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## CAC ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Please get your reservations in soon as possible for our Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, April 26th. Come socialize with friends and honor Tom Coleman and Helena Troy who are this year's recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations to them. (See article following for more information). This year we are privileged to have the lovely **Bev Leve** cooking for us. I hear she has quite a scrumptious meal planned!

The Board and Membership meetings will be at 2pm and 3pm. Happy hour with hors d'oeuvres and donation bar will start around 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm. The cost of the dinner will be \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. If you wish to spend the night the cost is \$21 for members and \$31 for non-members. To make a reservation, please send your checks payable to **Ruth Tretbar**, 320 Lee Street Apt. 801, Oakland, CA 94610. Your check is confirmation of your reservation. We do have limited seating, so get your reservations in early.

Amazing volunteers like you are what help make our events a success. Here are some areas we need your help with for the Awards dinner: kitchen crew, set-up and clean up. We would also love 6 volunteers to help contribute hors d'oeuvres for happy hour. Please contact **Torie Beedle** at [torie.beedle@gmail.com](mailto:torie.beedle@gmail.com) or 484-894-5230 if you can volunteer in one of these areas.

— **Torie Beedle**

## A WEEK OF WILDFLOWER HIKES ON MT. TAM APRIL 6-12

Come join us for a week of Wildflower Hikes led by **Barbara Crockett** and co-hosted by **Mary Frey** and **Jo Wolf** from April 6 to April 12. There will be exercises before breakfast in the morning, a planned hike or activity every day with a bag lunch and plenty of time to just hang out around the lodge and enjoy games, puzzles and books with other members.

Cost for members is \$28 per day and \$33 for non-member. Private rooms are available at a cost of an additional \$5 per day. For information call **Mary Frey** at 415-492-2510 or email her at [Marymaryhiker@aol.com](mailto:Marymaryhiker@aol.com). For reservations, mail her a non-refundable deposit of \$28 payable to her at 100 Thorndale Drive, Apt #251 San Rafael, CA 94903.

— Mary Frey

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**TOM COLEMAN:** What a fitting time for Tom Coleman to be honored for all of the blood, sweat and tears, as well as roaring laughs he has provided to the Alpine Club for all of these years! Tom has been a member of the club since 1996. He has served as Trustee of Echo lodge since 2002. For many years he has been the organizing force behind the work parties at Echo. His background as a contractor and his contagious enthusiasm and sense of humor suited him well for this role. He has developed a core group that arrives twice annually and work together tirelessly to maintain the beautiful lodge we all enjoy year round. He is extremely adept at assigning duties that match members' natural abilities and talents at Echo work parties. He quickly decided that my husband Bob Henry had a former life as a high wire performer and so always handed him repair projects that involved a roof. I decided that this was a person I needed to meet, and we went for a weekend of fun at the lodge with Tom and his wife, Carol Saccomonto, hosting. Tom and Carol have the magic touch at making everyone comfortable, feeding them delicious food, and developing the camaraderie and group spirit that make these weekends live on in memory. His great big Irish spirit, his love of a laugh, and his ability to make us all feel a sense of ownership and contribution in taking care of our beautiful lodge is what the Alpine Club is all about.

— **Shelly Navine, Echo Host**

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Monthly TRAILS Editor ~ Helena Troy

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

## HI Alpiners

Two important events occur every April; one is the CAC Annual Awards Dinner the other Earth Day Observances.

Our CAC event celebrates contributions from two very deserving members. It is difficult for the Awards Committee (comprised of former winners) to narrow the selection to just two. If you happen to see **Helena Troy** or **Tom Coleman** let them know how much you appreciate what they have done, are doing and will do for our club. You know, if it weren't for the club I would not have met these two wonderful people, their families or their countless friends, nor would I have met many of you. I'm sure the same is true for all of us.

I realize most members do not know how the Distinguished Award Winners are chosen. First, the president contacts the most recent winners and asks if they would mind being on a committee to select the next winners. Next contacted are former winners who are aware of a broad spectrum of club members and their contributions. I have tried to keep the committee to 5 or 6. For the past umpteen years former president and winner **Bob Hanson** has chaired the committee as a non-voting member. Bob informs the committee of potential candidates from previous years. After much discussion two are selected. Bob then orders the special plaques.

United States Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day as an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970. While this first Earth Day was focused on the United States, an organization launched by Denis Hayes, who was the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations.

