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## SANTA'S COMING TO ALPINE LODGE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Better watch out--it's just a few days until this year's Children's Christmas Party at Alpine Lodge on Saturday Dec. 10 from 2-5pm. The kids will pout if they miss the fun! CAC's annual celebration for kids and their families is the merriest of the year!

Once again the Lady Elf will be there to make balloon toys for the kids; soon after Music Man Tim Cain arrives to entertain all ages with song and laughter. Then Santa pays a visit to reward good boys and girls with holiday gifts. Don't forget to bring a wrapped present with each child's name on it for Santa to give.

The Club will provide light fare of baked ham, rolls, and beverages. Each family should bring a favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert for the potluck buffet.

**Mary Frey** is still taking reservations but needs to know that you're coming ASAP! Party reservations are \$30. This amount covers two adults and the family kids. It's \$10 for each extra adult. Send your check right away to Mary Frey 100 Thorndale Drive, #251, San Rafael, Ca 94903.

For more information, email Mary at [marymaryhiker@aol.com](mailto:marymaryhiker@aol.com) or call 415-492-2510. If you can help cleanup after the party, please let Mary know. It won't take long with willing help.

**Ann Meneguzzi & Mary Frey, Party Hosts**

## CAC HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Please join us for a wonderful holiday dinner. Our renowned chef, **Tim Warden**, and his sous chefs will be preparing dishes that will surely satisfy your culinary tastes. The menu includes prime rib, roasted squash, German butterball baked potatoes, roasted veggies, salad, and dessert. Wine will be available by donation. To round out the meal we will need hors d'oeuvres provided by you. Also, we'll have a dishwasher but will need some helpers in the kitchen after dinner.

The cost for the party is \$22 for members. Overnight stay with continental breakfast is \$25. Non-members pay an additional \$10 Associate Member dues, which covers both events. Happy hour will begin at 5pm and dinner at 6pm.

Make checks payable to **Eva Libien** and mail to #2 Eucalyptus Knoll St., Mill Valley, CA 94941. Eva can be reached at 415-383-5184 or email her at [elibien@yahoo.com](mailto:elibien@yahoo.com). Reservations must be received by December 12. Please let her know how you can volunteer to help, and the hors d'oeuvres you can bring. We can only accommodate a limited number and it's always a sellout, so book early.

**Eva Libien, Event Coordinator**

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY AT ALPINE LODGE DECEMBER 31, 2016 – JANUARY 1, 2017

Join **John** and **Valerie Hogan** for New Year's Eve at Alpine Lodge. Enjoy dinner, a cheerful fire in the fireplace, and good folks to celebrate ending-out-the year. Overnight accommodations and evening meal: \$21 for bed (\$31 for guests) and \$20 for meal. Contact John Mullen, [jmullen@promia.com](mailto:jmullen@promia.com), or Valerie Hogan, [valhogan@aol.com](mailto:valhogan@aol.com), (Phones: 415-302-9473 or 415-302-9472), to reserve your spot and to get address to send check.

On January 1, continue the fun with our traditional potluck soup and salad lunch. No fee for members, guests to pay \$5 each (kids free). Lunch will be served from noon to 2pm. Sunday morning hikers will leave by 9am; other hikers will self-organize throughout the morning. There will be a family hike just before lunch, starting from the lodge at about 11am. Hikes after lunch will be self-organized. THIS IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE THE MOUNTAIN WITH A HIKE and meet-up with members and friends on Mt. Tam. Plan to bring a soup, salad, or dessert to serve six to eight folks. For potluck, email Valerie Hogan, [valhogan@aol.com](mailto:valhogan@aol.com) or call at 415-302-9472. Volunteers needed for Lodge clean-up in late afternoon, please contact John.

**John Mullen, Event Coordinator**

Monthly TRAILS Editor ~ Heather Rand

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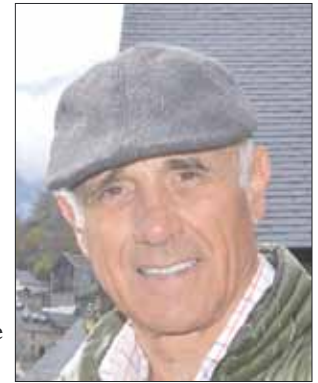
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Muddy boots at the front door signal more than politesse, it beckons one to the mountain and the sounds of the creeks beginning their seasonal concerts ... have ya heard it yet? We Northern Californians seem to mark life with the changes as much with the digital calendar as the symphonies on the mountain; our drought memories of dusty trails shift to the sounds and smells of winter's beginnings on the mountain. 'Tis the season of gratitude ... include your environs, especially your mountains, this year!

