Sponsors: Eva Pardee and Tom Swaine

Dave Chalk - regular member

7592 Oak Leaf Drive
Santa Rosa CA 95409-6264
chalk@sonic.net

707-539-8847

Sponsors: Michael Noel and Cindy Toran

Jon Erickson - regular member

7887 Highway 50
Pollock Pines CA 95726-9110
jonerickson@fs.fed.us

209-256-3689

Sponsors: Tom Coleman and Allen Utterback

Nancy MacDonald - regular member

6252 Meadowstone Drive
Santa Rosa CA 95409-5880
rumney007@sbcglobal.net

707-591-3110

Sponsors: Yveline Pelletier and Cindy Toran

Peter Mellett and Veronica Mellet,
plus family members: John, 8; Alanna, 5;
Patrick, 3; Robert, 1; and Isabella, 4 months.

809 Laguna Street
San Francisco CA 94102-3109
mellettpeter@yahoo.com

415-775-5970

Sponsors: Hardy Dawainis and Tony Smith

Robert Morse - regular member

P.O. Box 1896
Glen Ellen CA 95442-1896
morsezin@gmail.com

707-833-5154

Sponsors: Bev Leve and Cindy Toran

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Board & Annual Meetings 2pm & 3pm

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Board Meeting 2pm – **Note Date Change**

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Board Meeting 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Board & Quarterly Meetings 2pm & 3pm

AUGUST – No meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Board Meeting at 2pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Board & Membership Meetings 2pm & 3pm.

Dinner will follow. Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse,
267 Buena Vista Avenue, Mill Valley.

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



ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday May 6	9:30 AM	Graham Forder	415-827-4748	2B
Sunday May 13	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday May 20	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday May 27	9:30 AM	Eva Libien	415-383-5184	2B
Sunday June 3	9:30 AM	Ricia Wise	510-525-8268	2B
Sunday June 10	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers Poetry Hike	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday June 17	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday June 24	9:30 AM	Jordan Herrmann	510-520-9782	2B
Sunday July 1	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday July 8	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday July 15	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday July 22	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday July 29	9:30 AM	Open		2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

CAC UPCOMING OUTINGS.

The California Alpine Club's Annual Base Camp trip will be held during the week of August 13-August 17, at the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness Area, near Courtright Reservoir, east of Fresno. It will be co-led by Carlos Miranda, and Bruce and Diane Friend. We will meet at the Cliff Lake Trail Head on Monday, August 13, and hike 5 1/2 miles (1,300' elevation gain) into Cliff Lake. From there, campers can hike to many beautiful lakes and peaks. The price this year is \$300, which includes all food (nouveau California camping), daily Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m., appetizers, tent cabins at the Packer Station for those who wish to come Sunday, August 12, and of course, horses/mules to carry our gear. Campers will be required to carry their own personal day packs and water bottles. The trip is limited to fourteen (14) people, first come, first served. To reserve a spot, please send a check for \$50 made out to Carlos M. Miranda at 1041 3rd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818. For any questions, call me at 916-446-1161.

Currently taking names for a waiting list.

— Carlos Miranda

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

MAY 2012

06	Open	
13	Pascale Leroy	415 661 8904
20	Sally Hernandez	707-763-8213
27	John & Linn Magiante	650 697 7403

JUNE 2012

03	Susan Head	415 331 25 98
10	Anne and Jim Allio	650 583 1543
17	Open	
24	Open	

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator

IN THEIR OWN WORDS: OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES IN TRANSITION

Together with the other dedicated Alpine Lodge Trustees, I was happy to do my share in preserving our little bit of heaven on Mt. Tam. As we transfer the responsibility of maintaining and preserving the Lodge to the new team, I have no doubt that this tradition will continue. In my time as a trustee, I was always aware and proud of being part of a long line of Caretakers who made sure that our Lodge and grounds will still be here for our members to enjoy for another hundred years.

Hardy Dawainis, Alpine Lodge Trustee

I joined the Board in 2010 to fill out the term of member who had resigned. It has been refreshing to work with a group so civil, competent, and committed.

Last November I turned 80. Compared to my contemporaries, I celebrated a happy milestone in terms of health and activity. But the Board needs younger members, more in tune with the lifestyles and preferences of the generations who are to keep the club vibrant in its second century. I join Anne in thanking the Nominating Committee for finding replacements who we believe will do exactly that.

Bob Piper, CAC Board

Friendship is what the CAC has been about for me. I feel fortunate to have been in the Club for so many years and to have known so many fine people. I'll still try to help out where I can.

Tony Smith, Alpine Lodge Trustee

I want to thank the Nominating Committee for the excellent work they have done in finding capable replacements for those of us who are retiring. I learned a lot during my tenure as secretary, and wish to thank all those who were so helpful during my time on the Board.

Anne Good, CAC Board, Secretary

In the club I found a remarkable group of people with whom to share common interests. It has provided the opportunity for so many life-enriching experiences from friendships to travel, skiing hiking, and river and mountain trips to name just a few. Where else can one find such a get-up-and-go energy and adventuresome group of people?

Jean Rogers, Alpine Lodge Trustee

It seems like only yesterday that I started as the treasurer for Alpine Lodge. However, looking back, I realize I started in 2004. Since then our accounting system has greatly improved, thanks to all the input from the Finance Committee. It has been very enjoyable working with the trustees and the other board members and I would like to thank everyone for their support over the years.

Melanie Facen, Alpine Lodge Treasurer

I'd like to introduce myself as a new CACF Board member. I am a retired (1998) community college mathematics teacher. My main avocations include hiking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing, canoeing, botanical sleuthing, birding and extensive gardening.

I have volunteered doing Pacific Crest Trail maintenance work, serving as a board member with the Environmental Council of Santa Cruz, working with the Second Harvest Food Bank, and doing grounds maintenance at a Buddhist retreat center.

My interest in joining CACF stems from strong beliefs in sustaining the community of life on our planet, and preserving an eco-friendly recreational infrastructure for nurturing bodies and souls. The Foundation provides our club a unique outreach opportunity to help existing local efforts in preserving the quality and integrity of life and managing a recreational infrastructure. CACF's grants award record clearly affirms our club's commitment to these vital goals.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Allen Utterback, CACAF Board

I volunteered first to be a Board member, but was recruited to be a trustee instead. I was persuaded to serve in this way when an outgoing trustee told me, "It's just like taking care of your house." I love to take care of my house, so I decided this would be a good job for me. I have enjoyed the workdays at CAC, and want the wonderful benefits of membership to continue. This is my way of giving back for all the rewards I have received from the camaraderie and adventure shared in CAC.

Ricia Wise, Alpine Lodge Trustee

See WORDS on page 6

In 1988, I included in the 75th year Club's Dinner and Dance booklet the following President's message -

"It is an honor to be president of our club, which is still going strong after three quarters of a century... We owe our club's success to the many who have served the club so long and so well. Your willingness to serve and benevolence towards our club will guide it into the future and beyond the century mark!"

Today, just as 25 years ago, I intend to serve and be part of the force that guides the club. On a personal note, I intend to participate in several club activities once again, as this will speed up my recovery from recent physical setbacks.

***Gene Kendrick—Returning Board Member
(President, 1988)***

My main motivation for getting involved is that, having been active in other organizations, I know and appreciate all the work that goes into keeping an all-volunteer organization going. I feel it is my duty as a member to help out when I can. I am inspired by past and current volunteers, but most especially by Ray Sommer, who has been the Treasurer for Echo Lodge for as long as I can remember.

Jayma Brown—Alpine Lodge Trustee/Treasurer

My brain is overwhelmed with taxes at the moment that I don't have a formal "motivation" written up. Basically, it has to do with enjoying the people I've met at Echo Lodge and sharing an interest in the outdoors that motivates me to want to be more involved with the Club. That, and reaching a point in life when I have more time to get involved.

Karen Ebadi—Board Member

Over the years, I have enjoyed being part of the heritage of CAC and interacting with the members, especially those avid hikers. It is now time for me to become more involved and return some of the enjoyment to the Club. We have a challenging demographic and need new younger members to carry on the traditions. My involvement with other hiking groups will lead me to encourage them to join us.

Robert L. Freinkel—Board Member

My experience with groups, clubs and other volunteer situations has taught me that the more active I am, the more I get out of it. I have enjoyed the hikes and the skiing and the stays at both Echo and the Alpine Lodge over my years as a member. My main motivation to spend more volunteer time now is this wonderful opportunity to work together and on behalf of the Alpine Lodge towards our common cause of providing a lodge for our members as they enjoy and protect our natural resources. I am looking forward to the tasks ahead and working closer with our members as we bring our club into its second century.

Dan Larson—Alpine Lodge Trustee

I'm a passionate skier and outdoorsman. I'm also a proud father of two amazing children (Olivia, 20; James, 16), and devoted husband of Christine. I joined CAC when I saw what a unique treasure it is. My motivation to volunteer is simply to help extend the legacy of CAC for future generations. In my professional life I'm a lawyer and business executive, which I hope will help in fulfilling my responsibilities as secretary.

Douglas Evans—Secretary of the Board

Echo Lodge offers wonderful lessons in building character, teaching responsibility, encouraging "shared work", and the joys of nature, to both adults and children. Our young families will hopefully grow into the next generation of stewards who will sustain the life of CAC. As youth coordinator for Echo Lodge, I hope to build excitement for new and existing family members, and to use and participate in caring for the Lodge. I am passionate about the nature, community, and family combination that our Club embodies. I hope to see you enjoying The CAC with your family this year!

Renee Lee—Youth Activities Committee Chair

I am encouraged by the skills and experience of my fellow new trustees. I am hopeful we will be a good team to continue to make CAC a great social club. I am hopeful things will continue to improve, that the club will become one club instead of Alpine vs. Echo. As the spouse of a very active volunteer, I have observed what it takes to keep the club moving forward. Volunteering is a form of giving and I hope anyone reading this considers how can they do their part to assist the common good and spread the benefits of their contribution and gift.

Russ Toran--Alpine Lodge Trustee

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

View the up-to-date Alpine Event Calendar: Go to <http://calalpineclub.org> under the Members heading. You will need the CAC user ID and password, which can be obtained from any of the CAC leadership individuals.

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 alpinelodge1@yahoo.com, or call 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.

MAY 3 THUR

Contact: Jim Ballou
jrball321@gmail.com
Lunch will be served. Overnight possible.

WORK PARTY

9am-3pm
414-884-4975

MAY 4-5 FRI-SAT

Torie Beedle tentative; overnight

PRIVATE EVENT

MAY 11 FRI

Overnight to prepare for cooking class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

MAY 12 SAT

Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Vegetarian/less meat

Contact Adam Wisniewski at wiznals@gmail.com or 408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org.

COOKING AT THE LODGE – CLASS 4

MAY 14-16 MON-WED

Overnight: Contact Tony Smith
joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net. Out by 4pm
Wednesday

ROSSMOOR & CAC HIKERS

MAY 18-19 FRI-SAT

Alice Ricks

PRIVATE EVENT

MAY 20 SUN

BOARD MEETING AT 2PM

MAY 22-23 TUE-WED

BREAKFAST, HIKE AND POTLUCK DINNER

Enjoy an 8:30 am breakfast, followed by a 9:30 am hike on the mountain. Happy hour and potluck dinner to follow. It's a BYO event with overnight available. Contact Bev Leve at bevron@sbcglobal.net. Cost \$10

MAY 26 SAT

BOARD MEETING AT 2PM

JUN 2-3 SAT-SUN

Daytime party with graduating 5-year olds and parents, overnight.

PRIVATE EVENT

CORTE MADERA CO-OP PRESCHOOL

JUN 5 TUE

Allyn Bromley

JUN 7 THURS

Contact: Jim Ballou at 415-884-0878 9am-3pm
or jrball321@gmail.com.

PRIVATE EVENT

WORK PARTY

JUN 8 FRI

Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

ADAM WISNEWSKI

JUN 9 SAT

COOKING AT THE LODGE – CLASS 5

Noon-5:30pm – Class for 12-15 Students
Sushi/Ramen
Contact Adam Wisniewski at wiznals@gmail.com or 408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org.

JUN 15-16 FRI-SAT

Joe Fay

PRIVATE EVENT

JUN 16 SAT

CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

JUN 17 SUN

The Mountain Play Association has the lodge reserved from 3-10 PM for their final dinner.

MT. PLAY PARTY

JUN 24 SUN

Ann Roberts

SIERRA CLUB

In by 4pm

JUN 25-29 MON-SAT

Out by 9am Saturday

SIERRA CLUB

JULY 1-3 SUN-TUES

Tentative

PRIVATE EVENT

JULY 4 WED

INDEPENDENCE DAY POTLUCK

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS. Alpine Lodge phone number is 415-388-9940.

JULY 8-14 SUN-SAT

Sun After 4pm

PRIVATE EVENT

JULY 15 SUN

BOARD AT 2PM, QUARTERLY AT 3PM, DINNER AFTER

JULY 20-21

MEMBER WEDDING

JULY 30-AUG 5 MON-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

SEP 12-14 WED-FRI

CAL ONSITE WASTEWATER GROUP

SEP 21-22 FRI-SAT

COASTWALK

OCT 13-14 SAT-SUN

Out by 9:30 Sunday

GAYLESTA RETREAT

OCT 21-26 MON-FRI

Out by 1pm Friday

SIERRA CLUB

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!





Historical Corner

HIKING FAMILY HISTORY

New member, **Melinda Harris**, recently enjoying her first event at Alpine Lodge, was drawn to the photos hanging in the living room. She had been told of her grandfather's membership in the CAC, but didn't know any details. Harris spotted her father's father, William "Bill" Harris, in a 1915 board of directors' photo. Along with serving on CAC's first board of directors, Harris was also the Club's second treasurer.

Bill Harris had immigrated to the United States, bringing a wife and eight children from Leicester, England. Widowed within six months of arriving in San Francisco, Harris herded his brood, ages 5 to 18, on regular family outings to Stinson Beach on the weekends, via the ferry from San Francisco to Marin, picking up the train to Mt. Tam, and hiking down to Stinson Beach. His profession as bookkeeper made him a natural to become the Club's first treasurer.

Melinda is excited that after years of hiking she has connected with this bit of family history.