Earth Day is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and is celebrated in more than 175 countries." (From: Wikipedia)

If you wish to learn more about planned events please go to [www.earthday.org/greencities/earth-day-2014/](http://www.earthday.org/greencities/earth-day-2014/)

Thank you

— **Jim Nixon, President**



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Sponsors: Lynn Garric and Mal Russell

— Bev Leve, Membership Chair

## *Distinguished Awards, continued from page 1*

**HELENA TROY:** Little did I think when, in 2006, I gave Helena a Christmas gift of membership in the Club that she would contribute her skills so generously. She was immediately recruited as Secretary of the Board where she served for two years. Helena also acted as one of the monthly editors of Trails and then took on the Chair of Publications for a year. Aware of the need for more timely communication among members, she assumed the responsibility of setting up Constant Contact e-News Flashes. Helena continues to be one of the monthly editors of Trails. All this she does while maintaining a quiet, calming demeanor. Perhaps we don't appreciate just how much work all this entails, but, believe me, it's a lot. Time has proved that my somewhat devious plan has worked to the benefit of many. The Club also got a bonus when Helena joined. Her brother, Ed Troy, has been our chef nonpareil for the past six St. Patrick's Dinners, and will be there, in the kitchen, again this year.

— Nuala Caulfield, Coordinator Hikers Weekend

## BY-LAW CHANGES- RESOLUTION 11

As has been reported previously, the Board has a plan to make some substantial changes to the By-Laws in 2014. The changes have been split into three phases in order to simplify the process.

One of the improvements we are making in the By-Law changes is removing operational matters related to the process for admitting new members and placing them in Board Resolution 11, so they are more amenable to change in the future. Since this change is critical to subsequent changes in the By-Laws, the Board would like to get feedback on the proposed new Board Resolution at the April Meeting. We have transmitted a draft by email. For members who do not have email access, please contact me at 415-827-4748 or gjfo99@yahoo.com and I will arrange for a copy to be mailed.

Note: the e-Newsflash transmitting Resolution 11 had the incorrect date for the Annual meeting. It should have read April 26. Mark your calendars.

— Graham Forder, Vice President

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26—Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting 2pm  
Annual Meeting 3pm (by-laws voting) Awards Dinner follows

SATURDAY, MAY 24—Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 21—Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 20—Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse  
Board Meeting 2pm  
Quarterly Meeting 3pm (by-laws voting) Dinner to follow

### **AUGUST No Meetings**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - Alpine Lodge  
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, CAC President





## ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday April 6	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday April 13	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday April 20	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday April 27	9:30 AM	Margy Eller	415-383-7307	2B
Sunday May 4	9:30 AM	Anne Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday May 11	9:30 AM	Tony Smith	650-207-1619	2B
Sunday May 18	9:30 AM	Pete Sager	415-472-1275	2B
Sunday May 25	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday June 1	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday June 8	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday June 15	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday June 22	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday June 29	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.**

## ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

### APRIL 2014

April 6	Mae Harms
April 13	Ann Carmean Adams
April 20	OPEN (Easter Sunday but hike is scheduled) Need a volunteer!
April 27	Bev & Ron Leve

### MAY 2014

May 4	Cindi Whitehead
May 11	Bonnie Herzog
May 18	Ann Carmean Adams
May 25	OPEN - Need a volunteer!

The Club needs your assistance in keeping our Alpine Lodge open on Sundays. Please consider being an Innkeeper. Call Jana Shober (916-690-1828) or contact her via e-mail at shober@csus.edu

Please note: If scheduled innkeepers must cancel, they should do their best to find a replacement. If they cannot find a replacement, they should notify the hike leader scheduled for that Sunday (contact information is in TRAILS) that there will be no Innkeeper that day.

— Jana Shober, Innkeeper Coordinator

## ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY Q2 Weekend Work Party	APRIL 5	Jay Gustafson 415-381-7261 jaygustafson@yahoo.com
THURSDAY	MAY 1	Dan Larson 831-465-9645 dlarson11@gmail.com
THURSDAY	JUNE 12	Russ Toran 707-321-3845 toranski@aol.com
SATURDAY Q3 Weekend Work Party	JULY 5	Jay Gustafson 415-381-7261 jaygustafson@yahoo.com
THURSDAY	AUG 7	Details to follow



# 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.

**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 # 415-380-8250**  
**OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS ONLY; NO PAY PHONE**  
**WIFI NOW AVAILABLE**

**APR 1-2 TUES-WED ROSSMOOR AND CAC MIDWEEK HIKING**

Tony Smith 650-207-1619  
 joanne-tony@sbcglobal.net

**APR 5 SAT WEEKEND WORK PARTY WITH JAY GUSTAFSON**

Contact Jay 415-381-7261  
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**APR 6-11 SUN-SAT WILDFLOWER WEEK**

Mary Frey Marymaryhiker@aol.com 415-492-2510  
 See article on page 1.