There's so much going on in December at our lodges. Check the calendars and show up either to enjoy or to serve, it's your Club, ya know.

At Alpine Lodge, come enjoy the kid's party on December 10—always a giggle— then join members for another Eva Libien produced, Tim Warden gourmet dinner celebration on December 17 for our annual Holiday Party. Remember, there is more and more demand for booking the lodge for an overnight before or after these events (and others), which enlarges our event participation with those who live outside the Bay Area, meaning more friends to have fun with!

On December 31, John Mullen is hosting a New Year's Eve party at Alpine Lodge and the traditional New Year's Day Soup & Salad Lunch and your first hike of the year on Mt. Tam.

On January 21, we have our semi-annual New Members Welcome "Fiesta" Luncheon at Alpine Lodge, along with a Membership and Board meeting to which you are cordially invited. It's a day for a great hike, lunch with new and current members, and a chance to listen in and add to our meetings (see article on page 3 for details).

Be sure to check out the Echo Summit Lodge schedule for a slew of fun events planned in December and January— come out and enjoy the snow!

Also, this is good time to think about your 2017 contribution to CACF. We value your input, your adventure ideas, your service to ongoing events, and your suggestions for more give-back to our mountains. We intend to survey you on these other matters in the new year, so begin now with your thinking and suggestions.

**Jay Gustafson, President**



**HIKE AND 'FIESTA' LUNCHEON  
AT ALPINE LODGE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017**

Current and new members are invited to participate in **FIESTA**, a day of activities to reacquaint current members to the Alpine Club and to welcome our new members. Activities will begin at 9am on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Join us for a hike (weather permitting), a roundtable Q&A with the CAC Trustees and Board members, and a luncheon to welcome members who have joined since July 2016. Members are encouraged to stay for the CAC Board meeting at 2pm and the membership meeting at 3pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to mingle with new and old friends, get the latest updates on the Alpine Club, have your questions answered, and enjoy comida muy buena. Chef **Tim Warden** will prepare enchiladas, arroz, ensalada, and a sweet treat for dessert. **Candy Barnhill** will take reservations for lunch for \$12. New members who joined the Alpine Club between July 1 and December 31, 2016, will be guests at this event and will not pay for their lunch. Please RSVP to Candy by Thursday, January 19, at 319-631-9110 or [Wheejeepfun\\_cb@aol.com](mailto:Wheejeepfun_cb@aol.com). Send your check payable to Candy Barnhill to PO Box 753, Ashland, OR 97520.

Volunteers are cordially requested to bring hors d'oeuvres and to assist with luncheon preparations and clean-up.

Our hike (weather permitting) will begin at 9am, hors d'oeuvres and Q&A will be at 11:30am, lunch at 12:30pm, and group dishwashing gala at 1:30pm. The CAC Board meeting will convene at 2pm, followed by the Membership meeting at 3pm. For members wishing to overnight, the cost is \$21 for members and \$31 for guests. Please let Candy know if you plan to spend the night. Mark January 21 on your calendar and join us for *Fiesta!*

**Candy Barnhill, Board Member,  
Event Coordinator**

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<http://californiaalpineclub.org>

342 members registered.

Please REGISTER for our website,  
if you have not already done so.

— Website Committee

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FOR 2016/2017**

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March - John Peterson	2/5/17
April - Lillian Schroth	3/5/17
May - Anita Cabrera	4/5/17
June - Susan Patrick	5/5/17

These are your monthly editors through June 2017. Please send your article(s) to the person listed above for the month indicated and send articles by the corresponding due date.

**CAC WEBSITE LOGIN CHANGE**

We have updated our website ([CaliforniaAlpineClub.org](http://CaliforniaAlpineClub.org)) to a more secure login process, giving each member a unique username and password. We have reactivated all members registered for the website. This generated a password that was emailed to the address you registered with, possibly as far back as three years.

