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## MT. TAMALPAIS TRAILS MAINTENANCE WORK PARTY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Dust off your work party gloves on Saturday April 4 to join the monthly Marin Municipal Water District Volunteer Trail Crew to help maintain one of our favorite trails near Alpine Lodge! We will be meeting at Alpine Lodge at 8:30am, then walking over to the Gravity Car Fire Road (just below Throckmorton Fire Station) at 8:45am to join the MMWD crew. MMWD will provide tools, training and supervision for the group (all volunteers will need to sign a MMWD volunteer agreement form). Likely tasks will include trimming brush along the trail, clearing water bars and possibly helping out with stonework.

We will work from 9-12:30, then come back to Alpine Lodge to host the MMWD volunteers for a Lasagna lunch at 1pm. This event is a CAC contribution to Mt Tamalpais so technically it is free, but we appreciate your \$5 donation to the CAC basket at lunch. We need up to 12 Alpine Club trail crew volunteers plus two more volunteers to help with preparing lunch at Alpine Lodge. Call or email **Jay Gustafson** at 415-381-7261, or email him at [jaygustafson@yahoo.com](mailto:jaygustafson@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to reserve your place (and be sure to let him know if you prefer veggie lasagna).

— Marguerite Murphy, Event Coordinator

## ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS DINNER, SATURDAY APRIL 25

Please get your reservations in soon as possible for our Annual Awards Dinner on **Saturday, April 25th**. Come socialize with friends and honor this year's recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. (See article below). This year we are privileged to have the talented **Tim Warden** cooking for us. He has quite a scrumptious meal planned, salmon in champagne sauce, herbed red potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables, iceberg wedge salad, and of course a dessert of apple pie and ice cream.

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 **Eva Libien**, 2 Eucalyptus Knoll Street, Mill Valley, CA 94941. Email her, [elibien@yahoo.com](mailto:elibien@yahoo.com), or call, 415-383-5184 if you need further information. 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. Although we do have some volunteers lined up **here are some areas where we need your help: setup/decorations, table-setting, servers, name tags/place cards, cleanup and table/chair storage.** We would also love six volunteers to help contribute hors d'oeuvres for happy hour.

*Awards Dinner, continued on page 3*

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

The biggest event of the year for our club is happening on Saturday, April 25 at Alpine Lodge. This year we will be honoring our indefatigable President **Jim Nixon** with the Distinguished Service Award. Because Jim is in a class by himself, the awards committee decided to only recognize one member this year. The committee would have liked to honor Jim sooner, but some felt we should wait until his service as president had concluded. This year we decided we could wait no longer. He has been Club president since the spring of 2011...longer than any other member of the Club who has held that office in the 100 years of our existence. It will be a shame if this isn't the grandest celebration at the Club in living memory...you won't want to miss it. The dinner will follow the annual meeting. See article above for details.

— Bob Hanson, Awards Chair

## 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

Hello everyone,

Next month I begin my fifth and final year as club president. Being president has been interesting and rewarding. Because of all the wonderful volunteers much has been accomplished during this time. With your support, the Board and I plan to accomplish more.



One item I hope to accomplish is to make it possible for families with children to join in on hikes on beautiful Mt. Tam. To accomplish this and to help with my own hiking I will try to have some shorter and less demanding hikes added to our current hikes. They will be in the 1-A category, which I think is up to five miles and less than 1,000 feet elevation change. Most of you know I am unable to join our club's more strenuous hikes due to physical limitations; perhaps others are in the same category. I am sure the club and I will benefit by having these hikes. I will need volunteers to lead them. Please contact me. By the way, Jan and I have reservations to walk, with an organized group, the final 70 miles of the Camino de Santiago, in Spain, at the end of August. Our hike is called the Gentle Camino.

Another item is to have a system in place so that next year you can pay your dues and make contributions to the CAC Foundation electronically. By the way, have you returned your payment? If not, please do so. Electronic payment will make things easier for everyone and save the trees.