**APR 11-12 FRI-SAT HOST TRAINING**

Contact Jay Gustafson 415-381-7261  
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**APR 26 SAT ANNUAL/ RESCHEDULED QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AWARDS DINNER**

See article on page 1.

**MAY 1 THURS WORK PARTY**

Dan Larson 831-465-9645  
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**MAY 2 FRI CLUB OVERNIGHT**

Ellen McKnight 707-996-7983  
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**MAY 3 SAT PRIVATE EVENT**

**MAY 7-11 WED-SUN SIERRA CLUB WILDERNESS FIRST AID**

**MAY 13-16 TUES-FRI TENTATIVE PRIVATE EVENT**

**MAY 17-18 SAT-SUN TWIN CITIES PRESCHOOL**

**MAY 22 THUR PRIVATE EVENT**

**MAY 24 SAT BOARD MEETING AT 2**

**MAY 31 SAT PRIVATE OVERNIGHT**

**JUNE 5-9 THU-MON SIERRA CLUB LIGHTHOUSE TRIP**

**JUNE 12 THUR WORK PARTY**  
 Russ Toran 707-321-3845  
 toranski@aol.com

**JUNE 14 SAT PRIVATE EVENT**

**JUNE 15 SUN MOUNTAIN PLAY'S FINAL DINNER AFTER 4**

**JUNE 21 SAT BOARD MEETING AT 2**

**JUNE 23-27 MON-FRI WEEKLY WANDERERS WITH JILL MCINTIRE**

**JUNE 27-28 FRI-SAT WEDDING**

**JULY 4 FRI INDEPENDENCE DAY PARTY AND OVERNIGHT**

**JULY 5 SAT WORK PARTY**  
 Jay Gustafson 415-381-7261  
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**JULY 6-12 SUN-SAT SIERRA CLUB FAMILY SERVICE TRIP**

**JULY 13-19 SUN-SAT PRIVATE EVENT, FAMILY REUNION**

**JULY 20 SUN BOARD MEETING 2PM QUARTERLY 3PM (By-Laws voting)**

Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse. Dinner to follow.

**JULY 19-20 SAT-SUN SIERRA CLUB LEADERS**

**JULY 20-26 SUN-SAT SIERRA CLUB YOGA AND HIKING**

**JULY 27-AUG 2 SUN-SAT PRIVATE EVENT, FAMILY REUNION**

**AUG 7 THUR WORK PARTY**

**AUG 8-9 FRI-SAT PRIVATE EVENT**  
 E. Spitalnik

**AUG 15-16 FRI-SAT PRIVATE EVENT**  
 Erin Neff

**AUG 22-23 FRI-SAT PRIVATE EVENT**  
 Graham Forder

**WORK PARTY MARCH 6, 2014**

A very enthusiastic group of 11 members and 4 prospective members accomplished a lot of work in one day. Trustees **Russ Toran, Dan Larson** and **Jay Gustafson** were present to facilitate the group. **Robert Feist** would get the MVP award as he trimmed 3 feet off the entire hedge in front of the lodge. This allows the CAC sign to be seen more prominently. It also lets a lot more light into the kitchen. **Susan Fishman**, who had never been to the lodge before, worked in the kitchen with **Kay Voyvodich** preparing an excellent lunch for the group. **Ruth Tretbar** and **Sarah Davis** worked tirelessly in the garden. **Jill Denny** cleaned the upstairs sleeping area. Members **Keith Bergman** and **Lutz Heinrich** worked on a special project wire brushing the exterior sprinkler system pipes. **Dan Macdonald**, candidate for membership, cleaned the floor in the big hall, assisted Robert Feist by removing the cuttings from the hedge and did several other tasks. **Fred Olsen**, a prospective member, and **Jane Heaven** rented a trailer using Dan Larson's car and they did a dump run that has been delayed for over a year. The trustees purchased and installed a permanent wine opener so we will no longer have the crisis of the missing corkscrew when it is needed the most. Russ Toran secured a Building Permit from the Marin County Building Dept. to continue with the apartment conversion in the Tam Building. We vacuumed the Tam building which was pretty dirty due to the Mold Remediation project. Jane Heaven assisted Jay and the rest of the group in a wood line to fill up the basement with wood.