If you did not receive a temporary password, it may be that the system has an incorrect or outdated email address. If you have the same email address, you may request a new password at the login (Members' drop-down menu.) If you have changed your email, you may reregister for the website, or forward the new address to [margyeller@gmail.com](mailto:margyeller@gmail.com) and I can update your registration for you.

I apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for helping us make our website more secure.

**Margy Eller, CAC Board Member**

**Board of Directors and Quarterly  
Membership Meetings**

If you have any questions or wish to have an item on the agenda, contact **Jay Gustafson** at [jaygustafson@yahoo.com](mailto:jaygustafson@yahoo.com) or call 415-381-7261. Members are welcome at Board meetings.

**Jay Gustafson, CAC President**

**2016/2017 CAC Board Schedule**

December	No Meeting	
January 21	New Member Luncheon	12:30 pm 2pm - Board 3pm - Member
February 18		2pm - Board
March 18		1:30pm - Nominations 2pm - Board
April 29	Annual Awards	2pm - Board 3pm - Member TBD - Dinner

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

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

Sunday December 4	9:30AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday December 11	9:30AM	Leaderless		
Sunday December 18	9:30AM	Mark Sapiro	415-515-8120	2B
Sunday December 25	9:30AM	Leaderless		2B
Sunday January 1	10:00 AM	Traditional Top O' Tam Hike		2B
Sunday January 8	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday January 15	9:30 AM	Lynn MacDonald	510-525-3843	2B
Sunday January 22	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday January 29	9:30 AM	Jennie Bruyn	415-456-1877	2B
Sunday February 5	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850	2B
Sunday February 12	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday February 19	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday February 26	9:30 AM	Open		2B

Contact Information for hike leaders:

2B Hikes—Pauline MacDonald 415-381-2870 or luddite48@comcast.net  
1A Hikes—Edie Nelson 831-331-1754

### Different Hikes for Different Types: Our Weekly Tradition for Sunday Hiking

The 2B hikes depart from the Alpine Lodge at 9:30am. These hikes are 7-10 miles long and up to 2,000 feet elevation gain. On days shown as leaderless, the hikers will decide on their own route after convening at the lodge.

Informal, slower paced 1A hikes depart from the Alpine Lodge at 9:45am. These hikes are 5-6 miles and up to 1,000 feet elevation gain.

If you are interested in leading a 2B hike shown as open, please e-mail Pauline MacDonald. For information on the 1A hikes call Edie Nelson.

We suggest bringing a sandwich (or something) for a trailside lunch and a liter of water. All hikers should have prior hiking experience and be able to hike at a moderate pace (i.e., approx. 2 miles per hour). The hikes usually finish at the Alpine Lodge around 2:00-2:30pm.

Note: 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.

## ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

December 4	Lori and Carlos Sondheim
December 11	Cindi Whitehead
December 18	OPEN
December 25	OPEN
January 1	OPEN
January 8	OPEN
January 15	OPEN
January 22	OPEN
January 29	Jerry & Ricki Rosenberg

Hello fellow Alpine Club Members!

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

Please note that as soon as I get a new volunteer innkeeper it is immediately post to the calendar on the Club website, [californiaalpineclub.org](http://californiaalpineclub.org). So that is a great place to start when considering being an innkeeper—find an OPEN date in the online calendar and then contact me. Please call me to reserve a date or provide feedback (916-690-1828) or better yet, e-mail me at [shober@csus.edu](mailto:shober@csus.edu)

Thank You! Happy Trails To You All!

**Jana Shober, Innkeeping Coordinator**

## ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY SCHEDULE

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

The next Alpine Lodge work parties are scheduled for Thursday, December 8 and Saturday, January 7, 2017. The events run from 9am to 3pm and include lunch and a possible overnight. Contact **Tom Coleman** at [travmcgee@comcast.net](mailto:travmcgee@comcast.net) to RSVP.

**Tom Coleman, Alpine Trustee**

## ALPINE LODGE HISTORY PROJECT

Alpine Trustees would like your stories and photos about the history of the Lodge. We are putting together a scrapbook similar to the one created for Echo Lodge. Please send us anything you have, and include dates and descriptions. Contact **Wendi Olmstead**, 1444 Sunrise Parkway, Petaluma, CA 94954 or [wendiolmstead@comcast.net](mailto:wendiolmstead@comcast.net).