I would also like any member who is truly interested in protecting our environment to contact me. Each year the club subsidizes part of the cost of attending the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Annual Convention. Last year, Board Member **Ann Meneguzzi** and I attended the conference held at Echo Lodge. The club's representatives will be in with a group dedicated to protecting the environment. This year the conference will be at the Menucha Retreat & Conference Center, Corbett, Oregon on Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30. Please check their website: [www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org).

**Thank You,**  
**— Jim Nixon, President**

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— Bev Leve, Membership Chair

## ANNUAL MEETING, *continued from page 1*

Please plan to carpool to save the pressure on our parking lot. Remember, if you park behind someone leave your READABLE NAME on your dashboard, so we can contact you, if necessary. If you need special parking please let Eva Libien know when you register or by email, if you have already registered. We will save designated parking for you. (Hikers need not apply!) If you need a ride, also let Eva know and we will try to arrange one for you.

**Carroll Pearson** has volunteered to be coordinator for this event. Please contact her at pearsoncmp@aol.com (best contact) or 408-736-9403 for questions or to offer assistance.

— Carroll Pearson, Event Coordinator

## IT'S GRANT-GIVING TIME AGAIN!

Would you like the CAC Foundation to help a favorite organization of yours? We will be looking at grant requests in the next two months and would welcome your recommendations. We give grants up to \$2,000 to small groups where this amount really helps. We are looking for specific projects, such as ones that help educate the public (particularly young people), maintain trails or preserve habitats. These organizations must be in the Bay Area or the Lake Tahoe region.

You will notice a line on your dues renewal form asking for a donation to the Foundation to keep our work going. Look at our page on the CAC website: [www.californiaalpineclub.org](http://www.californiaalpineclub.org), under "About", where there is more information and lists previous grant recipients.

If every member gave only \$10, we could give another three grants this year. So, remember your Foundation when you are renewing your annual club dues. Thank you!

— The CAC Foundation Board

## MOUNTAIN PLAY DRESS REHEARSAL – PETER PAN, SATURDAY, MAY 23 FAMILY WEEKEND, MAY 22-24

We are planning a wonderful, family and fun-filled weekend at Alpine lodge the weekend of May 22- 24. We have once again been invited to attend the Mountain Play dress rehearsal on Saturday, May 23. This year it is Peter Pan, a wonderful play for kids of all ages and especially ideal for children ages 4-8. This date is special as it is right before the play opens to the public and fewer tickets are sold thus giving us more room to sit and spread out. Tickets are \$25 for reserved seats. The performance starts at 2pm. We will gather at the Lodge at noon to distribute the tickets. **Sonia Bastidas Fuetsch** is taking reservations for the play and shuttle. Send your check to her at 1186 Midway Court, Novato, CA 94947. For further details, call her at 415-895-6230.

Let's make this a family weekend. Everybody is welcome. We will hike and/or shuttle to the play, share potluck meals, play games and make crafts. Come Friday night and stay until Sunday morning or stay over and join the Memorial Day festivities on Monday. Make new friends, renew old friendships, bring a new family, relax, let the kids play. Let's have a party!!

Overnight costs per night are: adults \$21 for members, \$31 for non-members; children 4-11, \$12, and teens 12-17, \$21. Note: Only 7 families can be accommodated with privacy.

**Mary Jane McKown** is taking reservations for the weekend. She will arrange potluck when people call to sign up. Mail your check to her at 602 Amaranth Blvd, Mill Valley, CA 94941. Email her at [mjmckown@gmail.com](mailto:mjmckown@gmail.com) or call her at 415-383-2774 if you have any questions.

— Mary Jane McKown, Event Coordinator

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY APRIL 25 Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting, 2pm, Annual Meeting, 3pm  
Happy Hour and Awards Dinner, 5pm

SATURDAY, MAY 16, Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting, 2 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting, 2 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 19, Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting, 2 pm,  
Quarterly Meeting, 3 pm

AUGUST – NO BOARD MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting, 2 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting, 2 pm  
Quarterly Meeting, 3 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting, 2 pm