— Bev Leve



ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY

On Sunday, April 15, prospective members **Karen Lee, Monika Masuda, Bonne Mastrocola, Betty Stanfield and David Rolloff** came to help out at the Alpine Lodge work party, joining **Dolores Fahey, Phylis Sorenson, Ruth Tretbar, Lori Merrit, Russ Toran** and



other members to give the place a spring overhaul. We got a lot of work done including both routine clean-up and special projects. The kitchen crew, led by **Kate Twain** and **Jean Rodgers** created a delicious lunch of chili and rice. **David Rolloff** and **Hunter Merrit** sanded the windows in the big hall, **Betty La Guire** single-handedly washed all the woodwork in the upstairs dorm and gave feedback on more things that need fixing. **Steve Ross** and **Erin Bradner** with daughters **Jillian** and **Annika** worked on the Mt Tam building. Jillian and Annika also straightened out the toy and game box. It is great to see new members joining the Club as each of their special skills make our club so much better. Thank you one and all.

— Russ Toran, Alpine Lodge Board

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 7:30pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com.
Echo Lodge Telephone
530-659-7274

Spring Work and Fun Party is May 24-27. Enjoy food and camaraderie with some of CAC's finest folks!

Contact Tom Coleman for reservations at travmcgee@comcast.net.

Summer/Fall Hosts and Hosts-in-Training:
Only a few choice openings are still available for summer: June 11-15, July 29-Aug 1, Aug 19-22, Aug 26-31, and Sep 3-7. If any portion of these time periods work for you to host, please contact me by email or telephone.

Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting** will be _____ 2012, 5 PM, by teleconference. Contact Cindy at 707-321-3262 if you would like 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 Summit Lodge Spring/Summer Schedule:

MAY 4-6 FRI-SUN SPRING HOST TRAINING
Reservations: Cindy Toran 707-321-3262
cktoran@gmail.com

MAY 18-20 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
Roger and Mary Rigney 916-985-7351

MAY 20-22 SUN-TUE ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE
Tom McNicholas and Peter Purgulis 707-254-9953
4200 Maher Street, Napa, CA 94558
tommcnicholas@yahoo.com

MAY 24-27 THUR-SUN SPRING FUN AND WORK PARTY
Contact: Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
travmcgee@comcast.net

JUN 1-5 FRI-TUE PRIVATE EVENT
Emily Lockett 707-576-0948

JUN 6-11 WED-MON CONSERVATION BENEFIT AND BIRDING

Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
karwag@sonic.net

JUN 15-17 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
richard@thorntonpartners.us

JUN 17-24 SUN-SUN YOUNG FAMILIES AND TEENS WEEK

Janis Riccomini and Paul Crockett 408-981-9137
12602 Cambridge Dr, Saratoga, CA 95070
janisriccomini@comcast.net

JUN 20 WED ECHO TRUSTEE MEETING
5pm via teleconference; call Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262

JUN 24-JUL 1 SUN-SUN SUMMER WILDFLOWER HIKES

Lin Mangiante and Barbara Crockett 650-697-7403
424 Hazel Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030
foxtails@pacbell.net

JUL 1-8 SUN-SUN 4TH OF JULY HOSTED EVENT

Tim Seeley 707-486-8288
4819 Foxglove Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
seeley@sonic.net

JULY 8-11 SUN-WED HOSTED EVENT

Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Drive, Santa Cruz CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

JULY 11-14 WED-SAT COOP MEALS WITH FRIENDS

Tony Smith 925-933-2403
2345 Tice Creek Drive #4, Walnut Creek CA 94595
joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net

JUL 14-19 SAT-THUR HIKER'S WEEK / COOP MEALS

Eva Libien 415-383-5184
2 Eucalyptus Knoll, Mill Valley, CA 94941
elibien@yahoo.com

JUL 19-26 THUR-THUR HOSTED EVENT

Kathy and Bill Faherty 707-539-7081
5420 Gates Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404
kfaherty@mac.com

JUL 26-29 THUR-SUN HOSTED EVENT

Lillian Young and Genie/Tim Frye 650-588-5689
3650 Sneath Lane, San Bruno, CA 94066
lcyou@sbcglobal.net

JUL 29-AUG 1 SUN-WED AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 1-5 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT

Art Ewart and Kathleen O'Dea 707-481-2432
2360 Dominic Drive, Novato CA 94947
kathleensodea@gmail.com

AUG 5-11 SUN-SAT COOP MEALS

Mae Harms 530-333-1058
5941 Garden Park Drive, Garden Valley, CA 95633
maeharms@mindspring.com

AUG 12-19 SUN-SUN COOP MEALS

Jim Nixon and Jan McCulloch 650-756-7771
50 Seacrest Court, Daly City, CA 94015
jimnixon2000@yahoo.com
Currently taking names for waiting list.

AUG 19-22 SUN-WED AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 22-26 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT AND TRAIL CLEARING WKND

Come help maintain the hiking trails we all enjoy so much! Note: the lodge will also be open as a hosted event (i.e., open to members not involved in trail clearing.)

Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

AUG 26-31 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 31-SEP 3 FRI-MON LABOR DAY WEEKEND / COOP MEALS

Kristina and Ben Gale 415-381-9319
158 Morningsun Avenue, Mill Valley CA 94941
krissegale@yahoo.com

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



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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

I could say how enjoyable the St. Patrick's Day Dinner was, but instead I'd like to thank the many people who made it possible. First, thanks to **Ed Troy**, our master chef, and his sister **Helena**, who arrived loaded down with groceries ready to work. With 62 guests expected, there was a lot to do. The cavalry came to the rescue in the guise of **Adam Wisnewski**, whose take-charge attitude put us at ease. **John Lillich** welcomed guests while wife **Barbara** scribed nametags and place cards. **Sue Karp** and **Sarah Davis** decorated the tables (set-up by **Karl Baeck** and helpers) with a spring motif featuring shamrocks and daffodils.

Thanks also to those who contributed hors d'oeuvre, particularly the man who brought the Irish soda bread. **Melanie Facen** and **Mayme Harris** were bartenders, with a little help from **Hardy Dawainis**. **Ben Heldens**, who had selected the meat prepared and baked by **Ed**, joined **Hardy** in slicing and serving. With **Sue** on my right and **Peter Snoek** on my left, we added savoy cabbage, pink potatoes and carrots baked in a horseradish sauce. Guests enjoyed a dessert of apple crumble with ice cream, and appreciated the coffee brewed by **Pascale Leroy**. **John** and **Barbara** were innkeepers the next day, so it fell to them to launder the linens and return the Lodge to its pristine condition.

I know I've omitted the names of many wonderful people without whom the occasion would not have gone as smoothly nor been as much fun as it was. Thank you all.

— Nuala Caulfield

TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please send articles for the June issue of TRAILS to monthly editor, **Susan Patrick** at susandpatrick@msn.com. Susan should receive articles for the June issue no later than May 5th.

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Our July/August TRAILS will be edited by **Dan Schoenholz**. Send all submissions by June 5th to dschoenholz@sbcglobal.net. Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact **Mae Harms** at maeharms@mindspring.com.

— Mae Harms, Publications Chair



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WORK ON A DARK AND FOGGY DAY

Dark skies, fog and showers did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 9 hardy workers attending May's Thursday work party. Attending to the club's needs were Mae Harms, Dan Larson, Ruth Tretbar, Sara Lee, Ricia Wise, Hardy Dawainis, myself and two potential members Charles Johnstone and Peter VonDippe. Ruth, Mae and Sara braved the inclement weather to work on the garden which one must admit is exceptionally beautiful this spring. If you haven't been to the club recently, come by and enjoy the garden.

Charles and Peter, (photo attached) worked in the social hall prepping and painting window frames. and contributed their companionship around the lunch table.

The next work party is scheduled June 7 and I'll go out on a limb and predict fair weather, so let's see the volunteers out in force.



— Jim Ballou

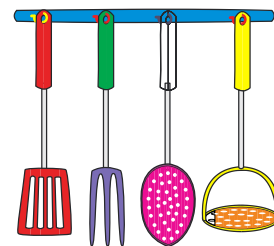


KIDS' KITCHEN, FOR AGES 6 TO 13 June 30

My name is **Shayna Bomfim** and I am 12 years old. Since I was four, I have been cooking with my mother, a California Culinary Academy graduate, and my aunts from Brazil. Every time I go to Brazil, I learn a few new recipes. Last year, I was also in a cooking club at Mill Valley Middle School.

Because I love to cook, I am inviting members ages 6-13 to learn how to make Brazilian appetizers -- cheese bread and Brigadeiro -- on June 30th from 11am to 1 pm. It's fun and easy. Your friends and family will be impressed. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call 415-381-4676 or email at selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

Also, look in coming *Trails* issues for my Etiquette Class for Kids scheduled for November.



—Shayna Bomfim

California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Alpiners,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful spring. The hills are green and filled with wildflowers. Perfect for hiking with fellow alpiners.

During Spring Host Training at Echo Lodge several members asked

whether or not meetings must be held at Alpine Lodge. The answer is no. The only meeting required to be held at Alpine is the Nominations Committee meeting.

Our By-Laws state "The Quarterly Meetings and the Annual Meeting shall be held at Alpine Lodge or some other location readily available by automobile." So if a site is readily available by automobile, a meeting could be held there. Only the meeting dates are specific. The three quarterly Business Meetings are to be held on the third Sunday in January, July and October (if a Federal Holiday interferes, the meeting date can be moved) and the Annual Meeting is to be held on the last weekend of April. The Board holds four of its ten meetings concurrently with the meetings mentioned above and usually has a dinner. The other meetings have historically been held at Alpine Lodge on the third Saturday of the month. In recent years, meetings have not been held in August or December

I brought this item up at the May 20 Board Meeting. The Board was interested in hearing feedback from members. A suggestion was put forth that in the future, with adequate notification and local interest, a meeting(s) could be held away from Alpine. If you want to know whether or not there is enough interest in your area the club could provide you with email addresses for specific zip codes. You would contact members, determine if there is adequate interest, then find and secure a suitable location. Within reason the club would pay for the rental and insurance.

California members, please vote for the Environment on Tuesday, June 5.

Thank you

— Jim Nixon



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— Sarah Dove, Membership Chair

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
Board Meeting 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 15
Board & Quarterly Meetings 2pm & 3pm

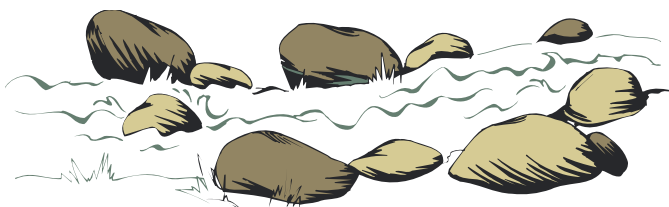
AUGUST – No meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Board Meeting at 2pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
Board & Membership Meetings 2pm & 3pm.
Dinner will follow. Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse,
267 Buena Vista Avenue, Mill Valley.

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



ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday June 3	9:30 AM	Ricia Wise	510-525-8268	2B
Sunday June 10	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers Poetry Hike	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday June 17	9:30 AM	Ruth Tretbar	415-836-0108	2B
Sunday June 24	9:30 AM	Jordan Herrmann	510-520-9782	2B
Sunday July 1	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday July 8	9:30 AM	Karl Baek	415-459-6370	2B
Sunday July 15	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday July 22	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday July 29	9:30 AM	Jock MacDonald	415-381-2870	2B
Sunday August 5	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday August 12	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday August 19	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday August 26	9:30 AM	Open		2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

CAC UPCOMING OUTINGS.

The California Alpine Club's Annual Base Camp trip will be held during the week of August 13-August 17, at the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness Area, near Courtright Reservoir, east of Fresno. It will be co-led by Carlos Miranda, and Bruce and Diane Friend. We will meet at the Cliff Lake Trail Head on Monday, August 13, and hike 5 1/2 miles (1,300' elevation gain) into Cliff Lake. From there, campers can hike to many beautiful lakes and peaks. The price this year is \$300, which includes all food (nouveau California camping), daily Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m., appetizers, tent cabins at the Packer Station for those who wish to come Sunday, August 12, and of course, horses/mules to carry our gear. Campers will be required to carry their own personal day packs and water bottles. The trip is limited to fourteen (14) people, first come, first served. To reserve a spot, please send a check for \$50 made out to Carlos M. Miranda at 1041 3rd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818. For any questions, call me at 916-446-1161.

Currently taking names for a waiting list.

— Carlos Miranda

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

JUNE 2012

03	Susan Head	415 331 25 98
10	Anne and Jim Allio	650 583 1543
17	Justine and Mario LaMarche	831-428-2808
24	Bob Hansen & Lyda Discus	925-934-1071

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

View the up-to-date Alpine Event Calendar: Go to <http://calalpineclub.org> under the Members heading. You will need the CAC user ID and password, which can be obtained from any of the CAC leadership individuals.

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.

JUN 2-3 SAT-SUN PRIVATE EVENT CORTE MADERA CO-OP PRESCHOOL

Daytime party with graduating 5-year olds and parents, overnight.

JUN 5 TUE PRIVATE EVENT

Allyn Bromley

JUN 6 WED

Bromleys out by 10 AM

JUN 7 THURS WORK PARTY

Contact: Jim Ballou at 415-884-0878 9am-3pm
or jrball321@gmail.com.

JUN 8 FRI ADAM WISNEWSKI

Overnight to Prepare for Cooking Class

JUN 9 SAT COOKING AT THE LODGE - CLASS 5

Noon-5:30pm - Class for 12-15 Students

Sushi/Ramen

Contact Adam Wisnewski at wiznals@gmail.com or 408-515-5280. Or check Alpine Lodge Calendar on our website for further details: www.calalpineclub.org.

JUN 12 SIERRA CLUB HIKE LEADERS 2-7 PM

JUN 15-16 FRI-SAT PRIVATE EVENT

Joe Fay

JUN 16 SAT CAC BOARD MEETING 2PM

JUN 17 SUN MT. PLAY PARTY

The Mountain Play Association has the lodge reserved from 3-10 PM for their final dinner.

JUN 24 SUN SIERRA CLUB

Ann Roberts

In by 4pm

JUN 25-29 MON-SAT SIERRA CLUB

Out by 9am Saturday

JUN 30 SAT KID'S KITCHEN

11am-1pm

See article on page 1.