**Donata Mikulik, Alpine Trustee**

## CAC EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

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

The chart shows the major tasks for the planned events for the next few months. We need to fill these task assignments with volunteers. It is a wonderful way to help your Club and to have a fun time working with new friends. Please contact the host or the BoD Sponsor to sign up. Contact information for BoD Sponsors is on page 2. Host information can be found on the Alpine Lodge Events and Host Calendar page or on our website under Calendar.

Website at [californiaalpineclub.org](http://californiaalpineclub.org) MEMBERS>QUICK LINKS>CAC EVENTS shows the planning for the coming 12 to 18 months. You can see the names of other people who have signed up to help since TRAILS was published.

### Social Activities Committee

Calendar of Social Events for Volunteering	BOD Sponsor	Event Hosts	RSVPs Accounts	Head Chef	Kitchen Helpers	Table Setup & Decorations	Name Tags & Place Cards	Cleanup Supervisor	Clean Up Helpers	Overnight Host
12/10/16 Children's Holiday Party	Ann Meneguzzi	Mary Frey & Ann Meneguzzi	Mary Frey	Ann Meneguzzi	N/A	N/A	Mary Jane	Cindi Whitehead	Need 3	Ann Meneguzzi
12/17/16 CAC Holiday Party	Jay Gustafson	Eva Libien	Ruth Tretbar	Tim Warden	Carol Bodtker, Martin & Elaine Dengler	Wendy Olmsted	Mary Jane	Tony Smith		Tony Smith
12/31/16 New Years Party	John Mullen									
1/1/2017 New Years Day w/soup & salad	Pete Castelli	John Mullen		Potluck w/ soup by CAC				Jay Gustafson		
1/21/17 Qrtly Mtg New Members Luncheon	Candy Barnhill	Candy Barnhill	Candy Barnhill	*Tim Warden	Ken J	Decorations: Candy Barnhill	Mary Jane		New Members	Candy B No breakfast
2/5/17 Annual Super Bowl Party	N/A									
3/18/17 St Patrick's Day Dinner	Jay will ask Dan			Sondra Schwartz						
4/29/17 Awards Dinner	Candy Barnhill									

### NEW WEATHER STATION ON MT. TAM FUNDED BY CAC FOUNDATION

Will it rain? Is it too hot to hike? It's hard to know what the weather will be on Mt. Tam if your weather app only gives you information on Mill Valley. With this in mind, the California Alpine Club Foundation has awarded a grant to the West Point Inn to purchase and install a weather station that monitors temperature, wind direction and speed, atmospheric pressure, humidity, and rainfall. The 100-year-old inn sits on the southern slope of the mountain about two miles from Alpine Lodge. The weather station data is sent to a computer onsite and then uploaded to the internet, allowing people to track weather at West Point Inn from anywhere in the world!

Besides seeing the data from West Point Inn, the weather-curious can compare the readings with other nearby weather stations to see how temperatures vary from one part of the mountain to another.

New Weather, continued on page 7



*Innkeeper Gordon Edwards and CAC Member Tim Aaronson installing the weather station on the roof of West Point Inn.*

## ECHO SUMMIT LODGE FALL 2016 HOST APPRECIATION AND TRAINING

Every session of host appreciation and training at Echo Summit Lodge (ESL) has a special zest depending on the group attending. The November 4-6 gathering was no exception. We were fortunate to have **Jim Nixon**, former ESL Trustee and CAC President (5 years), and his delightful wife **Jan McCulloch** in the group. Other former Echo Trustees **Tom Coleman** and **Edie Nelson** rounded out the trustee mini-reunion. Current trustee **Nick Gregoratos** along with his wife and seasoned TRAILS editor **Anita Cabrera** were among the long-term CAC and ESL volunteers who helped with the training.

We rediscovered the music books that had been purchased many years ago at the recommendation of **John Hannum**, another former ESL Trustee, and had a Saturday night sing-along with **Hunter Merritt** strumming his guitar. What a treat to have such a talented musician among us! Hunter and his wife, **Lori**, also shared their summer experience of visiting ten national parks in 10 weeks with their two young children. **Craig Anderson** managed to sneak away from his active children and wife to join us just in time for the start of class on Saturday.