DECEMBER – NO BOARD MEETING

If you have any questions or wish to have an item on the agenda, contact **Jim Nixon** at [jimnixon2000@yahoo.com](mailto: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 5	9:30 AM	Pete Sager	415-472-1275	2B
Sunday April 12	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday April 19	9:30 AM	Tom Dewey	510-381-8188	2B
Sunday April 26	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday May 3	9:30 AM	Mark Sapiro	415-388-8910	2B
Sunday May 10	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday May 17	9:30 AM	Tom Dewey	510-381-8188	2B
Sunday May 24	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Monday May 25	9:30 AM	Jordan Herrmann	510-520-9782	1B
		Memorial Day Hike		
Sunday May 31	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday June 7	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers'	415-785-3516	2B
		Poetry Hike		
Sunday June 14	9:30 AM	John Eller	415-383-7307	2B
Sunday June 21	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday June 28	9:30 AM	Bob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B

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

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

## 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.

## ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

APRIL 5	OPEN
APRIL 12	OPEN
APRIL 19	Cindy Whitehead
APRIL 26	OPEN

MAY 3	Cindy Whitehead
MAY 10	Candy Barnhill
MAY 17	OPEN
MAY 24	OPEN
MAY 31	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.**

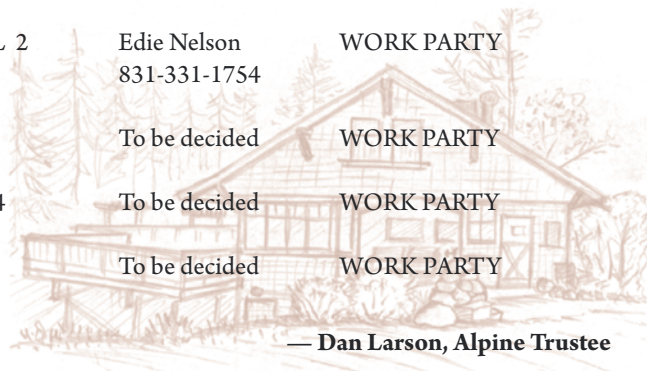
Please note that I update the web calendar as soon as I get a volunteer. **Therefore, it is advised that you check the calendar on the website regularly for the latest status.** The public side of the website contains just the first names of the innkeeper(s) but the members' side of the website contains more detailed information. Please call me to reserve a date or provide feedback (916-690-1828) or better yet, e-mail me at Janashob@gmail.com

— 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

THURSDAY	APRIL 2	Edie Nelson	WORK PARTY
		831-331-1754	
THURSDAY	MAY 7	To be decided	WORK PARTY
THURSDAY	JUNE 4	To be decided	WORK PARTY
THURSDAY	JULY 2	To be decided	WORK PARTY



— Dan Larson, Alpine Trustee

## HELLO FELLOW ALPINE CLUB MEMBERS

I am the Innkeeping Coordinator (recruiter & scheduler) for the Alpine Lodge Sunday Open House. We have been experiencing a decline in members signing up to be Sunday innkeepers. Perhaps it is because some of our newer members may not understand what it is exactly that innkeepers do or are expected to do. Maybe members are reluctant to sign up or are even a little intimidated because the current Innkeeping Notes are too wordy and make it seem like the whole experience would not be much fun.

In an effort to remedy both of these possible reasons for the decline in volunteers for Sunday innkeeping, we thought we would regularly share some experiences submitted by recent innkeepers at our lodge, such as the one in this issue submitted by **Bonnie Herzog**. The Innkeeping Notes were also edited and shortened significantly, and are available online.

*Fellow Alpine Club members, continued on page 7*

# ALPINE LODGE EVENTS AND HOST CALENDAR

**Event Reservations:** Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR LATEST UPDATES.

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

**To Schedule an Event:** For a private member event or a Club function, please leave a message with your request, name, email, and phone number at 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.

Phone Russ Toran 707-321-3845 anytime or  
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**APR 2 WORK PARTY**  
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4024 Ash St Mill Valley CA 94941  
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**APR 13-15 MON-WED ROSSMORE HIKING GROUP**  
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**APR 18 SAT LASAGNA & CHARADES**  
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See article on page 7 for details.

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Carroll Pearson 408-736-9403  
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**MAY 1-2 FRI-SAT HOST TRAINING AND APPRECIATION**  
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See article on page 6 for details.