JULY 1-4 SUN-WED PRIVATE EVENT

Out by 10am

JULY 4 WED INDEPENDENCE DAY POTLUCK

Eva Libien and Tony Smith host

JULY 8-14 SUN-SAT PRIVATE EVENT

Sun After 4pm

JULY 15 SUN BOARD AT 2PM, QUARTERLY AT 3PM, DINNER AFTER

JULY 20-21 FRI-SAT MEMBER WEDDING

SEP 12-14 WED-FRI CAL ONSITE WASTEWATER GROUP

SEP 21-22 FRI-SAT COASTWALK

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN MORNING SANTA CRUZ GROUP DOES TAMALPAIS - CLUB EVENT

Contact Mary Martin ind2swim@yahoo.com

OCT 13-14 SAT-SUN GAYLESTA RETREAT

Out by 9:30 Sunday

OCT 21-26 MON- FRI SIERRA CLUB

Out by 1pm Friday

NOV 17 SAT BOARD MEETING 2 PM

DEC 8 SAT HOLIDAY PARTY

DEC 9 SUN CHILDRENS' PARTY

DEC 25 TUE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS. Alpine Lodge phone number is 415-388-9940.



Historical Corner

The Boat



In July 1952, the first summer that CAC bought Echo Summit Lodge a group of us, including Dave Barr, Gail Lindlow, Tony Smith, Verna Steele, Ken Wiltz and Harry West bought a small motor boat to learn to Water Ski. "Jorgy" loaned us a dock we towed about half way up Echo Lake and anchored. Some of us learned to ski; others took boat trips around the lake and many of us enjoyed the sunshine and especially friends.

— Verna West, Historian



WHERE ARE WE GOING NEXT??

Helen Wilson passed in her sleep as she had wanted it to happen.

Helen enjoyed hiking most of all, taking to the trail wherever it went. That was her Church. She belonged to the TCC, Sierra Club and, of course, the California Alpine Club in her later years. She was the Treasurer for the Club for many years. It seemed that we both liked to deal with money. We received the Distinguished Service Award from the Club in 2001.

Helen came on many of my Senior Trips to ECHO, our Lodge at Lake Tahoe. Every day we had a jaunt down to Stateline and, of course, Harrah's Casino. At that time she loved the fish games. We would only spend a few hours and then to our picnic spot where we ate lunch by the lake, watched the birds and finally meandered back to the Lodge. Martha Hughes was there with us.

Martha was her constant companion on cruises that went here and there. "Cheaper than staying at home" she said, enjoyed the entertainment, as well. In 2010, much to our surprise, Martha and Helen were on the same cruise as us to Alaska. We met them frequently throughout our voyage.

Our sympathies go out to the family.

— Ray Sommer



Helen Wilson (l) and Martha Hughes (r)

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 7:30pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com. Echo Lodge Telephone 530-659-7274

Summer/Fall Hosts: Only a few choice openings are still available for Summer: July 29-Aug 1, Aug 26-31, and Sep 3-7. If any portion of these time periods work for you to host, please contact me by e-mail or telephone.

— Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting** will be Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 5 PM, by teleconference. Contact Cindy at 707-321-3262 if you would like 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 Summit Lodge Summer/Fall Schedule:

JUN 1-5 FRI-TUE PRIVATE EVENT
Emily Lockett 707-576-0948

JUN 6-11 WED-MON CONSERVATION
BENEFIT AND BIRDING
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
karwag@sonic.net

JUN 15-17 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
richard@thorntonpartners.us

JUN 17-24 SUN-SUN YOUNG FAMILIES AND
TEENS WEEK
Janis Riccomini and Paul Crockett 408-981-9137
12602 Cambridge Dr, Saratoga, CA 95070
janisriccomini@comcast.net

JUN 24-JUL 1 SUN-SUN SUMMER
WILDFLOWER HIKES
Lin Mangiante and Barbara Crockett 650-697-7403
424 Hazel Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030
foxtails@pacbell.net

JUL 1-8 SUN-SUN 4TH OF JULY
HOSTED EVENT
Tim Seeley 707-486-8288
4819 Foxglove Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
seeley@sonic.net

JULY 8-11 SUN-WED HOSTED EVENT
Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Drive, Santa Cruz CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

JULY 11-14 WED-SAT COOP MEALS
WITH FRIENDS
Tony Smith 925-933-2403
2345 Tice Creek Drive #4, Walnut Creek CA 94595
joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net

JUL 14-19 SAT-THUR HIKER'S WEEK /
COOP MEALS
Eva Libien 415-383-5184
2 Eucalyptus Knoll, Mill Valley, CA 94941
elibien@yahoo.com

JUL 19-26 THUR-THUR HOSTED EVENT
Kathy and Bill Faherty 707-539-7081
5420 Gates Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404
kfaherty@mac.com

JUL 26-29 THUR-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Lillian Young and Genie/Tim Frye 650-588-5689
3650 Sneath Lane, San Bruno, CA 94066
lcyoun@sbcglobal.net

JUL 29-AUG 1 SUN-WED AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 1-5 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Art Ewart and Kathleen O'Dea 707-481-2432
2360 Dominic Drive, Novato CA 94947
kathleensodea@gmail.com

AUG 5-11 SUN-SAT COOP MEALS
Mae Harms 530-333-1058
5941 Garden Park Drive, Garden Valley, CA 95633
maeharms@mindspring.com

AUG 12-19 SUN-SUN COOP MEALS
Jim Nixon and Jan McCulloch 650-756-7771
50 Seacrest Court, Daly City, CA 94015
jimnixon2000@yahoo.com
Currently taking names for waiting list.

AUG 19-22 SUN-WED HOSTED EVENT
FUN AND SUN AT ECHO
Bring a side dish to share.
Mary Martin and Allison Garcia 831-427-1281
107 Hammond Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
ind2swim@yahoo.com

AUG 22-26 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT AND
TRAIL CLEARING WKND
Come help maintain the hiking trails we all enjoy so much! Note: the lodge will also be open as a hosted event (i.e., open to members not involved in trail clearing.)
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

AUG 26-31 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 31-SEP 3 FRI-MON LABOR DAY
WEEKEND / COOP MEALS
Kristina and Ben Gale 415-381-9319
158 Morningsun Avenue, Mill Valley CA 94941
krissegale@yahoo.com

SEP 3-7 MON-FRI AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

SEP 7-9 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
Lee Yamada & Phyllis Cole 831-662-2320

SEP 9-14 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR
TRAINED HOSTS

SEP 14-16 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
Kathy Kinkela 707-539-0164

SEP 20-23 THURS-SUN FALL FUN & WORK
PARTY
Contact: Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
travmcgee@comcast.net

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT
Jayma Brown & Allan Lindberg 510-237-0231
525 32nd St, Richmond, CA 94804
jaymabrown@earthlink.net

OCT 11-14 THURS-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
Chris Bekins 707-874-2556

OCT 14-21 SUN-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
Lin & John Mangiante 650-697-7403

OCT 21-28 SUN-SUN FALL COLOR HIKES
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TEAHOUSE TREK TO MOUNT EVEREST BASE CAMP

Please join me on my trek to Mt. Everest Base Camp in October 2012

I put together a custom teahouse trek to Mt. Everest Base Camp for Oct-Nov 2012. Right now I am the only one on the trek and am looking for trekking partners. I evaluated over 40 trekking companies and chose an experienced, local Nepalese trekking company. This trek also includes one and one-half days seeing the Mani Rimdu festival at the Tyangboche Monastery. The 20 day trek is from Oct 24, 2012 to Nov 12, 2012. The cost is \$1,520 plus airfare.

If anyone is interested in joining me or would like a copy of my detailed analysis for your own Everest trek, please email me at rmsturm@yahoo.com.

Thanks,

— **Bob Sturm**

TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

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Our September TRAILS will be edited by **Bob Strum**. Send all submissions by August 5th to rmstrum@hotmail.com. Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact **Mae Harms** at maeharms@mindspring.com.

— **Mae Harms, Publications Chair**



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ECHO LODGE SPRING WORK PARTY

Snow falling like it was February, fire blazing to warm the Lodge, and curious expressions on vacationers' faces as they searched for Echo Lakes Road. Yep, must be time for the Echo Lodge Spring Work Party, held yearly on Memorial day weekend! Mother Nature's way of saying "be careful what you plan for!"

The 2012 SWP started fine on Wednesday afternoon, when **Bruce** and **Diane Friend**, **Vicki Olds**, and **Kurt Eichstaedt**, Echo trustee, arrived. They came a day early, so that the nice newish marmoleum floors in the kitchen and DR could be cleaned and resealed before multiple feet started tramping on them. They finished the third coating of sealer at 10pm. That's dedication!

Tom Coleman, trustee, arrived bright and early Thursday morning. Long logs had been ordered, and were there waiting to be 'rounded' for next winter. Kurt met with the fire extinguisher person and the septic fellow. Diane Friend volunteered to do the cooking, along with Vicki Olds. As other volunteers arrived, jobs were parceled out. We were able

to rent a splitter, so as logs were rounded to 20", they were rolled down to **Bruce** and **Allen Utterback**, who split them. Crews then tossed the split logs into a waiting truck, and sent them to the basement, where they were stacked, ready for winter 2013!

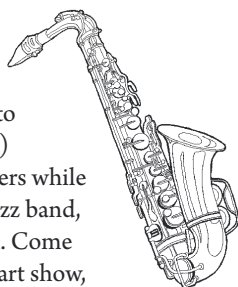
Friday morning was quite a surprise. A winter wonderland! Planned jobs for outside had to be deserted, and new inside jobs brought to the fore. The snow continued unabated from Friday morning until late Saturday evening. Carpets were shampooed, pantries were organized, sheets and mattress covers were taken down the hill and washed. The big store room is as organized as I've ever seen it, thanks to the efforts of **Scott Lewis**, **Matt Hendricks**, **Jon Erickson**, and their fearless leader Kurt! We ended up ordering another truckload of logs because we rounded the first 4 cords worth by noon Friday. **Bob Henry**, **Allen Utterback** and **Mary Larkin** were the chainsaw experts, working through very rough, cold conditions. Helping them were **Peter** and **Maddy Thornton**, son



The revamped workshop at Echo Lodge

YOU'RE INVITED! FOOD, WINE, ART AND JAZZ September 23, 2012

Your California Alpine Club Foundation invites you to an afternoon benefit on Sunday, September 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. Your \$25 donation (tax deductible) includes a beverage and delicious appetizers while enjoying the music of **David Solbach's** jazz band, which will feature a new vocalist, at 3 p.m. Come early and check out **Jordan Herrmann's** art show, stay to enjoy the music and refreshments and a raffle. This is your chance to support our club's charitable grants to conservation organizations in the Bay Area and at Tahoe. For reservations contact **Renee Powers** at (415) 648-4940 or reeneepowers@comcast.net.



—Arlin
Weinberger



California Alpine Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Alpiners,

I hope you are enjoying the wonderful summer weather. I don't know about you, but I have fond memories of summer fragrances (dry grasses, pine trees, campfires, food cooking on the camp stove, ocean waves, etc). It all adds up to a sense of anticipation. I am looking forward to enjoying our outdoor special places with family and friends. I hope you too have fond memories and enjoy your summer.



As you may recall from my message from a year ago the state of California was proposing closure of up to 70 Parks and Recreation Areas. The good news is many will remain open this summer due to generous volunteer efforts and donations. If you want to help save the parks, contact the State Parks foundation at <http://www.calparks.org/>.

We have an ongoing need for more volunteers. The Social Activities Coordinator (SAC) position has been vacant for several years. Several Alpine trustees have picked up the slack to make events happen for our members but those volunteers have moved on to other activities.

During this year's Awards Dinner event I experienced first hand the scope of the job. What are needed, in addition to the SAC, are lots of helpers to do parts of the whole. New member **Bonnie Herzog** was the Coordinator for the event with help from **Tony Smith** and **Ruth Tretbar**. But they weren't the only people involved. There were helpers in the kitchen, set-up and takedown crews, servers etc. I am sure there are volunteers who would be willing to be the coordinator (Social Activities Chairperson) if he/she knew there was a group of willing and available helpers who could be called on for these events. If you are interested please get in touch with me. I really want to see these events begin again. Having events for all ages at Alpine Lodge and other places is important to the health of the club and to the financial status of Alpine Lodge. If you think you can help for any part of the whole please, please let me know.

Thank you again and enjoy your summer

— Jim Nixon

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— Sarah Dove, Membership Chair

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Board & Quarterly Meetings 2pm & 3pm

AUGUST – No meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Board Meeting at 2pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Board & Membership Meetings 2pm & 3pm.

Dinner will follow. Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse,
267 Buena Vista Avenue, Mill Valley.

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

ECHO LODGE HOST TRAINING

The semi-annual Host Training was held at Echo Lodge on May 4th through May 6th. This training is necessary for those who want to become hosts, those who may want to do a private rental for family and friends, and folks who are already hosts, but need to retake the training every three years.

The teachers for the training were trustees **Edie Nelson**, a member for over 50 years with great knowledge of the history of Echo, and **Tom Coleman**, a member since 1996. They covered all the facets that go into being a host, starting with the proper way to do billing to keep **Ray Sommer**, our Treasurer, happy! Menu planning, preparing to host, and helpful hosting tips, were also covered. After lunch, Tom and **Jim Nixon** took groups around the Lodge and surroundings to help the hosts familiarize themselves with the workings of the Lodge.

Jim Nixon also volunteered to do the cooking while we were all in class, and he truly served sumptuous fare. He's learned well from his wife, **Jan McCollough**! Thank you, Jim!

Attendees at the host training were: **Allen Lindberg, Jayma Brown, Genie and Tim Frye, Carl Duisberg and Laura Lindskog, James and Mona Baker**, (thank you for your help in the kitchen, Mona!), **Art Ewart and Kathleen O'Dea, Emily and John Lockett,**



Successful graduates (and faculty) of Echo Lodge Host Training

Herve and Therese Briend, and new members, **John and Barbara Hills**. Also attending were **Lillian Young, Mary Larkin** (wood-chopper extraordinaire!), **Lin Mangiante, Kate Twain, Charlene Schmidt, Betty Stanfield, Mary Richey, Tim Seeley, John Mangiante, and Bill Jones**.

Thank you to all these fine folks for taking the host-training. Without hosts, especially new hosts, Echo Lodge would not be the successful, fun place that it is. If you see the names mentioned above in upcoming Trails as hosts, give them a call or e-mail them, and be a part of the wonderful experience that is Echo Lodge.