Other CAC members repeating training after many years were **Jo Wolf**, **Steve Cosbey** and **Tom Wold**. Jo traveled the farthest – all the way from Ventura. Thanks to Tom for saving the pancakes on Sunday morning with his knowledge of operating the griddle. I had not yet used the griddle on the still-new kitchen stove and would have burned the breakfast without his advice. Steve was able to give guidance to Nick to repair a plumbing leak in the kitchen. Nick is a quick study!

Thanks to all the graduates of the 2016 Fall Host Appreciation and Training! In addition to the veterans listed above we had the following members attending for the first time: **Mary Merconi**, **Susan Topf**, **Marcia Paulson**, **Shannon Fagan**, **Hannah Dunton**, **John Peterson**, **Mary Ann Bernard**, **Meg Rodgers**.

The Spring 2017 Host Training dates have not yet been set and will be published in a future edition of TRAILS. You too can enjoy this special weekend hosted by ESL Trustees and then move on to giving a special gift to fellow CAC members by hosting a session at Echo Summit Lodge.

**Cindy Toran**, ESL Trustee



*Heidi and Bill Faulkner were handy in the kitchen at the October Membership Dinner*

### A HOWLING TASTY OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP DINNER

On Mount Tam the skies were wicked gray, the winds howled through the trees while the rain came down in sheets but inside the Alpine Lodge the aromas of burgers, brats, hot German potato salad, and smoked salmon wafted to the rafters. Chef **Ken Judy** assisted by **Heidi** and **Bill Faulkner** deftly prepared entrees of burgers, brats, black-bean burgers, salads, and pies for the October Quarterly Membership Dinner. After the Board and Membership meetings concluded, club members enjoyed a variety of hors d'oeuvres and beverages from the social table expertly staffed by **Hardy Dawainis**. While conversations flowed and members socialized, volunteers **Lutz Heinrich**, **Hildegard Wersig**, **Tony Smith**, **Shannon Fagan**, **Carroll Pearson**, **Candy Barnhill**, and several anonymous sets of helping hands quickly transformed the Great Hall into an autumn-themed dinner setting. Golden orange miniature pumpkins adorned the black lace tablecloths hinting of the upcoming All Hallows Eve. When members were seated, each person selected their

**Howling**, continued on page 7

*Nick Gregoratos explains the proper use and care of the BBQ*



*Hunter Merritt making music*

*ESL Fall 2016 Host Training attendees enjoyed a memorable weekend*



# 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**

**To Schedule an Event:** For a private member event or a Club function, please email (preferred method) Donata Mikulik at donatabo@hotmail.com or call 707-591-3129.

**DEC 2-4 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT**  
Carlos Miranda 916-832-5828  
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**DEC 6 TUES TUESDAY HIKERS LUNCHEON**  
Paul McKown 415-383-2774  
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**DEC 8 THU WORK PARTY/DECORATING**  
Tom Coleman  
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**DEC 9 FRI OVERNIGHT PARTY PREP AND CLEAN-UP**  
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**DEC 10 SAT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2-5PM**  
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**DEC 13 TUES PRIVATE LUNCHEON**  
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**DEC 17 SAT CAC HOLIDAY PARTY**  
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**DEC 21 WED PRIVATE EVENT**  
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**DEC 25 HOLIDAY DINNER**  
Overnight and Hosts needed 415-381-7261  
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**DEC 28-30 WED-FRI PRIVATE EVENT**  
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**DEC 28 WED PRIVATE EVENT**  
Hardy Dawainis Wednesday Hikers  
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**DEC 31 HOSTED MEAL AND OVERNIGHT CELEBRATE THE MOUNTAIN NEW YEAR**  
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**JAN 1 SUN**

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**JAN 7 SAT**

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**JAN 21 SAT**

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Hike and Fiesta Luncheon 9am-2pm  
Candy Barnhill

**JAN 25-27 WED-FRI**

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**FEB 2-5 THU-SUN**

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**FEB 25 SAT**

6-10PM  
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**WORK PARTY**

**HIKING THE MOUNTAIN**  
707 539-2802

**SCRAPBOOK AND MONDAY HIKE**  
707-766-8038

**BOARD (2PM) AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (3PM)**

415-381-7261

**STITCH'IN FOR KIDS**

415-383-2774

**PRIVATE EVENT**

707-823-5553

**WORK PARTY**

**BOARD MEETING**

415-381-7261

**ITALIAN STYLE**

**FAMILY DINNER**  
415 453-6595

**New Weather,** continued from page 5

To easily access data from the new weather station just install the WunderStation or WeatherLink apps on your favorite smart device. The data can also be accessed online at <http://www.weatherlink.com/user/westpointinn>.