**MAY 7 THURS WORK PARTY**  
To be decided

**MAY 8-10 FRI-SUN CRAFTING AND SCRAPBOOKING**  
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See article on page 6 for details.

**MAY 16 SAT BOARD MEETING**  
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**MAY 22-24 FRI-SUN FAMILY WEEKEND**  
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**MAY 23 SAT MOUNTAIN PLAY EVENT**  
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See article on page 3 for details.

**MAY 25 MON MEMORIAL DAY BBQ & POTLUCK**  
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**MAY 30-31 SAT-SUN COOP PRESCHOOL**  
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**JUNE 4 THURS WORK PARTY**  
To be determined

**JUNE 5-6 FRI-SAT PRIVATE RENTAL**  
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**JUNE 7-13 SUN-SAT SIERRA CLUB NATIONAL OUTINGS**  
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**JUNE 13-20 SAT-SAT GRANDPARENT'S SUMMER CAMP**  
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**JUNE 20 SAT BOARD MEETING**  
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**JUNE 21 SUN MT PLAY DINNER**  
Private Event

**JUNE 22-26 MON-FRI HIKING WEEK**  
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**JUN 28-JUL 4 SUN-TUES SIERRA CLUB NATIONAL OUTINGS**  
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**JULY 2 THURS WORK PARTY**  
To be determined

**JULY 4 SAT BBQ & POTLUCK**  
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**JULY 18 SAT BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
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**JULY 23-27 THURS-TUES PRIVATE EVENT**  
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**JULY 31-AUG 1 FRI-SAT PRIVATE EVENT/ COASTWALK**  
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**AUG 5-8 WED-SAT DINING WITH CHEF KIM ALLEN JONES**  
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**AUG 13 THURS WORK PARTY**  
To be determined

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



*Russ Toran and our friendly Building Inspector finalizing the Permit for the shower repairs*

## BEHIND THE SCENES...

The two new Tam Building rooms (now numbered 6 and 7) are finished and are now in use. The conversion of these rooms from Larry's old apartment to member use has been primarily a membership labor driven project.

The initial demolition was done by **Malcom Russell** and his lovely wife **Eva Pardee**. A work party group removed the surplus floor heater and refrigerator. **Fred Olsen** repaired the damaged wallboard by patching with sheetrock and **Dan Larson** did the taping and hiding of smaller blemishes. **Scott Miller** followed up with a masterful job of texturing the walls of both rooms and the entry hall. **Russ Toran** followed all by repainting the walls and trim. **Maureen Johnstone** then scrubbed and washed all of the floors, cleaned all the wood with Goof-off, and then oiled all the wood trim and doors with Wood Reviver Oil. **Ed Del Monte** inspected the water heater flue in the room 7 closet and donated a steel housing to prevent damage to the flue insulation when the closet is used.

We were lucky to find our spare floor tiles and Russ was able to patch them in and save us a substantial amount of money. We were also extremely lucky when **Gerry Montmorency** found the two bathroom doors that had been removed during the apartment occupancy. These doors are special as they match the room entry doors and add to the rustic feel and charm to these rooms. We offer a special thanks to the former Trustees who wisely chose to store these precious doors. Fred was able to extract the doors from the Social Hall basement and Gerry undertook the task of rehabilitating and rehanging them.

The Trustees chose to hire a contractor to build the new shower and tile the bathroom floor. **Edie Nelson**, **Mary Jane McKown**, Dan and Russ all contributed furnishings and Mary Jane shopped for the bedding that matches so well with the color scheme.

All of these volunteer efforts were contributed by members who have learned to love our precious Lodge and enjoy adding to its charm and history and make our events more successful and better equip our Lodge for the events we hold. When you are up at the Lodge for your next event, please feel free to walk down to the Tam Building and check out the new rooms 6 and 7 and more importantly, if you see one of the contributors of this project, please take a minute to thank them for their efforts.