— Tom Coleman

ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday July 1	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday July 8	9:30 AM	Karl Baek	415-459-6370	2B
Sunday July 15	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday July 22	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday July 29	9:30 AM	Jock MacDonald	415-381-2870	2B
Sunday August 5	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday August 12	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday August 19	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday August 26	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

WEEKEND OUTING AT ALPINE LODGE

Join us to reinstate casual outdoor weekends with minimal effort and expense. Running or rambling, hiking or biking, loafing, reading, knitting, sewing or whatever you fancy - come along. Spend a night and day on your mountain and have fun doing it. Enjoy your club, friendships, new and old and great camaraderie.

Some of us can take a turn co-hosting, with a potluck dinner, bring your own lunch and gourmet breakfast - all for only \$25 (\$30 for non-members). **Susan Head** and **Mary Jane McKown** will kick it off on September 8 and 9, 2012, Sign up soon, as space is limited. Make reservations with **Nuala Caulfield** at ntcaulfield@msn.com or phone at 415-922-6775. Let us know your interest even if you can't make this date.

— Mary Jane McKown

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

JULY 2012

01	Ursula Pedersen	(415) 479-0343
08	John and Lynn Magiante	(650) 697-7403
15	Nuala Caulfield	(415) 922-6775
22	Joni Hyerle	(831) 427-3839
29	Jeanne and Stuart Bacon	(415) 924-2712

AUGUST 2012

05	open	
12	Nuala Caulfield	(415) 922-6775
19	Bonnie Herzog	(415) 419-5004
26	open	

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

View the up-to-date Alpine Event Calendar: Go to <http://calalpineclub.org> under the Members heading. You will need the CAC user ID and password, which can be obtained from any of the CAC leadership individuals.

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.

JULY 1-4 SUN-WED PRIVATE EVENT
Out by 10am

JULY 4 WED INDEPENDENCE DAY POTLUCK
Eva Libien 415-383-5184

JULY 5 THURS
Tony Smith 650-207-1619 for optional WED overnight and THURS breakfast at Lodge rates.

JULY 8-14 SUN-SAT PRIVATE EVENT
Sun after 4pm

JULY 15 SUN BOARD AT 2PM, QUARTERLY AT 3PM, DINNER AFTER

JULY 20-21 FRI-SAT MEMBER WEDDING

JULY 22-AUG 23 AVAILABLE TO TRAINED HOSTS
At press time. Visit the website. Members calendar for open dates.

AUG 24 FRI OVERNIGHT BEFORE WORK PARTY
Optional. Hosted by Bev and Diane. See contact information below.

AUG 25 SAT WORK PARTY 9 TO 3, HIKE AFTERWARDS
Overnight stay possible on 8/24 and/or 8/25. Contact Bev Lev 707-539-2802, bevrn@sbcglobal.net or Diane Ryan, dryan4@comcast.net.

SEP 12-14 WED-FRI CAL ONSITE WASTEWATER GROUP
In 6 pm Wed, out 9 am Sat

SEP 21-22 FRI-SAT COASTWALK

SEP 23 FOOD, WINE, ART AND JAZZ
1-4 pm California Alpine Club Foundation \$25 donation. Reservations: Renee Powers (415) 648-4940 or reneepowers@comcast.net. See Article on page 1 for details.

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN MORNING SANTA CRUZ GROUP DOES TAMALPAIS - CLUB EVENT
Contact Mary Martin ind2swim@yahoo.com

OCT 20-21 SAT-SUN GAYLESTA RETREAT
Out by 9:30 am Sunday

OCT 21-26 SUN- FRI SIERRA CLUB
In at 4 pm Sun, out at 1 pm Fri

**NEW ALPINE LODGE
PHONE # 415-380-8250
OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS
ONLY; NO PAY PHONE
AVAILABLE**

NOV 17 SAT BOARD MEETING 2 PM

DEC 8 SAT HOLIDAY PARTY

DEC 9 SUN CHILDRENS' PARTY

DEC 15 SAT MOUNT TAMALPAIS INTERPRETIVE ASSOC. PARTY

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE
Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS.

DEC 25 TUE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY June 7, 2012

Dawn broke sunny and warm at the Alpine Lodge and the day was only to get better as time went on. First to arrive for the work party was **Chris Cruitt** to join **Sara Davis** to work in the garden taming some of the spring growth.

Patty and Max Camarillo, prospective members from Santa Cruz arrived and cleaned the kitchen's refrigerators and freezers. Patty also assisted preparing lunch while Max went to the Tam building to assist cleaning it. Member **Jana Shober** drove down from Sacramento with a friend and took on cleaning the sleeping quarters, both upstairs and the Tam building.

Tony Smith arrived with friend **Nancy Hermon** and proceeded to clean the BBQ from top to bottom.

Paul McGowan came with two bales of straw for the composting program and then suited up, grabbed his weed eater and cleaned our hillside of weeds. **Edie Nelson** came and prepared a special lunch for us while on her way up to Echo Lodge to cook for the weekend birding event up there. **Jim Ballou** assisted me in my first attempt at hosting a work party and pulled off many tasks including getting our new telephone installed. That's right, no more pay phone. Just pick it up and make your local call. The new number is **415-380-8350**. Jim also cleaned the screens on the sleeping porch and assisted me in installing the newly repaired umbrella.

A special thank you to all the participants and thanks again to those who responded to my request for ideas for this month's work list. If you have not attended a work party in a while or perhaps since you joined, please consider joining us soon.



Who is that masked man? Tony Smith eating the weeds, of course!

— Dan Larson



Camp Craft Show, Mt Tamalpais 1917

For several years the Alpine Club "Camp Craft" Demonstration Shows on Mount Tamalpais attracted many people. The photo to the right was taken in 1917. Records from 1921 show that more than 600 visitors attended.



*Alpine Club Founding Member
Harry P. West demonstrates
camp cookcraft*

— Verna West, Historian

Spring Work Party, continued from page 1

and daughter of **Richard Thornton**. **Nick Gregoratos** worked in the basement installing a new spa system (just kidding!). He did shore up a vertical support, and finished wall-shearing, which had been started a year ago. Richard Thornton and friend **Bernie Rossi** rebuilt the office cabinet doors, and they look beautiful! Many of the other volunteers performed the tasks we need to have done on a regular basis.

Attending the SWP were: Bruce and Diane Friend, Vicki Olds, Tom Coleman, Kurt Eichstaedt, Richard, Maddy, and Peter Thornton and friend Bernie Rossi, **Jim Baker**, **Boyd Roberts**, **Bob Burkle** and **Faith Milones**, Jon Erickson, Allen Utterback and **Val Nelson**, Mary Larkin, **Patty Tommity**, Scott Lewis, Nick Gregoratis, Matt Hendricks, **John Hills** and **Paul Vernef**. Arriving Saturday were **Ginny Westcott** and **Scotty Callow**, who worked hard 'mouse-proofing' the exterior and interior of the lodge! The mice thank you both!

Cleaning up on Sunday morning, and saying a reluctant good-bye to one another, we reveled at the strength of the human spirit, and what enthusiasm can overcome. Hardy volunteers, enjoying camaraderie, working together for the good of the club. See what you missed?!

Savings to the California Alpine Club and Echo Lodge through volunteer efforts: \$7500. Thank you all, and see you at the 2012 Fall Work Party, when the weather's usually beautiful....but you never know!

— Tom Coleman

UPCOMING WORK PARTIES AT ALPINE LODGE

THURSDAY	JULY 5	Jayma Brown	(510) 619-4227
THURSDAY	AUGUST 2	Jim Ballou	(415) 599-6468
SATURDAY	AUGUST 25	Russ Toran	(707) 321-3845
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 6	Ricia Wise	(510) 525-8268
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 4		
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 14	Jim Ballou	(415) 599-6468
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 1	Jayma Brown	(510) 619-4227
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 6		

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BUILD RETAINING WALL AT ECHO

As you may have noticed, the propane tank has been temporarily moved from its original position to an area that is actually parking at Echo Lodge. The reason? The hillside the propane tank was on started slowly crumbling away. A runaway propane tank holding 5000 gallons of gas would not have been a good thing!

We trustees have decided that a block retaining wall will be needed to stop the erosion of the hillside, and the eventual loss of our parking area. **Jerry Wagner**, a member of CAC and a retired architect, volunteered to help. He contacted an engineer who gave us the specs needed, and he drew up plans, all of which went to the local USFS office for approval. With a letter of approval from the USFS, and plans and specs, we will be able to get a permit from El Dorado County for the work that needs to be done. We hope to finish the wall, and the other work that needs to be done, this summer/fall. Don't want to be out there in November or December with the wind howling and the snow blowing!

This is where you come in, wonderful members of the CAC! We will need volunteers to come up and help build this retaining wall. Tom Coleman will be there supervising the work, and you are needed to help us. Come up for a day or three, help with the digging and shoveling and lifting, and a bit of sweat too! You'll get into fantastic shape! And you get to stay at the Lodge for free! And eat for free too! What a deal!!

The work will start after we get the permit, hopefully in a few weeks. Tom will set aside 2-3 days per week to be there each week. Please e-mail Tom if you're interested. Tom's e-mail is: travmcgee@comcast.net. Come up, help build, and look at the finished product years down the line and think to yourself "I helped build that". The trustees would like to thank Jerry Wagner for all his work, and his continued dedication to our beautiful Lodge.

— Tom Coleman

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 7:30pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com.
Echo Lodge Telephone
530-659-7274

ESL Trained Hosts: It's not too early to sign up for your favorite time in the **Winter 2013** schedule.

We are especially looking for host(s) for the **Thanksgiving** holiday and the **Christmas/New Year's** holiday time. Let me know if you can help with these special occasions. Enjoy your summer!

Note: I will be traveling August 5-30 so responses to e-mail may be slightly delayed and I will not have phone contact.

Sincerely, Cindy

For the date of the next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting**, contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262.

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 Summit Lodge Summer/Fall Schedule:

JUL 1-8 SUN-SUN 4TH OF JULY HOSTED EVENT

Tim Seeley 707-486-8288
4819 Foxglove Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
seeley@sonic.net

JULY 8-11 SUN-WED HOSTED EVENT

Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Drive, Santa Cruz CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

JULY 11-14 WED-SAT COOP MEALS WITH FRIENDS

Tony Smith 925-933-2403
2345 Tice Creek Drive #4, Walnut Creek CA 94595
joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net

JUL 14-19 SAT-THUR HIKER'S WEEK / COOP MEALS

Eva Libien 415-383-5184
2 Eucalyptus Knoll, Mill Valley, CA 94941
elibien@yahoo.com

JUL 19-26 THUR-THUR HOSTED EVENT

Kathy and Bill Faherty 707-539-7081
5420 Gates Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404
kfaherty@mac.com

JUL 26-29 THUR-SUN HOSTED EVENT

Lillian Young and Genie/Tim Frye 650-588-5689
3650 Sneath Lane, San Bruno, CA 94066
lcyou@sbcglobal.net

JUL 29-AUG 1 SUN-WED AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 1-5 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT

Art Ewart and Kathleen O'Dea 707-481-2432
2360 Dominic Drive, Novato CA 94947
kathleensodea@gmail.com

AUG 5-11 SUN-SAT COOP MEALS

Mae Harms 530-333-1058
5941 Garden Park Drive, Garden Valley, CA 95633
maeharms@mindspring.com

AUG 12-19 SUN-SUN COOP MEALS

Jim Nixon and Jan McCulloch 650-756-7771
50 Seacrest Court, Daly City, CA 94015
jimnixon2000@yahoo.com
Currently taking names for waiting list.

AUG 19-22 SUN-WED HOSTED EVENT FUN AND SUN AT ECHO

Bring a side dish to share.

Mary Martin and Allison Garcia 831-427-1281
107 Hammond Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
ind2swim@yahoo.com

AUG 22-26 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT AND TRAIL CLEARING WKND

Come help maintain the hiking trails we all enjoy so much! Note: the lodge will also be open as a hosted event (i.e., open to members not involved in trail clearing.)

Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

AUG 26-31 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 31-SEP 3 FRI-MON LABOR DAY WEEKEND / COOP MEALS

Kristina and Ben Gale 415-381-9319
158 Morningsun Avenue, Mill Valley CA 94941
krissegale@yahoo.com

SEP 3-7 MON-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

SEP 7-9 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

Lee Yamada & Phyllis Cole 831-662-2320

SEP 9-14 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

SEP 14-16 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

Kathy Kinkela 707-539-0164

SEP 20-23 THURS-SUN FALL FUN & WORK PARTY

Contact: Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
travmcgee@comcast.net

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT

Jayma Brown & Allan Lindberg 510-237-0231
525 32nd St, Richmond, CA 94804
jaymabrown@earthlink.net

OCT 11-14 THURS-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

Chris Bekins 707-874-2556

OCT 14-21 SUN-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

Lin & John Mangiante 650-697-7403

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TRAIL-CLEARING AT ECHO AUGUST 22-26

Please join **Tom Coleman** and USFS Ranger (and CAC member!) **Jon Erickson** on the weekend of 8/24-8/26, for a day of giving back to the trails we all love so much. It's also a fine way for new members, or new members-to-be, to fulfill their volunteer obligation, and get free room and board at the same time.

Tom is actually opening the Lodge on Wednesday afternoon as a regular rental for any members and/or their guests to come enjoy Echo and Lake Tahoe. Anyone coming Wednesday through Sunday, and working on the trails with us, will only be charged for Wednesday and Thursday. What a bargain!! And...if you just want to come up, and not work on the trail, that's fine too. Except you'll have to pay the normal rates.

Echo Lodge has done this trail-clearing weekend since 1996, and we want to continue working with our friends in the USFS to show that we do care about our surroundings, and do love our Tahoe trails enough to give back with our time and our labor.

Besides, we have a blast!! Just ask anyone who's done it in past years.

Thank you, and hope to hear from you. Just e-mail Tom Coleman at travmcgee@comcast.net.

— **Tom Coleman**

TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please send articles for the September issue of TRAILS to monthly editor, **Bob Sturm** at rmsturm@hotmail.com. Bob should receive articles for the September issue no later than August 5th.

Digital photographs are appreciated and will be published as space permits. Send photographs to the editor, uncropped, as jpeg attachments to an e-mail message. In the e-mail, please state clearly the names of the people in the photo, the date and place of the event, and the title of the corresponding article if applicable. Make sure you have permission from the people in the photos to publish their photo in TRAILS. For images in formats other than jpeg, contact the editor.