To continue to award these grants, the CAC Foundation relies on your generous donations, which are fully tax-deductible. Please remember us in your year-end contributions. And check the weather before your next hike!

**Arlin Weinberger, President  
CAC Foundation**

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personal dinner selections from menus, wrote them on their dinner place-card, and submitted their selections to one of the three maitre d's: **Susan Topf, Camille Smith-Ballon, or Mary Cosgrove.** The attentive, smiling, maitre d's quickly delivered each patron's personalized plate to them to additionally indulge in the plentiful fixings located on the individual dinner tables. After everyone had eaten their fill of pumpkin or apple pie, **Tony Smith, Tim Warden, and Jay Gustafson** coordinated the many volunteer dishwashing hands in the kitchen while Carroll coordinated operations in the Great Hall. Under dark of night, filled with plentiful food and a commitment to attend the January 21, 2017, Quarterly Membership Luncheon, dinner attendees departed for their respective homes.

Many thanks to those who donated hors d'oeuvres and/or who helped with dinner preparations and clean up operations.

**Candy Barnhill, Board  
Member**





CAC members Mae Harms, AnnMeneguzzi, Dorothy Mauer, and Jim Hogan had a good time with other delegates at the September FWOC event on Bainbridge Island

## CAC'S SEPTEMBER SUCCESS AT FWOC

The November TRAILS reported about four CAC members' September trip to Bainbridge Island for the 2016 Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Conference. At that gathering, a resolution submitted by the CAC and another club was unanimously adopted by the FWOC voting delegates. Even though the resolution concerned events in California, delegates from clubs in other states recognized that public parks in all states which have concession operations may be vulnerable to the same kind of historic name hijacking that took place in Yosemite National Park earlier this year. CAC's **Ann Meneguzzi** was the primary author of this successful resolution.

On 9/21/2016 Gov. Brown signed AB2249, the Park Heritage Protection legislation that this resolution supported.

Below is the resolution as it appears in the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs records. (It and other accepted resolutions can also be seen at: [federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org))

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Resolution 2016-3

### **Park Heritage Protection**

Submitted by California Alpine Club and  
California State Park Rangers Association

#### Background

In early 2016, a well-publicized contract dispute over usage rights to historic place names in Yosemite National Park outraged that park's visitors and fans when it led to the renaming of popular venues. Delaware North, the departing concessionaire, claimed ownership of the original names of various lodgings and retail service sites even though those facility names predated that concessionaire's 23 year presence in Yosemite NP. During its 23 years as the NPS contracted concessionaire in Yosemite, Delaware North operated various lodging and business facilities such as the Ahwahnee Hotel, Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village, and Badger Pass Ski Area.

*These famous names predate Delaware North's presence as the concessionaire for visitor facilities in Yosemite. Often there has been an*

*historic significance to the existing and well-known names. Unknown to the NPS, Delaware North trademarked the historic names at some time during its tenure as concessionaire. When Delaware North lost the facilities operating contract to another company, it claimed to "own" the customary names and demanded to be paid \$51 million to transfer the trademark rights to the popular historical names. The NPS is seeking to have Delaware North's trademarking of the pre-existing Yosemite facility names declared void.*

*While this contract dispute continues to be fought in court, new signs with unfamiliar names have replaced the ones park visitors have known and used since establishment. Park visitors are confused and angered by the loss of what was there before. The popular view is that these iconic park names were hijacked and that the trademark claim is a violation of the public trust. People believe that Yosemite is a national treasure and the facilities there belong collectively to the people of the United States.*

*This contract dispute over Yosemite facility names has drawn attention to the importance of protecting familiar park names from being claimed by businesses contracted to provide services in parks.*