— **Dan Larson**, AlpineTrustee

## ALPINE HOST TRAINING AND APPRECIATION MAY 1-2

There are a few seats left for the Spring training session at Alpine planned for the evening of May 1 and all day May 2. We limit the class to 15 members, with the hope that those who sign up have already had some experience assisting the production of a Lodge event. It's an overnight on Friday with dinner, then through mid-afternoon on Saturday. Three meals and bunks are offered for a \$25 reg fee. Contact [jaygustafson@yahoo.com](mailto:jaygustafson@yahoo.com) to make your reservation.

— **Jay Gustafson** Alpine Trustee

## CRAFTING, SCRAPBOOKING AND AN ACTIVITY WEEKEND AT ALPINE LODGE FRIDAY, MAY 8 –MAY 10

Join us for a weekend of work, play, fun, camaraderie and, of course, hiking too. A dedicated group works on their scrapbooks and shares their materials, another group works on crafting projects for party favors, cards, boxes, soap or whatever the participants desire. We bring projects to share and teach others. State your desires when signing up and we will try to fulfill them. Sewing and quilting, knitting and collaging have also been done in the past. Bring your machine and work away with no interruptions.

Meals are potluck or bring your own. We will start on Friday, May 8 at 1pm and go until noon on Sunday, May 10. Day or overnight, you are welcome. Day use is \$3 for CAC members and \$6 for non-members. Overnight is \$21 for members and \$31 for non-members. Reservations are required, call or email **Mary Jane McKown** at 415-383-2774 or [mjmckown@gmail.com](mailto:mjmckown@gmail.com).

— **Mary Jane McKown**, Event Coordinator

## CANOE TRIP, SMITH RIVER, MONTANA MAY 10-14

As announced previously, the club will be doing a five day canoe trip on the Smith River in Montana from May 10-14. The trip was previously full, with a wait list, but due to cancellations, we now have openings for 2-4 more paddlers. While this is not a whitewater trip, participants should have some previous canoeing experience. If you would like the particulars, please give me a call at 925- 934-1071, or email me at [doctoroutdoors@comcast.net](mailto:doctoroutdoors@comcast.net).

— **Bob Hanson**, Event Coordinator





## JIM NIXON SUPER VOLUNTEER

**Jim Nixon** is our Distinguished Service Award winner for 2015. But, before this honor, nay, before he was the Emperor of the California Alpine club, (he doesn't like to be referred to as 'President Nixon'), Jim Nixon was a new, fresh and eager trustee at Echo Lodge many years ago. Jim brought a smile, a joke, and warmth to his time as a leader at Echo. He was always the voice of calm in whatever storm the United States Forest service was throwing at us. We needed to get our 10 year use permit renewal for Echo while Jim was a trustee. He went to meet with the USFS up in Tahoe, got to know the people we needed to deal with and keep happy, and Jim helped to make it happen.

Being a senior manager at the San Francisco Planning Department had to be good training for Jim in these endeavors. He handled all situations with a (frankly) unnatural self-possession. Jim ran work parties up at Echo after **John Hannum** got promoted. The work parties were organized, and more importantly, volunteers were happy to be there and have a job to do. Everyone was yearning to contribute, and Jim made it happen.

Jim Nixon was very happy as a trustee at Echo; but the California Alpine Club had an emergency. The club was in dire straights, and needed someone with that calm demeanor to step in and 'right the ship'. Jim Nixon voluntarily left a dream position as trustee at Echo Lodge, and said "I'll be the President" if that's what's needed here. It was, and that's how Jim became Emperor of the CAC.

Thank you, Jim, for your sacrifice in a time of need. The greatness of this club of ours is people like Jim Nixon. Glad to know you, Jim, and it's a pleasure to call you friend.

— Tom Coleman, Alpine Trustee



## COMMENTARY ON OUR FEBRUARY ALPINE WORK PARTY

On February 5, a group of eight met and worked at the Alpine Lodge. It is the first work party in the three years I have been doing them that crossed over with a group using the Lodge. **Mary Cahill**, an excellent host and facilitator, led a hiking group that was doing a moonlight hike. Two of Mary's group joined the work party. It was a perfect example of what our club is all about. Like-minded people working and enjoying our Lodges. Everybody worked really hard and diligently.