Our October TRAILS will be edited by **Richard Thornton**. Send all submissions by September 5th to RGThorn@pacbell.net. Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact **Mae Harms** at maeharms@mindspring.com.

— **Mae Harms, Publications Chair**



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1917 - Crafts demonstration : Charles Blake and Al Pinther

JOIN US JUST THIS ONCE IN 100 YEARS



1913 photo: Russell Van Horn, Al Pinther, and Cousins Claribel and Harry P. West hiking to camp on Mt. Tamalpais

HELPING HANDS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF CAC from 1917 to 2012

Throughout our Club's long history, we have relied on volunteers and service from our membership to support the organization. Many members have dedicated several hours of their lives providing valuable assistance. As the proverbs go "many people make light work" and "hard work brings its own rewards", helping out can lessen the burden on all of us and bring joy in the friendships and connections made. There are numerous ways your skills, talents and interests can be incorporated into helping hands to strengthen our organization.

Our current Membership Expectations state: "To maintain and operate our lodges, members are expected to contribute time and energy regularly. Alpine Lodge has mid-week and Sunday work parties. Echo Lodge has periodic multi-day work parties. Coordinating a major event, cooking a large dinner, editing TRAILS, accepting a leadership position, or other special projects can satisfy work obligations."

One idea is to have a new position of Volunteer Coordinator to help support our members in volunteering their time. This position would

match members with volunteer opportunities and track service. We would love to hear your thoughts on ways to improve the life blood of our organization: our membership volunteer service.

— Jayma Brown



2012 - Kids cooking class

1913 photo: Russell Van Horn, Al Pinther, and Cousins Claribel and Harry P. West hiking to camp on Mt. Tamalpais. Verna West noted that early minutes cautioned members against using the shrubbery. "I've sort of assumed they were using it as a pillow or support for sleeping on the ground," she stated.

Celebration of the club's 100 years is set for takeoff, with scores of powerful ideas yet in the planning stage. A year-long flight into reflections of the club's history, an awakening of our community to the pleasures of the California Alpine Club, and a year of festive events are the goals that the centennial committee is asking you to help achieve. Come join our committee of **Jayma Brown** (current Chair), **Nuala Caulfield**, **Art Ewart**, **Bill Mayers**, **Tom Coleman**, and **Dorsey McTaggart**. Help us put together a social ball, a CAC Open House, a Centennial Celebratory Hike, a reenactment of early CAC members' travel from ferry to Alpine lodge, and oh-so-many-more exciting ideas waiting for you to help launch. Lend your talent and time to this once-in-100-years' effort by contacting Jayma Brown at jaymabrown@earthlink.net. We need names of those willing to help, if only for one event. And we promise you, if you help just this once, we won't ask you for your assistance in the CAC Centennial for another 100 years.

— Jayma Brown

California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Alpiners,

I'm writing this during the Olympics and see parallels with the running of a winning team. Winning teams or individuals all have a support group. Although we are not competing, the support you give CAC makes us a winner. Thank you.



I overheard this tidbit during the games. On average, American adults walk about 900 miles a year and drink around 21.5 gallons of milk. Thus, on average, Americans get about 41.8 miles to the gallon. Sorry for the joke, I just had to write that.

In a few months we will be celebrating our 100th year. What an accomplishment for an all-volunteer organization. Think about it, almost everything is done by volunteers. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who came before us and of course to ourselves for keeping it all going. So if you haven't yet volunteered this year, contact a trustee or Board Member and become a member of the CAC support group.

I hope you have had a nice summer. I have. Jan and I were able to go camping in Calaveras Big Trees with our grandson on the 4th of July and a week later to Yosemite with our daughter and grandson and finally a week at Echo.

In Yosemite we went tent camping in Curry Village. I've always avoided the valley in summer because of the crowds. But, experiencing the enthusiasm of visitors, from every continent, was infectious and made up for the crowds. In fact, the crowds made the experience even more special. It was wonderful to experience others in awe of the beauty of Yosemite, similar to what you or I felt the first time and every time. Do you remember the first time you saw the valley? For me, the scene was almost overwhelming.

Now I have a new memory, being in the Curry pool, on a hot summer afternoon, floating on my back, hearing several languages, looking up at the spectacular surrounding peaks and hearing children's laughter, the universal language.

Please join me in making new memories and supporting the club.

Thank you,

— Jim Nixon

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— Sarah Dove, Membership Chair

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Board Meeting at 2pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Board & Membership Meetings 2pm & 3pm.

Dinner will follow. Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse,
267 Buena Vista Avenue, Mill Valley.

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



OUR CAC MEETING AND DINNER AT A GOLF CLUB???

The Quarterly Board and Membership Meetings and dinner will be held Sunday, October 21 at the Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse. The decision has not been made whether or not the dinner will be catered, potluck or cooked on site. That decision will be made at the September 22 Board meeting at Alpine Lodge. If you are interested in attending and/or helping please contact **Jim Nixon** at jimnixon2000@yahoo.com or by phone at 650-756-7771. Additional information will be in the October Trails and in an email sent to all registered member email addresses. If we don't have your current email address, please send it to **Stefan Berlinski** at alpineregistrar@att.net.

— Jim Nixon, President

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE STRENGTH OF OUR CAC

I have been Publishing Chair for about a year now and am looking to "retire" from the position. **Jim Nixon**, our president, is looking for a replacement. More and more CAC is going electronic. Publishing chair is now mainly concerned with the publication of the ten issues of Trails. Ten monthly editors oversee the ten editions. The job of the Publishing Chair is to line up the monthly editors and then help with the editing of each edition. All the editors for 2012 are signed up. A search for editors for 2013 hopefully will be completed by the time you are reading this. Your computer and you need to have Microsoft Word.

Please consider taking on this responsibility for the good of CAC. Just let Jim know and contact him or me if you have questions.

— Mae Harms, Publications



ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday August 26	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday September 2	9:30 AM	Jordan Herrmann	510-520-9782	2B
Sunday September 9	9:30 AM	Ruth Tretbar	510-836-0108	2B
Sunday September 16	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday September 23	9:30 AM	Nicole Roche	510-981-0343	2B
Sunday September 30	9:30 AM	Hardy Dawainis	415-461-4431	2B
Sunday October 7	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday October 14	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday October 21	9:30 AM	Eva Libien	415-383-5184	2B
Sunday October 28	9:30 AM	Eva Pardee	510-444-3711	2B
Sunday November 4	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday November 11	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday November 18	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday November 25	9:30 AM	Open		2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

AUGUST 2 WORK PARTY

A small but mighty group of workers donated their time and energy to keeping the lodge clean at the August 2nd work party. The volunteers included two potential new members, **Madeleine Pearce** and **Jay Gustafson** who contributed hard work, enthusiasm and comradely. Members at work included **Ruth Tretbar**, **Sarah Davis**, **Chris Cruitt**, **Niede Roche**, **Tony Smith** and host **Jim Ballou**.



— **Jim Ballou**

Volunteers enjoy a beautiful lunch on our deck.

UPCOMING WORK PARTIES AT ALPINE LODGE

THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 6	Ricia Wise	(510) 525-8268
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 4		
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 14	Jim Ballou	(415) 599-6468
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 1	Jayma Brown	(510) 619-4227
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 6		

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

SEPTEMBER 2012

02	Mary & Less Will	415 751 6469
09	Marilyn Hunt	415 435 6850
16	Open	
23	Sally Hernandez	707 763 8212

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

— **Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator**

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

To view the LATEST Alpine Event Calendar:
GO TO <http://CALALPINECLUB.ORG>
Click the Members heading. Enter your CAC user ID and password. Get them from any CAC leadership individual.

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.

SEP 6 THU **WORK PARTY**
Contact Ricia Wise 510-525-8268
riciawise3@gmail.com

SEP 12-14 WED-FRI **CAL ONSITE**
WASTEWATER GROUP
In 6 pm Wed, out 9 am Sat

SEP 21-22 FRI-SAT **COASTWALK**

SEP 22 SAT **BOARD MEETING 2 PM**

SEP 23 SUN 1-4 PM **FOOD, WINE, ART AND JAZZ**
Contact Arlin Weinberger

SEP 28 AND 29 FRI-SAT **HOST TRAINING**
Contact any Alpine Lodge Trustee

SEP 30 SUN **FREE MUSICAL EVENTS**
Cal Performances "Free for All" at UC Berkeley
contact Jordon Herrmann 510-528-7894

OCT 4 THU **WORK PARTY**
Contact any Alpine Lodge Trustee

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN MORNING **SANTA CRUZ GROUP DOES TAMALPAIS - CLUB EVENT**
Contact Mary Martin ind2swim@yahoo.com

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN **FREE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**
Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival at Golden Gate Park
Contact Jordon Herrmann 510-528-7894

OCT 14 SUN **WEEKEND WORK PARTY**
Contact Jim Ballou
415-599-6468 jrball321@gmail.com

OCT 20-21 SAT-SUN **GAYLESTA RETREAT**
Out by 9:30 am Sunday

OCT 21 SUN **BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2 PM**

* NOT AT ALPINE LODGE
Mill Valley Golf Club 267 Buena Vista Ave. Mill Valley

OCT 21-26 SUN- FRI **SIERRA CLUB**
In at 4 pm Sun, out at 1 pm Fri

NOV 1 THU **WORK PARTY**
Contact Jayma Brown 510-619-4227

NOV 2-DEC 7 **AVAILABLE TO TRAINED HOSTS**
To book club or private events 415-381-4975

NEW ALPINE LODGE
PHONE # 415-380-8250
OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS ONLY; NO PAY PHONE AVAILABLE

NOV 17 SAT **BOARD MEETING 2 PM**

DEC 8 SAT **HOLIDAY PARTY**

DEC 9 SUN **CHILDRENS' PARTY**

DEC 15 SAT **MOUNT TAMALPAIS INTERPRETIVE ASSOC. PARTY**

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE
Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS.

DEC 25 TUE **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY July 5, 2012

A big thanks to all that helped with the July 5th 2012 Alpine Lodge Work Party. The day was hosted by current Lodge Trustee **Jayma Brown** who was fortunate to not only have the assistance of a continuing Lodge Trustee **Jim Ballou**, but two former Lodge Trustees **Hardy Dawainis** and **Tony Smith**. Tony was gracious enough to stay on to help after enjoying 4th of July festivities at the Lodge. Hardy was a trooper trimming all the hedges around the lodge. Current CAC Board Director **Ruth Tretbar** and former CAC Board Director and Secretary, **Anne Good** along with **Rebecca Suzanne**, **Sara Davis** and **Chris Ann Cruitt** helped weed and maintain the garden.



Photo from left to right: Front row Ruth Tretbar, Anne Good, Joyce Rhodes. Middle row: Rebecca Suzanne, Carol Weisker, Nuala Caulfield. Back row: Tony Smith, Hardy Dawainis, Jim Ballou. Photo taken by Jayma Brown, not pictured: Sara Davis, Chris Ann Cruitt

Former Alpine Lodge Trustee and 4th of July Alpine Lodge Host **Eva Lieben** stopped in to make sure that she and her folks had left that place better than they found it and provided guidance to a new Trustee patiently answering my questions. **Mary Jane McKown**, one of the people who help coordinate our Alpine Lodge scheduling dropped by to give as much time as she could. **Joyce Rhodes** helped clean the sitting area by the fireplace and the enclosed porch area. Lastly, but not least **Carol Weisker** and **Nuala Caulfield** took charge of the kitchen, bravely turning the ingredients I had brought into a lunch and scavenging through the refrigerator and pantry to make good use of leftovers.

— Jayma Brown



1917-18, Forest Camp, Greenville, CA



1920's, Forest Camp Area, Greenville Gold Panning

GREENVILLE, CA MOUNTAIN CAMP

In 1917 three California Alpine Club members, Herb Franklin, Al Pinther and Harry West started a "mountain" camp near Greenville, California. During the next two years many members came to visit and help and erected the first building. Included in the activities were trips to Mt Lassen, fishing in local reservoirs and Lake Almanor and even Gold Panning! It became the West family Forest Lodge. For many years large groups traveled by train to Keddie and were transported to the Lodge for the annual CAC trip.

— Verna West, historian

CAC GOES TO TWO WEEKENDS OF GREAT MUSIC BACK TO BACK

1. Cal Performances, "**Fall Free for All**", Sunday, Sept.30th. A stunning day of free performances! Six stages at UC Berkeley come alive with a full day of music, dance and theater events for performing arts lovers of all ages. Including most of the student musical and performing groups, including the Cal Jazz Band, Cal Band, choirs, and many other student performing groups. Plus performances from visiting and local performing arts organizations. Including the Shotgun Players with songs from Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins*; Don't miss it. Meet at Jordan Herrmann's house just off Central Ave. exit of I-580/I-80 at 10:00am, 3462 Yosemite Ave, El Cerrito, 94530. cell 510-520-9782 <http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu/performances/2012-13/fffa/fffa.php>

2. **Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival** in Golden Gate Park. This immense festival seems to be attended by more people from outside the Bay Area than locals. Don't be one of those locals this year. The festival is **Fri., Sat., & Sun., October 05, 06, & 07** this year. We'll (look for Jordan Herrmann) have a big blanket centered in front, (about 100' back) of the Banjo Stage each day of the festival. Bring a very low beach chair and enjoy hours of the best music of this genre. Plenty of good food there or bring your own. For details about the festival location, performances and stage locations look up the festival on the web. Coming from Marin or the East Bay you are advised to stay on the north side of the Park. Use 25th Ave. and park as close as you can in the neighborhood. Enter the Park at 25th and Fulton. Cell phone for days of the festival. 510-520-9782.

<http://www.strictlybluegrass.com/>

These are great fall events, are free and should not be missed by anyone loving music and performance.

If any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 510-528-7894.

— Jordan Herrmann

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 7:30pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com. Echo Lodge Telephone 530-659-7274

Winter Hosts: It is prime time to plan your Winter/ Spring 2013 host events at Echo Lodge. Private Events are also available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days Apr-Jun as well as October 1-December 21st, excluding Thanksgiving week. Give me a call or send an e-mail to let me know your preferred times. I will do my best to accommodate your requests. Also, our next Host Appreciation & Training session is November 9-11. If you need to renew your training, as required every 3 years, or would like to become a trained host, please contact me.