#### Resolution

*The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs supports California Heritage Protection legislation and other measures that prohibit state park concession, contractor and others from the ability for a concessionaire or contractor to claim a trademark, copyright or other ownership interest in any name associated with a state park unit or feature.*

*Further Resolved: The FWOC Executive Committee is authorized to support in the name of FWOC other similar legislation, state, federal or local, that protects the iconic names associated with national, state or local parks and other protected natural and cultural sites from concession and other business entities being able to copyright or trademark these names to the exclusion of the agency owning, managing or operating these protected areas.*

**Ann Meneguzzi,**  
**CAC's Voting Delegate at FWOC Conference**



# 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 9pm or email [cktoran@gmail.com](mailto:cktoran@gmail.com).  
Echo Lodge Telephone  
530-659-7274

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

**Winter/Spring Hosts:** There is still plenty of mid-week open time on the Echo calendar, marked as Available for Trained Hosts in the schedule below. Private Events are also available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days Apr-Jun 15. Send an e-mail to let me know your preferred times.

Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting:** Wednesday, December 7, 5:30pm, by teleconference. Contact Cindy if you would like to attend.

## ECHO SUMMIT LODGE FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

**DEC 9-11 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT**  
Sandy Borden 530-318-9693  
[sandynevada@yahoo.com](mailto:sandynevada@yahoo.com)

**DEC 16-18 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT**  
Craig Anderson 928-607-3608  
[Cranders1@gmail.com](mailto:Cranders1@gmail.com)

**DEC 18-22 SUN-THURS HOSTED EVENT**  
Tim Seeley 707-486-8288  
4819 Foxglove Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
[seeley@sonic.net](mailto:seeley@sonic.net)

**DEC 22-27 THURS-TUES HOSTED EVENT**  
**JAY & PETE'S OUTSTANDING CHRISTMAS ECHO!**  
--ski and snowshoe adventures, kids and game-nights  
Jay Gustafson & Pete Castelli 415-381-7261  
402 A Ash Street, Mill Valley, CA 94941  
[jaygustafson@yahoo.com](mailto:jaygustafson@yahoo.com)

**DEC 27-30 TUES-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

**DEC 30-JAN 4, 2017 FRI-WED HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
Shelly Navine & Bob Henry 707-829-3728  
1286 Hurlbut Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472  
[clyde33301@comcast.net](mailto:clyde33301@comcast.net)

**JAN 4-9 WED-MON FAMILY SNOW DAYS**  
Donata Mikulik & Sandy Borden 707-591-3129  
2037 W. Hearn Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95407  
[donatabo@hotmail.com](mailto:donatabo@hotmail.com)

**JAN 9-12 MON-THURS PRIVATE EVENT**  
Brigitte & Jeff Grimshaw 707-484-2599  
[bgrimshaw@comcast.net](mailto:bgrimshaw@comcast.net)

**JAN 12-16 THURS-MON MLK WEEKEND**  
Nick Gregoratos & Anita Cabrera 510-919-6883  
430 Ellsworth St, San Francisco, CA 94110  
[nick.gregoratos@gmail.com](mailto:nick.gregoratos@gmail.com)

**JAN 16-20 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

**JAN 20-22 FRI-SUN FAMILY SKI WKND**  
Hunter Merritt 916-873-6253  
1217 El Encanto Way, Sacramento, CA 95831  
[merritt.hunter@gmail.com](mailto:merritt.hunter@gmail.com)

**JAN 22-25 SUN-WED AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

**JAN 25-29 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT**  
Mary & Stefan Berlinski 831-345-6963  
P.O. Box 776, Moss Landing, CA 95039  
[mlarkin804@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlarkin804@sbcglobal.net)

**JAN 29-FEB 3 SUN-FRI HOSTED EVENT**  
Dianna Klemmick 650-520-6183  
1235 Howard Ave #3, San Carlos, CA 94070  
[dklemmick@gmail.com](mailto:dklemmick@gmail.com)

**FEB 3-5 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT**  
Sandy Borden & Pete Castelli 530-318-9693  
770 Clipper Heights Pl, Auburn, CA 95603  
[sandynevada@yahoo.com](mailto:sandynevada@yahoo.com)