**Eve Solomon**, a future member, prepared lunch for the group. **Maureen Johnstone** should get special recognition as she worked mostly alone in the Tam Building apartment conversion project. Maureen scrubbed and washed both floors, cleaned all the wood with smelly Goof-off, and then oiled all the wood trim and doors with Wood Reviver Oil. **Jay Gustafson** cleaned out all the gutters, which were filled with debris. **Barbara Johnstone**, **Petra Maher**, **Patricia Weiss**, and **Jill McIntire** all did a grand job in the lodge.

— Russ Toran, Alpine Trustee

## DINNER AND GAMES NIGHT AT ALPINE LODGE SATURDAY, APRIL 18

On Saturday, April 18 we will have a fun filled Lasagna and Charades/Games night at Alpine Lodge. The cost for adults is \$15.00 and for children under 12, \$7.50.

Appetizers will start at 5pm and dinner of lasagna, salad, bread and dessert at 6 pm. Bring your own beer, wine, or other beverages. We will clean up and start charades and possibly other games about 7:30 and go until 9:30 or 10. Depending on the number of people who sign up we may break up into several groups. If you have an interest in another game please let the host know.

Please RSVP to Margy Eller at [margyeller@gmail.com](mailto:margyeller@gmail.com) as soon as possible. If you can help with set up, appetizers, food serving and/or clean up let Margy know that as well. Additional games ideas welcome.

Please mail your check, made out to Margy Eller, to 66 Great Circle Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941 by April 10th. If you have any questions, contact Margy at 415-383-7307.

This is a great opportunity to share your great acting, guessing and gaming skills. It will be a fun evening. Hope you can join us!

— Margy Eller, Event Coordinator

## FELLOW ALPINE CLUB MEMBERS *continued from page 4*

*"If I look back over all the Sundays that I have volunteered, I think the overall experience is what counts. It is a delight to go up to the lodge and get it warm and cozy and have the coffee and whatever baked items filling the kitchen with wonderful fragrances. It is always fun to see who is arriving for the day's hike and to wave them goodbye as the start up the mountain.*

*I enjoy the solitude between their departure and return as I play the piano, read, knit and/or listen to music on my portable iPod stereo that I bring with me. Then in the afternoon I enjoy making snacks to welcome back the hikers. And it is especially fun when they bring out their wine and decide to stay for awhile and share stories about recent or future adventures and travels.*

*And, of course, I always look forward to welcoming those that stop by the lodge to learn more about it. But I have found that is pretty rare."*

Please do sign up to be a Sunday Innkeeper. Bonnie Herzog finds it a very pleasant experience and I believe you will too!

— Jana Shober, Innkeeper Coordinator

# 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 28-31.

Come enjoy the camaraderie of working together at our mountain retreat—it's a lot of fun! Contact Bob Henry for reservations (see contact information below).

**Summer/Fall Hosts:** There are still plenty of openings in the Summer schedule. 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 also 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:** Contact Cindy at [cktoran@gmail.com](mailto:cktoran@gmail.com) for the next scheduled meeting.