All CAC Members: We have a LOT of work to do at the Fall Work Party to get the lodge ready for the coming snow season. The festivities start on Thursday, Sept. 20th, and end on Sunday, the 23rd. We could sure use your help and it will be a lot of fun! Contact Trustee Tom Coleman at 415-531-4650 or travmcgee@comcast.net Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustee Meeting** will be Tuesday, September 4th, by teleconference. Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 if you would like 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.

SEP 20-23 THURS-SUN FALL FUN & WORK PARTY

Contact: Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
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SEP 28-30 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

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NOV 9-11 FRI-SUN HOST TRAINING & APPRECIATION

Reservations: Cindy Toran 707-321-3262
cktoran@gmail.com

NOV 20-26 TUE-MON ARTISANAL THX@ESL

Many hands make co-op meals and live music! We cook four 20 lb. turkeys so everyone goes home with leftovers. Vicki Olds 415-221-2830
534 6th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118
production@studiorflex.com

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/Meyers Road. [View map (opens in new window).] To contact someone at the lodge call 530-659-7274.

Tom Coleman '14 707-992-0650
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***Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

Echo Summit Lodge Fall Schedule:

AUG 31-SEP 3 FRI-MON LABOR DAY WKND - COOP MEALS

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SEP 3-7 MON-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

SEP 7-9 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

Lee Yamada & Phyllis Cole 831-662-2320

SEP 9-14 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

SEP 14-16 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

Kathy Kinkela 707-539-0164

THANKSGIVING

The Thanksgiving holiday week is always a special time, particularly if you are planning to join host **Vicki Olds** and friends at Echo Summit Lodge anytime Tuesday through Monday, November 20-26. This schedule allows some to avoid the inevitable traffic jams and manage a thorough spruce of the lodge.

I welcome any ESL Hosts to co-host with me, with much help from the usual suspects who make this their annual event! Artisanal co-op meals, musical instruments, snow and merry people, what more could you want? Reservations begin October 1; limit 26 people per night.

— Vicki Olds production@studiorflex.com, 415-221-2830.

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YOU'RE INVITED! FOOD, WINE, ART AND JAZZ September 23, 2012

Your California Alpine Club Foundation invites you to an afternoon benefit on Sunday, September 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. Your \$25 donation (tax deductible) includes a beverage and delicious appetizers while enjoying the music of **David Solbach's** jazz band, which will feature a new vocalist, at 3 p.m. Come early and check out **Jordan Herrmann's** art show, stay to enjoy the music and refreshments and a raffle. This is your chance to support our club's charitable grants to conservation organizations in the Bay Area and at Tahoe. For reservations contact **Renee Powers** at (415) 648-4940 or reneespowers@comcast.net.

—Arlin
Weinberger



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The CAC always needs editors for the publishing of TRAILS. If you would like to help publish TRAILS, please contact Mae Harms at maeharms@mindspring.com.

- See page 1 for information about CAC's great Centennial Plans for 2013!
- See page 6 for "Two Weekends of Great Music Back to Back"
- See page 7 for plans about the Thanksgiving Holiday Week



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oct **MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN US FOR THE CAC QUARTERLY MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

We have a different venue for October's meeting and Dinner, which will be held at the Mill Valley Golf Club Clubhouse, at 287 Buena Vista Ave., Mill Valley. (Directions: E. Blithdale to Carmelita, turn right and follow road to end. Turn right onto Buena Vista and follow signs to clubhouse (plenty of parking available).

The BOD's meeting begins at 2pm and members' quarterly meeting at 3pm. After the meeting, we'll have a NO HOST HAPPY HOUR, followed by a POTLUCK SUPPER (BYOB).

To defray expenses of renting the clubhouse and providing glasses, Tableware, etc., there will be a \$10 charge for members; \$15 for Associate members.

Please RSVP to Sue Karp at 415-927-3221 or email suekarp@prodigy.net.

Make checks payable to Sue Karp and mail to 115 Madrone Avenue, Larkspur 94939-2175.

We need volunteers for set up following the meeting and clean up after supper (no dishwashing!).

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

— Jim Nixon, President

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT FRIDAY HIKE

Come join us at the Alpine Lodge for a warm Thanksgiving gathering on November 22nd. This is a wonderful Alpine tradition at which we all become extended family. Happy hour begins at 4pm. Dinner will be served at 5pm. **Eva Libien** and **Bonnie Herzog** will be your hosts. We will supply the turkey and gravy, you supply a complementing dish to share for 6, and a little help with set up and clean up. Suggestions: choose from a salad, stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, a vegetable such as brussel sprouts, perhaps string beans, or a pie. Pumpkin, apple, pecan are traditional. Come alone, with friends or family. BYOB or donate to the Club bar. Cost of the feast is \$12

Please make your check out to Eva Libien and send it to her at 2 Eucalyptus Knolls St., Mill Valley, 94941. If you need more information, call Eva at 415-383-5184 or email her at elibien@yahoo.com. Also, include a note with the check to let her know the dish you will bring. This is very important so that we don't have too much of one dish. Last day for sign-ups is November 16. Maximum attendance is limited to 30 so it's best to sign-up early.

Important: **Tony Smith** will be in charge of kitchen clean up. Please email or call him at joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net or 650-207-1619 if you can help. Call Eva to volunteer for other tasks: carving, serving, decorating. We need volunteers to make the dinner a success, so please sign up to help.

There is an optional overnight with breakfast Friday morning and a hike beginning at 9:30 am.

— Eva Libien



California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2012



Last month Jan and I visited the spectacular Monterey Bay Aquarium. We hadn't been there in many years and it has expanded and improved dramatically. The exhibits, interactive shows and knowledgeable staff are sure to recharge your "Protect the Environment" batteries.

They did mine. The exhibit on plastic pollution in the earth's waterways was particularly eye opening and troubling.

We saw numerous exhibits of the plastic trash trapped in ocean gyres all over the world. Some of these garbage patches are twice the size of Texas. These long lasting plastics end up in the stomachs of marine birds and mammals. The breakdown products of plastics are eaten by jellyfish who are eaten by bigger fish and ultimately by people. This is a health disaster for the sea creatures and for us.

The solution to marine plastics pollution begins with our everyday choices. Consider your plastic "habits" and choose less. Use a refillable water bottle, a reusable grocery bag, and buy products with the least amount of plastic packaging. Make sure any plastic you use is recycled properly. Small changes add up to big impacts for our oceans.

"Be the sea change you want to see in the world"*- protect our oceans from plastic pollution.

— Jim Nixon

*Paraphrased from go to Sgryes.org – go to their website to learn more.

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— Sarah Dove, Membership Chair

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Board & Membership Meetings 2pm & 3pm.
 Dinner will follow. Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse,
 267 Buena Vista Avenue, Mill Valley.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Board Meeting at 2pm-

No Board Meeting in December

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2013

Board and Quarterly Meeting(s) 2pm & 3pm, Dinner will follow
 (date has been changed to avoid conflict with MLK Holiday)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Board and Annual Meeting(s) 2pm & 3pm-Awards Dinner to follow

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



WINCHELL HAYWARD

Word was received that Winchell Hayward, a very long time member of CAC, died on July 31. He enjoyed and loved this club. He was its president in 1980-81. The club's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, was given to him in April of 2002 at the Annual Awards Banquet. He richly deserved it. He led many canoe trips on the Russian River. He was active with the folk and square dance groups that used to dance on a regular basis in our social hall. He played the piano and lead singing, especially at Christmas time. Always he attended and participated in the board and membership meetings. CAC is a member of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs and Win was very active in the Federation and coordinated one of its annual conventions at our Echo Lodge. Now after his death we have learned that he continued his dedication to CAC by leaving a very generous monetary gift. All of you who knew him will remember him for the passion with which he lived his life and all of the activities in which he engaged himself.

— Mae Harms



ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday October 7	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday October 14	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday October 21	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday October 28	9:30 AM	Eva Pardee	510-444-3711	2B
Sunday November 4	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday November 11	9:30 AM	Eva Libien	415-383-5184	2B
Sunday November 18	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday November 25	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday December 2	9:30 AM	Graham Forder	415-827-4748	2B
Sunday December 9	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday December 16	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday December 23	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday December 30	9:30 AM	Open		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. 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.

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.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

BEHIND THE SCENES

When you are visiting the Alpine Lodge and you are washing your hands do you ever wonder how the soap and paper towels made their way to the Lodge? Have you ever wondered why the blue recycling bins are not overflowing? Have you ever needed a band-aid from the First Aid kit and found one there?

The answer to all of these questions is of course our wonderful volunteers.

Sue Karp monitors, purchases and stocks the hand soaps and lotions. **Renee Powers** does the same with the other soaps we use, as does **Ron Glantz** with the paper goods. **Eva Libien, Paul McKown, Hardy Dawainis** and **Jock McDonald** have teamed up to set out and retrieve our recycle bins. **Ann Schubert** monitors and keeps our First Aid kit stocked and ready for you.

There is no question these people make a difference in our experience at the Lodge. These names do not make it in the monthly Trails, but their efforts are behind the scene to keep our Lodge running smoothly. The thing that they give that matters most is time, the one precious commodity that all of us have equally, and they choose to give it to the Lodge and our members.

Thank you to each of you.

— Dan Larson

UPCOMING WORK PARTIES

AT ALPINE LODGE

THURSDAY	OCTOBER 4		
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 14	Jim Ballou	(415) 599-6468
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 1	Jayma Brown	(510) 619-4227
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 6		

ALPINE LODGE

SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

OCTOBER 2012

02	Mary & Less Will	415 751 6469
07	Bev Leve	707 539 2802
14	Marilyn Hunt	415 435 6850
21	Jana & John Shober	916 685 2547
28	Open	

NOVEMBER

04	Jerry & Ricki Rosenberg	415 388 0544
11	open	
18	Bev Leve	707 539 2802
25	Open	

DECEMBER

02	Open	
09	Open	
16	Bev Leve	707 539 2802
23	Bev Leve	707 539 2802
30	Open	

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

To view the LATEST Alpine Event Calendar:
GO TO <http://CALALPINECLUB.ORG>
Click the Members heading. Enter your CAC user ID and password. Get them from any CAC leadership individual.

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.

OCT 4 THU WORK PARTY
Contact any Alpine Lodge Trustee

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN MORNING SANTA CRUZ GROUP DOES TAMALPAIS - CLUB EVENT
Contact Mary Martin ind2swim@yahoo.com

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN FREE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival at Golden Gate Park
Contact Jordon Herrmann 510-528-7894

OCT 14 SUN WEEKEND WORK PARTY
Contact Jim Ballou
415-599-6468 jrball321@gmail.com

OCT 20-21 SAT-SUN GAYLESTA RETREAT
Out by 9:30 am Sunday

OCT 21 SUN BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2 PM
* NOT AT ALPINE LODGE
Mill Valley Golf Club 267 Buena Vista Ave. Mill Valley

OCT 21-26 SUN- FRI SIERRA CLUB
In at 4 pm Sun, out at 1 pm Fri

OCT 27 SAT HALLOWEEN PARTY POTLUCK
See article on page 8.

NOV 1 THU WORK PARTY
Contact Jayma Brown 510-619-4227

NOV 2-DEC 7 AVAILABLE TO TRAINED HOSTS
To book club or private events 415-381-4975

NOV 17 SAT BOARD MEETING 2 PM

NOV 22 THU THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
See article on page 1.

NOV 23 FRI BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

DEC 8 SAT HOLIDAY PARTY

DEC 9 SUN CHILDRENS' PARTY

DEC 15 SAT MOUNT TAMALPAIS INTERPRETIVE ASSOC. PARTY

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

**NEW ALPINE LODGE
PHONE # 415-380-8250
OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS
ONLY; NO PAY PHONE
AVAILABLE**

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE
Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS.

IN REMEMBRANCE

JEANNE CORNELL BACON



Jeanne Cornell Bacon passed away peacefully at home on June 24, 2012. She was born in San Francisco on June 30, 1922. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1943, majoring in Home Economics and Art. World War 2 called her and she joined the Navy as a Wave. She taught Braille and Art at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

After the War, Jeanne came home to San Francisco. Since she enjoyed hiking and the outdoors from her Girl Scout days, she joined the California Alpine Club. She worked at getting the California Alpine Club interested in buying a Sierra lodge. She helped locate the Echo Summit Lodge and organized fund-raising programs to aid in its purchase. It proved to be a marvelous success.

All of her life Jeanne

was an involved and enthusiastic member of the C.A.C. She was always available to help when needed.

Jeanne leaves behind her son, Brian Cornell, her husband Stuart Bacon, her sister Sue Millman, nephews John and Peter, niece Louise, seven stepchildren, twelve grandchildren, and many, many friends.

Jeanne lived her life to the fullest, sailing half way around the world in her 70's. She was an active volunteer and teacher in the Red Cross, American Legion, and the Marin Power Squadron for many years.

We will greatly miss her spunky spirit and unflinching kindness.



1951-Mt. Tam, CAC Carnival fundraiser for Mtn Lodge, Jean, Ken, Hilary



1917-8-18, WILLOW CAMP TRIP EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Willow Camp on Stinson Beach was a popular choice for Alpine Club members coming by Ferry from Oakland or San Francisco, train to Mill Valley, hiking up and over the ridge and down to camp.

The attached photo has no names. I recognize Mike Murphy, but not the girl. Photo was taken by Anita Franz the first summer as a life long club member.

— Verna West, historian



1917-8-18, Willow Camp Trip Evening Entertainment

ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY —AUGUST 25 2012

Our Work Party was excellent and very productive. I am happy to say it seemed well received by all the volunteers. **Bev Leve** hosted the event with a Friday and Saturday night stay over option. **Nancy Macdonald** assisted Bev in the kitchen for a home cooked lunch of chicken, pasta salad with cherry tomatoes, cole slaw topped off with brownies to die for. Their were 4 prospective members present, **Ted Lanpher**, Half Moon Bay, **Mary Ann Barnard**, Sacramento, **Claudia Zbinden**, and **Ellen Mcknight**, Santa Rosa. There were 9 current members. **Mae Harms**, **Pascale Leroy Marr**, **Gayle Dekellis**, **Tony Smith**, **Diane Ryan**, **Rani Devadasan**, **Jim Ballou**, **Bev** and **Nancy**, **Russ Toran**. Pascale single handedly painted one of the windows in the big hall. Ted scraped and sanded some very bad windows, Ellen cleaned kitchen cabinets and now they are gleaming, Diane and Claudia dusted and washed the floor in the big hall. Gayle Mary Ann and Rani worked on several projects including priming all the metal conduit for future painting to make them disappear. Jim put up some emergency lights in the Mt.Tam building. Thanks again to everyone.