**FEB 5-9 SUN-THURS PRIVATE EVENT**  
Kate Twain 707-996-2325  
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**FEB 10-12 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT**  
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650  
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[travmcgee@comcast.net](mailto:travmcgee@comcast.net)

**FEB 12-16 SUN-THURS HOSTED EVENT**  
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P.O. Box 776, Moss Landing, CA 95039  
[mlarkin804@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlarkin804@sbcglobal.net)

**FEB 16-20 THURS-MON PRESIDENTS' WKND**  
Nick Gregoratos & Anita Cabrera 510-919-6883  
430 Ellsworth St, San Francisco, CA 94110  
[nick.gregoratos@gmail.com](mailto:nick.gregoratos@gmail.com)

**FEB 20-24 MON-FRI KIDS/GRANDPARENTS SKI WEEK**  
Kathy & Bill Faherty 707-539-7081  
36 Cliffwood Pl, Santa Rosa, CA 95409  
[kfaherty@mac.com](mailto:kfaherty@mac.com)

**FEB 24-26 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT**  
Richard Thornton 510-918-9001  
913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
[RGThorn@pacbell.net](mailto:RGThorn@pacbell.net)

**FEB 26-MAR 1 SUN-WED PRIVATE EVENT**  
Martha Stewart 831-475-1813  
[marthannestewart@hotmail.com](mailto:marthannestewart@hotmail.com)

**MAR 1-5 WED-SUN HOSTED EVENT**  
Karen & Jerry Wagner 707-528-8197  
2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
[oldmawagner@gmail.com](mailto:oldmawagner@gmail.com)

**MAR 5-10 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

**MAR 10-13 FRI-MON HOSTED EVENT**  
Amy Pertschuk & Chris Krueger 415-331-6324  
45 Plymouth Ave, Mill Valley, CA 94941  
[amy@kpwest.com](mailto:amy@kpwest.com)

**MAR 13-17 MON-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

**MAR 17-19 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT**  
Tom Coleman 415-531-4650  
32 Live Oak Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952  
[travmcgee@comcast.net](mailto:travmcgee@comcast.net)

**MAR 19-24 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

**MAR 24-26 FRI-SUN SING ON THE SUMMIT**  
Come to the Summit to share in the celebration of song! We will hand out songbooks, and a few instruments will be available. No musical acumen is necessary, just a willingness to sing! Shared potluck dinners for all registered members/guests and "kid-friendly" finger-fare will be made available by hosts. Contact Hunter in advance with any dietary restrictions or song requests.  
Hunter Merritt & Craig Anderson 916-873-6253  
1217 El Encanto Way, Sacramento, CA 95831  
[merritt.hunter@gmail.com](mailto:merritt.hunter@gmail.com)

**MAR 26-31 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

**MAR 31-APR 2 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT**  
Craig Anderson 928-607-3608  
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**APR 2-30 AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS**

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Thank you to everyone who volunteers for our Club. Nothing, truly nothing, would be accomplished were it not for volunteers. Who would paint the bedrooms at our lodges, prepare meals, pick up the mail, pay bills, train others, fix leaky toilets, resupply everything, pull weeds, handle reservations, clean up, edit TRAILS, be a Sunday Innkeeper or a Hike Leader? There are hundreds of tasks necessary to keep both lodges running. The Club needs more volunteers. Check out EVENTS at ALPINE LODGE on our website (MEMBERS>QUICK LINKS>ALPINE LODGE EVENTS) or see the chart on page 5 for the CAC Calendar of Activities.

There are many ways that you can volunteer your time to help our Club. For example, you could be on a calling committee to contact members to update their information on our roster. Or you could call or email new members and welcome them to the Club. There are lots of ways to help. Can we count on you? Please contact any member of the leadership team listed on Page 2 to volunteer.

**Jim Nixon, Board Member**

## TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please email articles for the **February** issue will be **Richard Thornton** at [RGThorn@pacbell.net](mailto:RGThorn@pacbell.net). Richard should receive articles for the February issue no later than January 5. Electronic files are greatly appreciated.

**NOTE!** Please submit all articles by email. All articles should be prepared in WORD, PAGES or EXCEL and attached to your email as a document rather than being part of the text of your email. In the subject of your email please include the month and TRAILS ARTICLE. For June the subject would be JUNE TRAILS ARTICLE. This will help the monthly editors tremendously.

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