**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

<b>APR 1-APR 17</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS</b>	<b>JUN 28-JUL 2 SUN-THURS</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS</b>
<b>APR 17-20 FRI-MON</b> Tom & Carol Coleman <a href="mailto:travmcgee@comcast.net">travmcgee@comcast.net</a>	<b>PRIVATE EVENT</b> 415-531-4650	<b>JUL 2-6 THURS-MON</b> Tim Seeley 4819 Foxglove Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95405 <a href="mailto:seeley@sonic.net">seeley@sonic.net</a>	<b>4TH OF JULY - COOP MEALS</b> 707-486-8288
<b>MAY 15-17 FRI-SUN</b> Contact: Cindy Toran <a href="mailto:cktoran@gmail.com">cktoran@gmail.com</a>	<b>HOST APPRECIATION &amp; TRAINING</b> 707-321-3262	<b>JUL 6-12 MON-SUN</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS</b>
<b>MAY 22-24 FRI-SUN</b> Roger & Mary Rigney <a href="mailto:rognmar@yahoo.com">rognmar@yahoo.com</a>	<b>PRIVATE EVENT</b> 916 768-1705	<b>JUL 12-18 SUN-SAT</b> Mary Cahill and Bill Jones 422 Lamarque Ct. Grass Valley, CA 95945 <a href="mailto:A_childs_view@yahoo.com">A_childs_view@yahoo.com</a>	<b>HIKE AMONG THE WILD FLOWERS / COOP COOKING</b> 530-798-9601
<b>MAY 28-31 THURS-SUN</b> Contact: Bob Henry <a href="mailto:clyde33301@comcast.net">clyde33301@comcast.net</a>	<b>SPRING WORK PARTY</b> 707-829-3728	<b>JUL 18-30</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS</b>
<b>JUN 3-7 WED-SUN</b> Karen & Jerry Wagner 2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 <a href="mailto:oldmawagner@gmail.com">oldmawagner@gmail.com</a>	<b>CONSERVATION BENEFIT &amp; BIRDING</b> 707-528-8197	<b>JUL 30-AUG 2 THURS-SUN</b> Lillian Young & Genie/Tim Frye 3650 Sneath Ln, San Bruno, CA 94066 <a href="mailto:lcyou@sbcglobal.net">lcyou@sbcglobal.net</a>	<b>HOSTED EVENT</b> 650-588-5689
<b>JUN 7-14 SUN-SUN</b> John Watanabe & Cindy Pawlcyn <a href="mailto:johnswatanabe@gmail.com">johnswatanabe@gmail.com</a>	<b>PRIVATE EVENT</b> 707-815-6390	<b>AUG 2-9 SUN-SUN</b> Jan & Erika McCulloch 50 Seacrest Ct., Daly City, CA 94015 <a href="mailto:janmariemcculloch@gmail.com">janmariemcculloch@gmail.com</a> <b>Wait List for this Event</b>	<b>COOP MEALS</b> 650-756-7771
<b>JUN 14-21 SUN-SUN</b> Wendy & Gene Wells 3710 Gross Road #21, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 <a href="mailto:westwell55@gmail.com">westwell55@gmail.com</a>	<b>SIERRA REFLECTIONS-COOP MEALS</b> 831-462-6505	<b>AUG 9-SEP 7</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS</b>
<b>JUN 21-28 SUN-SUN</b> Lin Mangiante & Barbara Crockett 424 Hazel Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030 <a href="mailto:foxtails@pacbell.net">foxtails@pacbell.net</a>	<b>SUMMER WILDFLOWER HIKES</b> 650-697-7403	*** 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.





## NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2015

Officers	Committee Chairs
President Jim Nixon '16	Finance Carroll Pearson
Vice President Jay Gustafson '17	Historian (acting) Bill Mayers
Secretary Margy Eller '17	Membership Bev Leve
Treasurer Bill Mayers '17	Outings Carlos Miranda
Registrar Torie Beedle '17	Publications Susan Patrick
	Social Activities Committee formed
Board of Directors	Sunshine Valerie Nelson
John Hannum	Past President Web Committee Margy Eller
Ann Meneguzzi '17	Youth Activities Camille Smith-Ballon
Mark Sapiro '17	
Helena Troy '17	Alpine Trustees
Open '17	2015-2018 trustee Tom Coleman '18
Open '17	2015-2018 trustee Howard Ortman '18
	2015-2018 trustee Barbara Hills '18
CAC Foundation	2015-2018 trustee Open
Arlin Weinberger	President 2015-2018 trustee Open
Bill Meneguzzi	Secretary
Rose Chen	Echo Trustees
Allen Utterback	2013-2016 trustee Cindy Toran '16
Beryl Kay	2014-2017 trustee Bob Henry '17
Mary Cosgrove	2014-2017 trustee Mary Larkin '17
	2015-2018 trustee Nick Gregoratos '18
	2015-2018 trustee Richard Thornton '18

Every year the Nominating Committee solicits candidates for leadership positions as positions become vacant. This slate of candidates is presented at the Nominations Meeting, which is a membership meeting held 30 minutes before the March Board of Directors meeting. At this meeting, nominations from the floor can be made. Those nominations must have the approval of the nominee. If there is more than one candidate for a position, then an election will be held in accordance with the by-laws (see website). A motion is made and the membership accepts the slate of candidates.