Work party at Alpine Lodge. Thanks for Volunteering. Russ Toran
Picture taken by Dan Ryan

— Russ Toran

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 7:30pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com.
Echo Lodge Telephone
530-659-7274

Winter Hosts: We need your help to keep Echo Lodge open for CAC members. Now is the time to plan your Winter/Spring 2013 host events at Echo Lodge. There IS still a lot of open time on the calendar, marked as **Available for Trained Hosts** in the schedule below. We especially need hosts for the New Year's time, December 29-Jan 4. Private Events are also available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days Apr-Jun as well as October 1-December 21st, excluding Thanksgiving week. Give me a call or send an e-mail to let me know your preferred times. I will do my best to accommodate your requests. Also, our next **Host Appreciation & Training** session is November 9-11. If you need to renew your training, as required every 3 years, or would like to become a trained host, please contact me.

Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustee Meeting** will be Monday, November 12th, 10 AM, at Tom Coleman's home. Contact Tom at 415-531-4650 if you would like 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 Summit Lodge Fall Schedule:

OCT 5-7 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Jayma Brown and Allan Lindberg 510-237-0231
525 32nd St, Richmond, CA 94804
jaymabrown@earthlink.net

OCT 11-14 THURS-SUN **PRIVATE EVENT**
Chris Bekins 707-874-2556

OCT 14-21 SUN-SUN **PRIVATE EVENT**
Lin & John Mangiante 650-697-7403

OCT 21-28 SUN-SUN **FALL COLOR HIKES**
Lin Mangiante & Barbara Crockett 650-697-7403
424 Hazel Ave, Millbrae CA 94030
foxtails@pacbell.net

NOV 1-5 THURS-MON **PRIVATE EVENT**
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650

NOV 9-11 FRI-SUN **HOST TRAINING & APPRECIATION**
Reservations: Cindy Toran 707-321-3262
cktoran@gmail.com

NOV 16-18 FRI-SUN **PRIVATE EVENT**
Janis Riccomini & Paul Crockett 408-981-9137

NOV 20-26 TUE-MON **ARTISANAL THX@ESL**
Many hands make co-op meals and live music! We cook four 20 lb. turkeys so everyone goes home with leftovers.
Vicki Olds 415-221-2830
534 6th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118
production@studioreflex.com

NOV 26 - DEC 21 **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

DEC 21-26 FRI-WED **WINTER SOLSTICE**
Joni Hyerle 831-427-3839
132 Kennan St, Santa Cruz CA 95060
jhyerle@yahoo.com

DEC 26-29 WED-SAT **AFTER CHRISTMAS**
Lynn Garric & Larry Langbehn 707-539-2078
5400 Alpine Rd, Santa Rosa CA 95404
cransac@sonic.net

DEC 29-JAN 4 SAT-FRI **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

JAN 4-6 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
RGThorn@pacbell.net

JAN 6-11 SUN-FRI **HOSTED EVENT**
Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Dr, Santa Cruz CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

JAN 11-17 **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

JAN 17-21 THURS-MON **MLK WKND - YOUNG FAMILIES/ COOP MEALS**
Anita Cabrera & Nick Gregoratos 415-206-9152
430 Ellsworth St, San Francisco CA 94110
aa_cabrera@msn.com

JAN 21-25 MON-FRI **HOSTED EVENT**
Diane & Bruce Friend 510-654-4218
6124 Chabot Rd, Oakland CA 94618
bifedf@comcast.net

JAN 25-FEB 3 **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

FEB 3-8 SUN-FRI **HOSTED EVENT**
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FEB 8-12 FRI-TUES **HOSTED EVENT**
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FEB 12-14 TUES-THURS **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

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



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.

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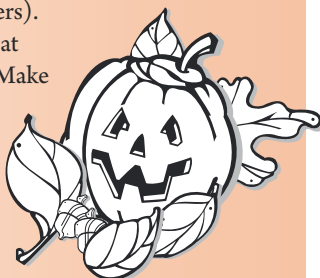
ALPINE LODGE HALLOWEEN PARTY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th

It's time again to bring out those Scary and daring costumes, and join us at the lodge for a frolicking time.

Stir up your favorite dish to share at a potluck dinner on Saturday, October 27th. We will warm up the evening with Happy Hour at 5:30p, followed by dinner at about 6:30p.

Cost for members is \$5.00; non-members, \$7.00. You may BYOB or donate to the lodge bar. A no-host overnight is available (\$21 members; \$26 non-members).

RSVP your reservation to **Sue Karp** at 415-927-3221, or suekarp@prodigy.net. Make checks out to Sue Karp and mail to 115 Madrone Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939.



LEISURE WEEKEND Friday through Sunday. November 2-4

Join our jolly group for all or part of the weekend.

Hike/bike, craft, read, game/card play,
dance/sing, snooze or booze (BYB).

Have fun and enjoy our Mt. Tam mountain retreat.
Bring a friend to share in some of the planned activities.
Hike each day or craft and sew to your heart's desire.
Breakfast and Supper included for overnights.

Members and guests of members: \$25 per night.
\$25 + \$10 Associate Member Fee per night for nonmembers.
\$6 per day for daytime only.

Reservations with Mae Harms at 530-333-1058
or maeharms@mindspring.com

Express your interests so we can prepare.
Hosts: Mary Jane McKown and Mae Harms.

— Mae Harms



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DECEMBER HOLIDAY DINNER AND GET-TOGETHER

With your support and contribution there will be a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 8 at Alpine Lodge.

I have assumed the Social Activities Chair responsibilities. The first event I hope to coordinate is this party. I figure about 15 people are needed. Tasks for this event include determining whether to cook on site, or to have a pot luck, taking reservations, setting the room up, taking the room down, bringing food from the kitchen, returning dishes to the kitchen, arranging for a dishwasher, etc. The hall will already be decorated. So, if you think you can help please contact me at 650-756-7771 or jimnixon2000@yahoo.com. I do need your support.

Thank you very much

— Jim Nixon

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY Sunday, December 9, 2012

To all three generations of Alpiners: Come join us for the Children's Holiday Party, Sunday, December 9th from 2-5 PM. Tim Cain, a wonderful guitarist, and a balloon lady will be there to entertain the children. The club will provide the beverages, ham and rolls. All Participants should bring a favorite family dish to share. Cost is \$20 per family.

Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift for your child with the name clearly written on top, because Santa Claus will come for a visit with us and give each child his or her own gift.

We would like more children to attend this event, so you are welcome to invite neighbors and friends with children. Attending this event has lead to families becoming CAC members, which is good for the club.

Sign up with **Mary Frey** by sending her your check. Please state how many people are in your family group. Please let Mary if you can help before or after the party.

Contact her by phone or email if you have any questions. Her address is 100 Thorndale Drive, Apt#251, San Rafael, CA 94903. Phone no. is 415-492-2510. Email is Marymaryhiker@aol.com

— Mary Frey

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT FRIDAY HIKE

Come join us at the Alpine Lodge for a warm Thanksgiving gathering on November 22nd. This is a wonderful Alpine tradition at which we all become extended family. Happy hour begins at 4pm. Dinner will be served at 5pm. **Eva Libien** and **Bonnie Herzog** will be your hosts. We will supply the turkey and gravy, you supply a complementing dish to share for 6, and a little help with set up and clean up. Suggestions: choose from a salad, stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, a vegetable such as brussel sprouts, perhaps string beans, or a pie. Pumpkin, apple, pecan are traditional. Come alone, with friends or family. BYOB or donate to the Club bar. Cost of the feast is \$12

Please make your check out to Eva Libien and send it to her at 2 Eucalyptus Knolls St., Mill Valley, 94941. If you need more information, call Eva at 415-383-5184 or email her at elibien@yahoo.com. Also, include a note with the check to let her know the dish you will bring. This is very important so that we don't have too much of one dish. Last day for sign-ups is November 16. Maximum attendance is limited to 30 so it's best to sign-up early.

Important: **Tony Smith** will be in charge of kitchen clean up. Please email or call him at joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net or 650-207-1619 if you can help. Call Eva to volunteer for other tasks: carving, serving, decorating. We need volunteers to make the dinner a success, so please sign up to help.

There is an optional overnight with breakfast Friday morning and a hike beginning at 9:30 am.

— Eva Libien

California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Alpiners,

I have volunteered for the Social Activities Committee Chair position and need five to seven members to join me.

There are two ways you can get involved; either as a committee member or as a volunteer for specific activities and events. Our charter will be to plan and present fun and interesting activities that will increase usage and raise funds for maintenance and upgrades at our lodges.

Echo lodge is generally meeting its operational expenses through member usage fees. However, numbers of events and attendance at them has declined at Alpine Lodge. Consequently income is down while maintenance costs continue to grow. Our goal is to raise enough income to keep our lodges safe and sound. The committee, board members and trustees will determine how best to meet that goal.

Suggestions at the September board meeting included:

- continuing the successful dinners
- educational presentations
- cooking demonstrations
- crafts classes such as sewing or knitting
- birding
- meals prepared by newly graduated chefs

Do you have a skill or talent you would be willing to share? Do you know someone who does? Any event could be accompanied by a lunch, dinner or overnight stay.

I look forward to a deluge of volunteers! Remember, even if you are not joining the committee, we still want to hear your ideas.

Please contact me at jimnixon2000@yahoo or 650-756-7771.

Thank you,

— Jim Nixon



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— Sarah Dove, Membership Chair

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE CELEBRATION PLANS UNDERWAY

Setting in motion the 100-year celebration of the club, the Centennial Committee has outlined its initial list of impressive activities to honor the passion of those who began the Alpine Club a century ago. Among the events planned is a San Francisco-to-Sausalito ferry ride and a subsequent costumed hike on the same trails enjoyed by club pioneers. An Open House on the same day will acquaint visitors to the environmental and social objectives that have been consistently preserved by the club and cherished by its members. To jump-start these festivities in a fashion reflective of the club's energy, however, the committee is urging the cooperation of its dynamic, creative, and even those less spirited members to assist with the many facets that will make the first program a stimulating success. Among the tasks for which volunteers are needed are hosts/hostesses, a coordinator and assistants for the Open House, ferry and depot greeters, publicity chair, artists, gofers, people to organize historical and centennial displays, food planning, entertainment, etc. Contact Jayma Brown, jaymabrown@earthlink.net, (510)237-0231, to offer your assistance in making this celebration worthy of the club's notable heritage.

On the drawing board for 2013 are the following events:
Commemorative Trails (Feb or Apr), Dinner (March)
Mountain Playhouse Rehearsal (May),
Re-enactment Hike and Alpine Lodge Open House (June),
Echo Summit Open House (July/Aug)

— Dorsey McTaggart

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Board Meeting at 2pm

No Board Meeting in December

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2013

Board and Quarterly Meeting(s) 2pm & 3pm, Dinner will follow
(date has been changed to avoid conflict with MLK Holiday)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Board and Annual Meeting(s) 2pm & 3pm-Awards Dinner to follow

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

BEHIND THE SCENES...

We have magic that happens after you dial 415-381-4975 to schedule a member event or a Club function at the Alpine Lodge! We have a team of dedicated members who check the messages on the answering machine, confirm the calendar, contact you and submit to the Trails editor the information to be put in our Alpine Lodge Events page in Trails and on our electronic calendar. These dedicated members are **Nancy Otto**, **MaryJane McKown** and **Tony Smith**. All are very active members and travel frequently so they have teamed up and cover for each other to make it seamless for our trained hosts to schedule an event. More magic happens... **Hardy Dawainis** makes sure coffee and tea are available for you to enjoy at your events. **Sally Hernandez** keeps the materials stocked to clean the facility and **Ron Glantz** keeps the pantry stocked and organized while Paul McKown makes sure we have the needed hardware items available to maintain our Lodge.

What is the magic? The magic, of course, is these members volunteering to help the club and our members in many ways. These names do not make it into Trails for these efforts and they work behind the scene for our Club and for our members' enjoyment. When you see one of these members who has been so generous with his/her time and energy at one of the many events he/she also host or attend, please consider thanking them for their exceptional efforts.

I wish to thank each of you, our behind the scenes volunteers.

— Dan Larson

ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday November 4	9:30 AM	Graham Forder	415-827-4748	2B
Sunday November 11	9:30 AM	Eva Libien	415-383-5184	2B
Sunday November 18	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday November 25	9:30 AM	Leaderless		2B
Sunday December 2	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday December 9	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday December 16	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday December 23	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday December 30	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Tuesday, January 1	9:30 AM	New Year's Champagne Hike to Mt Tam East Peak		
Sunday, January 6	9:30 AM	Open		
Sunday, January 13	9:30 AM	Open		
Sunday, January 20	9:30 AM	Jock MacDonald	415-381-2870	2B
Sunday, January 27	9:30 AM	Open		

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP. SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

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.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

ALPINE LODGE FALL HOST TRAINING

Fifteen enthusiastic members attended Fall Host Training at the Alpine Lodge September 28th and 29th. By attending the training these members committed their time and energy to learning more about the club history, facilities, operations and systems. Friday started with a tour of premises followed by a social hour and dinner. After dinner **Eva Libien** discussed Alpine Lodge hosting opportunities and a short history of the club. On Saturday after breakfast **Ed Del Monte** covered building operations and safety with his usual vigor and thoroughness and after lunch **Nancy Otto** covered events planning and scheduling, lodge fees and financial reporting.

Newly trained hosts at the Alpine Lodge are **Amy Pertschuk, Melinda Harris, Judie Weber, Nancy MacDonald, Stephen Branz, Emily Young, Ellen McKnight, Suzie Thompson, Lynn Garric, Mark Sapiro, Bruce Smith, Vanessa Julien, Jay Gustafson, Mary Cosgrove and Rani Devadasan.**

—James Ballou

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

NOVEMBER

04	Mary Jane Mckown	415-383-2774
11	Open	
18	Bev Leve	707 539 2802
25	Open	

DECEMBER

02	Open	
09	Open	
16	Bev Leve	707 539 2802
23	Bev Leve	707 539 2802
30	Open	

Sunday Innkeepers carry on our gracious tradition of hospitality. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at our beautiful Alpine Lodge greeting guests and hikers, and share the club experience! Many thanks to our existing volunteers above. **BUT MORE VOLUNTEER INNKEEPERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator, at 415-381-4676, selmabomfim@hotmail.com.