—Tony Smith, Alpine Events Calendar

— Russ Toran

## ALPINE WORK PARTY SATURDAY, APRIL 5

This is a weekend work party which gathers a great bunch to spruce up the place and make a hike after. We're planning on a sunny-back-deck lunch, under new umbrellas and many good friends making a day of it on Tam. Join us... and let me know if there are any dietary matters we can address for your lunch. Jay Gustafson 415-381-7261 or jaygustafson@yahoo.com.

— Jay Gustafson

## ALPINE HOST TRAINING APRIL 11-12

We are filled for "overniters" already... but there are more places available for those able to attend Friday night, then go home and return back to the lodge for Saturday breakfast and the remainder of the training. AND, with the daylight time change, there is always time for a hike on Tam after this event on Saturday... so bring your hiking shoes! Jay Gustafson 415-381-7261 or jaygustafson@yahoo.com.

— Jay Gustafson

## ALPINE LODGE VACANT TRUSTEE POSITION(S)

We are in our recruiting season for the Alpine Club and the Alpine Lodge has two Trustee openings. We have had several potential candidates show interest in these positions. Unfortunately, they have found themselves currently committed with too much, such as work, family commitments or do not feel they currently have the time to commit to being a Trustee.

We are back to ask if you would have an interest in helping us out as a Trustee. We currently have a good group of three continuing Trustees and we are required by the By-Laws to have five, so you won't have to carry the load, but rather be part of the team. We have some exciting projects and events coming up and after two years as a Trustee, I can attest the position is fun and very rewarding.

I would love to hear from you. If you have any questions about becoming a Trustee, please feel free to call me at 831-465-9645 or email to dl Larson1@gmail.com.

— Dan Larson, Alpine Lodge Trustee Chairperson

## CAC FOUNDATION AWARDS NINE GRANTS IN 2013

Last year the Foundation awarded nine grants totaling \$15,300 to organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Tahoe area. Your generous support made these grants possible. All our funding comes from our Club members' donations. Please remember us in when renewing your annual dues. Grants awarded were:

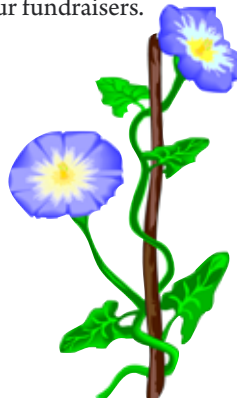
1. Tahoe Institute for Natural Science \$2,000 for three bird banding trips for local schools. The executive director was our speaker at the birding weekend at Echo.
2. Tahoe Rim Association \$1,000 for trail signs, gloves and hard hats for volunteers, and to offset first aid training fees.
3. Pacific Crest Trail Association: \$2,000 for to help support a three-day volunteer training event (meals, facility rental, printed materials).
4. Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association: \$500 for a Junior Ranger Program.
5. Pt Reyes National Seashore Association: \$1,800 for six large tarp shelters for summer camp.
6. Marin Audubon Society: \$2,000 for a power wagon (motorized hand cart) for hauling water to habitat restoration sites.
7. Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed: \$2,000 for removal of eucalyptus trees.
8. Slide Ranch: \$2,000 for 25 low-income students to come to Slide Ranch's environmental education program.
9. San Bruno Mt Watch: \$2,000 for Adaptive Management Research project at the Native Plant Nursery.

— Arlin Weinberger, President  
California Alpine Club Foundation

## CAC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Foundation is pleased to announce two new board members: **Rose Chen** and **Mary Cosgrove**. After serving for several years, David Solbach has resigned. We are grateful for his contributions, particularly the music he and his band provided for our fundraisers.

— Arlin Weinberger, President  
California Alpine Club Foundation





# 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](mailto:cktoran@gmail.com).  
Echo Lodge Telephone 530-659-7274

## Spring Work and Fun Party is May 15-18.

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 openings in the Summer schedule. The current schedule through August is listed below. Open dates are June 29-July 3, July 13-17, Aug 3-10, Aug 17-21, Aug 24-Sept 8. 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 events.

Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting** will be Monday, April 21, 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 [cktoran@gmail.com](mailto:cktoran@gmail.com). Discussions will, of course, be kept confidential.



## ECHO SUMMIT LODGE SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE:

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