This slate of candidates was introduced at this year's Nominating Committee meeting on March 21, 2015, and approved at the March Board of Directors meeting the same day. All candidates will take office at the end of the Annual Meeting on April 25, 2015.

— Bill Mayers, Nominating Committee Chair

## TAMALPAIS LANDS COLLABORATIVE

Sharon Farrell, a member of the Tamalpais Lands Collaborative (TLC), gave an informative presentation to the CAC membership at the March Board Meeting. I asked Sharon to write an article for Trails. Here it is:

— Jim Nixon, President

The TLC is an innovative approach to the stewardship of public lands that combines the resources of the Marin Municipal Water District, National Park Service, California State Parks, Marin County Parks, and the nonprofit Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. The TLC is not a new agency or governing body, and does not change any of the existing missions, mandates, or regulations of the partner agencies. Rather, it enables these five partners to build upon their long history of working together by strategically sharing expertise and resources to care for the mountain in a more holistic manner. One Tam is the public engagement initiative of the TLC that represents Mt. Tam as a single place—one mountain for which we are all responsible. One Tam seeks to raise awareness about the need to maintain the mountain's long-term health, engage more volunteers in caring for its treasured resources, and renew the spirit of philanthropy that has been so fundamental to the preservation of Mt. Tam over the past century. It's through community support that Mt. Tam has been protected for the last 100 years, and it's through continued community support and stewardship that we can protect it for 100 more. TLC partner representatives have been meeting with a wide range of stakeholder groups in Marin County to build awareness of the TLC and One Tam, and foster conversation about the mountain's ongoing stewardship. They are also in the process of hiring a One Tam Community Engagement & Youth Program and a Restoration Program Manager who will lead restoration, citizen science, monitoring, and stewardship efforts across the mountain while also engaging the community through volunteer and educational activities. A series of collaborative volunteer programs spanning all TLC partner lands began last November and will continue through 2015. The next event will be held on Saturday, April 25 (same day as the CAC Annual event). You can learn more about the TLC, and find out about upcoming volunteer events and other ways you can get involved at [onetam.org](http://onetam.org). Thank you.

—Sharon Farrell, Member, Tamalpais Lands Collaborative.

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### GRANDPARENTS' SUMMER CAMP AT ALPINE LODGE JUNE 13 TO JUNE 20

Schools are out in most areas by Saturday June 13 and you're invited to bring your grandchildren or great-grandchildren for a day, and up to a week of lodging and daily activities. Join other grandparents on trips to the Marine Mammal Center at Rodeo Beach. We'll be taking the Tiburon ferry to Angel Island one day for a hike and picnic on the largest island in the San Francisco Bay. We'll pack a lunch and visit the East Peak of Mt. Tamalpais stopping in at the Gravity Car Visitor Center before taking a short hike and explore the fire lookout. We'll save one day to spend at the beach and maybe fly kites. We're keeping our eye on the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy calendar and will likely join them one day for an exciting outing.

We'll enjoy karaoke, games, and exciting activities each evening. Fresh baked cookies, hide and seek, ping pong and other activities will make the time fly while providing you and your grandchildren quality memories. We'll have story time before the children say good night and adults can share some quiet time.

We've found children entertain each other and with a little supervision, families will bond with fond memories of time spent at the Alpine Lodge. We really hope you'll be able to join us on this new adventure. Please phone **Mary Cahill** at (530)798-9601 or send your deposit to 422 Lamarque Court, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

—Mary Cahill, Event Coordinator

### TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please email articles for the **May 2015** issue to **Anita Cabrera** at [aa\\_cabrera@msn.com](mailto:aa_cabrera@msn.com). Anita should receive articles for the May issue no later than April 5th. Electronic files are greatly appreciated.

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 attached 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 photos in TRAILS. For photographs in other formats, contact the editor.

The editor for the **June 2015** issue will be **Richard Thornton** at [rgthorn@pacbell.net](mailto:rgthorn@pacbell.net). Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact Susan D. Patrick at [susandpatrick@msn.com](mailto:susandpatrick@msn.com) or 360-943-6439.

— Susan D. Patrick, Publications Chair