— Selma Bomfim, Innkeeper Coordinator



ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

To view the LATEST Alpine Event Calendar:
GO TO <http://CALALPINECLUB.ORG>
Click the Members heading. Enter your CAC user ID and password. Get them from any CAC leadership individual.

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.

NOV 1 THU WORK PARTY
Contact Jayma Brown 510-619-4227

NOV 2-3 FRI-SUN HIKING, LEISURE, CRAFTS
Contact Mae Harms 530-333-1058
maeharms@mindspring.com

NOV 10 SAT PRIVATE EVENT
Gustafson family 2PM-9 PM

NOV 10-21 AVAILABLE TO TRAINED HOSTS
To book club or private events call 415-381-4975.

NOV 17 SAT BOARD MEETING 2 PM

NOV 22 THU THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
See article on page 1.

NOV 23 FRI BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

NOV 23-25 FRI-SUN MORNING PRIVATE EVENT
Darrah family

NOV 26-DEC 5 AVAILABLE TO TRAINED HOSTS

DEC 6 THURS WORK PARTY
Help decorate for the Holiday Party from 9 to 3
contact any Trustee

DEC 8 SAT HOLIDAY PARTY
See article page 1

DEC 9 SUN CHILDREN'S PARTY
See article page 1

**NEW ALPINE LODGE
PHONE # 415-380-8250
OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS
ONLY; NO PAY PHONE
AVAILABLE**

**DEC 15 SAT MOUNT TAMALPAIS
INTERPRETIVE ASSOC. PARTY**

JAN 1 TUE TOP O TAM HIKE, SOUP+SALAD
Tony Smith joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net 650-207-1619
First celebration of our Centennial Year

JAN 3 THURS WORK PARTY
Jayma Brown 510-237-0321

JAN 13 SUN BOARD AT 2, QUARTERLY AT 3
Dinner to follow

FEB 7 THURS WORK PARTY
Jim Ballou 415-884-0878

MAR 9 SAT WORK PARTY
Russ Toran 707-321-3845

APR 4 THURS WORK PARTY
Dan Larson 831-465-9645

Watch for updates in future issues of TRAILS!

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE
Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS.

ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY OCTOBER 4, 2012

A big thanks to the 7 members (**Jim Ballou, Isabel Lenssen, Ruth Tretbar, Jayma Brown, Hardy Dawainis, Nuala Caulfield, and Kathleen Hon**) and 3 new potential members (**Roberta "Bobbie" Gould, Jan Burke and Cindi Whitefield**) who came to help maintain Alpine Lodge. Cobwebs and dust bunnies were swept away. Windows were washed. The garden was tended to. Some painting was done. A mysterious angel left a delicious fruit spice cake earmarked for us to enjoy.

—Jayma Brown

UPCOMING WORK PARTIES AT ALPINE LODGE

THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 1	Jayma Brown	(510) 619-4227
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 6	Dan Larson	(831) 465-9645
THURSDAY	JANUARY 3	Jayma Brown	(510) 619-4227
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 7	Jim Ballou	(415) 599-6468
SATURDAY	MARCH 9	Russ Toran	(707) 321-3845
	1st QUARTER WEEK END WORK PARTY		
THURSDAY	APRIL 4	Dan Larson	(831) 465-9645



Photo from left to right: **Front row:** Kathleen Hon, Ruth Tretbar, Roberta "Bobbie" Gould, **Middle row:** Isabel Lenssen, Nuala Caulfield, Jan Burke **Back row:** Jim Ballou, Hardy Dawainis. not pictured: Cindi Whitehead
Photo taken by Jayma Brown



TRUCKEE WINTER SPORTS TRIP FEBRUARY 2, 1916

Twenty-eight Alpine Club members met at 6:00 PM to take the Ferry to Oakland to catch the Southern Pacific train overnight that parked on the tracks at Truckee. Next morning most were awakened by snowballs thrown by the few who had already been out in the snow. For many it was the first time they had seen snow. The first day mostly spent sightseeing in Truckee, tobogganing, sledding, and trying to get around on the awkward skis. Monday 20 started, only twelve of them made the three-mile trip to frozen Donner Lake and tried climbing up a short distance skiing down the hills that rise around the lake.

Tuesday they set forth again, this time with a Swiss instructor who taught them how to scale the steep slopes and enjoy the trip down without taking off the skis. Late afternoon they all went to Truckee, in the evening attending a dance. At midnight they regretfully said goodbye, back on the train and started for San Francisco.

— Verna West



ECHO LODGE FALL WORK PARTY 2012

Miracle of miracle, the weather was wonderful for the entire 2012 fall work party. This was a good thing, considering all the outside work that we'd planned on accomplishing. The work party actually started in August, at the trail-clearing weekend, when workers began the demolition of the crumbling wall, and the two gigantic tree stumps, which were the basic cause of the crumbling. We rented a backhoe for this work, and **Tim Seeley** and **Bob Henry** were the backhoe maestros, hacking away at the hillside, and the mounds of dirt and rocks that needed to be transported down the hillside. Helping Tim and Bob were **Tom Coleman**, the inimitable **Mary Larkin**, **Rod Bauer**, **Jay** and **Mary Gustafson**, **Jon Erickson** and **Teena Murch**. Jay hurt his hand trying to wrestle the backhoe, and lost that match, so he got to supervise! We were able to prepare the area for the new block wall, tamp down 20 yards of 'baserock', and actually lay the first layer of 90 lb. blocks.

Tim Seeley and his friend Rosa came up later that month, and laid the French drain pipe and the barrier cloth over it.

We had rented the backhoe for a month, so it was still available to us during the FWP. It came in very handy, and thankfully, we had two men who knew how to run it. **Gary Pride** and **Terry Goddard**, who aren't even members yet, get our gratitude for pouring all 30 yards of backfill rock behind our block wall as it rose up from its base. Helping with the wall were **Kurt Eichstaedt**, **Mary Larkin** (there she is again!), **Bob Burkle**, **Ken Patera**, **Joe Fay** and **Becky Sandman**, **Mark Sapiro**, and many others. The new block retaining wall is almost completed. When it's done, we'll have the county inspector come out, check our work, and sign off on the project. Tom Coleman is planning on going up in early November to build a concrete pad for the propane tank, and have the tank moved back to its original spot, with no more concerns of whether it will fall down that crumbling



hillside. Tom estimated that Echo Lodge saved \$10,000.00 or more by doing this very challenging job with California Alpine Club volunteer members and those who may become members. The trustees of Echo Lodge would like to thank all the folks who gave of their time and energy to make this happen!

Much more work was accomplished at Echo, of course! Cook Tree Service cut down a 100 foot-tall dead tree. It gets this winter to 'cure', and then we'll put **Bob Henry** and **Mary Larkin**, our king and queen of log rounding, on chain sawing it down to splitting size! Should get 4 or 5 cord out of it! Rounds already cut and cured were split and taken to the basement storage area. Echo now has 10 cords of fresh dry wood, ready to keep the chill out this coming ferocious (we hope!) winter. Helping with this work were **Shirlee Stiles**, **Paula Dueweke**, **Mark Sapiro**, **Gary Pride** and **Masami Takesue**.

Bruce Robinson, his daughter **Anne**, and others built benches

See Echo Fall Work Party on page 8

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 7:30pm or e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com.
Echo Lodge Telephone
530-659-7274

Echo Summit Lodge has a fresh supply of firewood to keep our lodge toasty warm; snow shovels are ready for action, and all was spiffed by our great group of CAC volunteers at the Fall Work Party! We have Hosts, trained and ready to take your reservations; contact them while they still have room available... and, enjoy winter in the Sierra Nevada!

Winter/Spring Hosts: There are still openings in the Schedule, including several weekends, available for either hosted or private events: **Nov 26-Dec 21, Dec 29-Jan 4, Jan 25-Feb 3, Feb 10-14, Feb 18-22, Feb 24-Mar 1, Mar 3-6, Mar 10-15, Mar 21-29.** Nov-Apr is published below; contact Cindy Toran if you want to schedule any of these open days. Private Events are available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days in Nov-Dec and Apr-Jun 15. Give me a call or send an e-mail to let me know your preferred times.

— Cindy Toran

The next **Echo Lodge Trustee Meeting** will be Monday, November 12th, 10 AM, at Tom Coleman's home. Contact Tom at 415-531-4650 if you would like 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 Summit Lodge Fall Schedule:

NOV 1-5 THURS-MON **WORK EVENT**
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650
travmcgee@comcast.net

NOV 9-11 FRI-SUN **HOST TRAINING & APPRECIATION**
Reservations: Cindy Toran 707-321-3262
cktoran@gmail.com

NOV 16-18 FRI-SUN **PRIVATE EVENT**
Janis Riccomini & Paul Crockett 408-981-9137

NOV 20-26 TUE-MON **ARTISANAL THX@ESL**
Many hands make co-op meals and live music! We cook four 20 lb. turkeys so everyone goes home with leftovers.
Vicki Olds 415-221-2830
534 6th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118
production@studioreflex.com

NOV 26 - DEC 21 **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

DEC 21-26 FRI-WED **WINTER SOLSTICE**
Joni Hyerle 831-427-3839
132 Kennan St, Santa Cruz CA 95060
jhyerle@yahoo.com

DEC 26-29 WED-SAT **AFTER CHRISTMAS**
Lynn Garric & Larry Langbehn 707-539-2078
5400 Alpine Rd, Santa Rosa CA 95404
cransac@sonic.net

DEC 29-JAN 4 SAT-FRI **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

JAN 4-6 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
RGThorn@pacbell.net

JAN 6-11 SUN-FRI **HOSTED EVENT**
Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Dr, Santa Cruz CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

JAN 11-13 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Cindy Toran & Kate Twain 707-321-3262
PO Box 302, Humarock, MA 02047
cktoran@gmail.com

JAN 13-17 SUN-THURS **PRIVATE EVENT**
Cindy Toran 707-321-3262

JAN 17-21 THURS-MON **MLK WKND - YOUNG FAMILIES/COOP MEALS**
Anita Cabrera & Nick Gregoratos 415-206-9152
430 Ellsworth St, San Francisco CA 94110
aa_cabrera@msn.com

JAN 21-25 MON-FRI **HOSTED EVENT**
Diane & Bruce Friend 510-654-4218
6124 Chabot Rd, Oakland CA 94618
bifedf@comcast.net

JAN 25-FEB 3 **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

FEB 3-8 SUN-FRI **HOSTED EVENT**
Edie Nelson 831-423-5576
140 Archer Dr, Santa Cruz CA 95060
edieforsyth@hotmail.com

FEB 8-10 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Shelly Navine & Bob Henry 707-829-3728
1286 Hurlbut Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472
clyde33301@comcast.net

FEB 10-14 SUN-THURS **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

FEB 14-18 THURS-MON **YOUNG FAMILIES SNOW WKND (COOP MEALS)**

Joan Ryan & John O'Sullivan 415-564-8507
2625 23rd Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116
joanryan@mac.com

FEB 18-22 MON-FRI **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

FEB 22-24 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

FEB 24-MAR 1 SUN-FRI **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 1-3 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Shelly Navine & Bob Henry 707-829-3728
1286 Hurlbut Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472
clyde33301@comcast.net

MAR 3-6 SUN-WED **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 6-10 WED-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197
2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
karwag@sonic.net

MAR 10-15 SUN-FRI **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 15-17 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
RGThorn@pacbell.net

MAR 18-21 MON-THURS **FAMILY FRIENDLY/ COOP MEALS**
Lori Barekman 707-579-9218
3907 Park Gardens Dr., Santa Rosa CA 95404
lvlylri@aol.com

MAR 21-29 **AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

MAR 29-31 FRI-SUN **HOSTED EVENT**
Tom & Carol Coleman 415-531-4650
32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952
travmcgee@comcast.net

APR 12-14 FRI-SUN **CHEF'S WEEKEND**
Richard Thornton 925-287-0764
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
rgthorn@pacbell.net

Watch for updates in future issues of Trails!

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.

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for the new metal deck out of cedar that had been restored at the SWP by **Scott Lewis**. I haven't seen any pictures of the benches, but I'm sure they are beautiful, and knowing the high level of craftsmanship exhibited by Bruce and Anne, that they'll hold up for many years to come. The 2x4 wood rails had never been protected with a coat of sealant. **Howard Ortman, Bob Morse** and **Masami Takesue** took on this messy job, and those rails are ready for whatever the mountain climate brings!

Other jobs accomplished: Pantry, antique icebox, and freezer were organized, and old out-dated foodstuff removed. Game and book cabinets were cleaned and organized (at least for the moment!). All the carpets throughout the Lodge were shampooed. Windows washed inside and out. The marmoleum floors were stripped (kitchen) and waxed with 3 coats of sealer. All quilts, blankets and mattress covers were taken to the Laundromat for their semi-annual cleaning. Working on all these projects were: **Stephanie McMillan, Dave Chalk, Bill Jones, Joe Fay** and **Becky Sandman, Vicki Olds, Isabel Lenssen, Pascale Leroy, Gail** and **Rosanna Hart, Gail Biamanakova** and **Nicole Roche**.

The Fall Work Party was extremely successful, saving the Lodge much money. The trustees would like to thank all those who participated. On a somber note, **Tom Coleman** had to leave early Friday afternoon after hearing from his wife Carol that their dear friend Arthur had passed away after a long battle with cancer. Tom would like to thank **Vicki Olds** and **Kurt Eichstaedt** for taking charge and getting all this work done! And finally, **Bob Henry**, you were sorely missed, friend! Can't let this happen again!

Thank you from your Echo Lodge Trustees,

Tom Coleman

View Vicki Olds work party photos at <https://secure.flickr.com/photos/shibumi2/sets/72157631616164089/>

COMMITTEE SEEKS CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE MAINTAINED MEMBERSHIP FOR AT LEAST FIFTY YEARS

The Centennial Committee is seeking the names of those who have been California Alpine Club members for 50 years or more. If you are that member or you know of someone who is a current member for 50 years or more and do not see your name on the list below—or know that you do not rightfully qualify to be on the list—please contact Dorsey McTaggart, dorseymct@comcast.net, 415-924-9390. (Email preferable.)

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— Jayma Brown