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## CELEBRATE THE FOUNDATION'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FOOD, WINE, MUSIC & MORE!

Sunday, September 21, 2 to 4 pm

It's time for the CAC Foundation's annual fundraiser. This year, we feature the Sonoma Strings, a lively quartet playing classical chamber music, contemporary and not-so-contemporary pops, from Cole Porter to the Beatles. We'll have delicious appetizers with wine and other beverages. A silent auction gives you the chance to bid on great prizes while you support the Foundation. Cost is only \$25 and includes one drink and all food.

Please RSVP to **Arlin Weinberger** at [arlinw43@gmail.com](mailto:arlinw43@gmail.com) or 415-444-0611 by September 17.

—**Arlin Weinberger**

## NEW CAC WEBSITE <http://californiaalpineclub.org>

This website has been a long time in the making ... but has finally arrived! Many thanks to **Vicki Olds**, our chief designer and contractor, **Diana Thompson**, the website programmer, who worked long and hard to make it happen, as well as the many members who participated in its development. We are grateful to everyone who helped create this wonderful new site.

**Very Basic Instructions:** On your browser – Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Safari, etc. – at the top of the browser window, enter the URL address, <http://californiaalpineclub.org>, and press enter (return on keyboard). That will take you to the new website. If you do not have a computer, take the URL address to any public library and ask for help. Be sure to logoff after you use a public computer.

Our website has many public pages. However, the first time you try to access a members-only page you will be asked to register. This registration process will allow us to check the roster to make sure you are a member; this is how we will limit access to members-only pages. After you register, you will receive an email explaining that the user ID and password will be sent to you once your membership has been verified. In a day or two you will receive an email with the user ID and password. From then on, if you want to view members-only pages, you will need to enter the user ID and password for your Internet session.

Once you are set-up, please look around the new website and give us some

## VOLUNTEER LABOR KEEPS CAC ALIVE – A THANK YOU TO ALL WHO LABOR FOR OUR BENEFIT

September is the month we recognize the contributions of those who do labor that benefits all of us in our country. It caused me to think about all the labor of volunteers who are the glue that has kept our California Alpine Club succeeding for over a century.

One morning when I had spent a spontaneous overnight at Alpine Lodge, I became aware that someone was outside with a load of wood for our fireplace. This is when I met member **Paul Vermef**. He was bringing his annual donation of fireplace wood and kindling. I found out that each fall he goes to a place in his area where people deposit the trees and trimmings they have removed from their property. What is one person's trash is another's treasure. He gathers a big load of this and brings it to Alpine Lodge and stacks and stores it. When on a cold winter's morning we go to the wood box next our beautiful old fireplace to start a fire we can think a thank you to Paul or say it to him when we see him.

Another thing that we rarely think about as we are tidying up after an event at Alpine is that when we carry our trash to the plastic bins and tubs there is room to deposit it. Why we find room for our discards is that member **Paul McKown** comes each week to put out the containers for the trash collectors and comes back to put the containers back.

I am almost never at Alpine Lodge that I don't need to refer to a Trails or give one to a visitor. I always find one on the table at the front door. **Laureen Novak** faithfully brings a supply of them each month and posts one on the bulletin board.

Building rock walls has been a project that volunteers have undertaken. That long sturdy wall that leads us down from the lodge to the Tam building is both a work of art and buffer that keeps the soil of the hill from

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## Monthly TRAILS Editor ~ Susan Patrick

### 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,

I want to pass along some feedback I've received about improvements (water system, new exterior, new paint scheme, new floors, ADA upgrades, septic system, etc.) at Echo Lodge. Echo Trustees (past and present) **Jerry Wagner** and all the great **Echo Hosts**, you did and are doing a great job.



**Allan Wofchuck** wrote "Dear Jim, I tore my meniscus two weeks before our planned trip to Echo. I had a problem walking up stairs and would have canceled if the ramp was not there. In life unforeseen things happen to you ... thanks again Allan"

Jan and I hosted in mid August. Members, **Cindy Pawlcyn** and **John Watanabe** who had reserved in March, had, as Allan said, "in life unforeseen things happen to you." In early April, they had a horrific SUV accident. I contacted them early on in their recovery to see if they would cancel. The answer was a resounding NO. Both were positive that having time at Echo as a goal and being with family and friends would help their recovery. They are well on the road to recovery. John had tears in his eyes when he looked at the improvements and realized it was all the result of volunteer effort.

Former Alpine Lodge Trustee, **Hardy Dawainis**, wrote to Echo Trustees, "Friends, I have just returned from a wonderful few days at Echo and I must say the Lodge has never looked better. The ADA ramp looks great, as does the new bathroom; I especially love the floor and the wood framed mirror... The way everything looks, works and feels is more "like a home away from home" than a club lodge. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you have put into making Echo Lodge an enjoyable place to stay. All the best, Hardy"

I too had occasion to use the ramp. It had been six weeks since my hip replacement. Without the ramp I would have had, as my uncle use to say, "an H" of a time carrying everything into and out of the lodge.

Without the efforts of our extraordinary volunteers and donors none of us would be using the lodge, as the renewal for our "Conditional Permit" would not have been approved

Thank everyone for what you do for our club.

— **Jim Nixon, President**

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— Bev Leve, Membership Chair

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## OLD TIMERS SOUGHT

In last month's issue of Trails, President **Jim Nixon** told about a gathering of club "pioneers." Pioneers being defined as anyone who was a club officer, board member, committee chair or lodge trustee prior to the year 2000.

As the person in charge of this event, I have been attempting to trace down these folks. Most of the leaders in the '80s and '90s are still members and they should have received an invite to the Sept. 17 event by the time you read this. If you were one of these 20th Century leaders and have not gotten your invitation, please send me an email.

However, there were quite a few club leaders during these years that apparently are no longer members of the club. Some of them are no doubt deceased, but if you know of anyone on this list that you have contact information for, please drop me an email with their email address or phone number so I can invite them. They are: **Tom Flowerday, Lucia Rousseau, Teri Shore, Ulla Petterson, David Ratner, Brun Liebes, Susan Bernard, Helen Wilson, Ray Frayne, Sy Siatos, Muriel Parker, Roger Goulet, Jackie Schiedeck, Marlene Furtado, Don Rice, Barbara Orsi, Bev Kern, Alice Kim, Jim Carson, Oliver Whitby, Beryl Ganiard, Paul Baumgartner, Andrew Vavouris (sp?), Frank Marzocco, Jerry Hymansen, Robert Mayer, Barbara Owen, Joan Stam, Mary Kartsounis, Harry Rowe, Tom Combs, Jim Miller, Michael Digennaro, Allen Wright, Mary Johnson, Robert Haan, Joan Resnikoff, Christina Dockter, Hildegard Abramson, Art Grossenbacker, Edgar Pye, Robert Deal, Olivia Whitby, Beryl Ganiard, and Andrew Javouris.**

Searching the records like I have been doing, makes one aware of how many people have contributed their time and efforts so that we can enjoy the fine club we have today.

Contact me at: [doctoroutdoors@comcast.net](mailto:doctoroutdoors@comcast.net). Thanks for your help.

— Bob Hanson

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 —Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting 2pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 —Alpine Lodge  
Board Meeting 2pm  
Membership Meeting 3pm  
(By-Laws to be voted on and dinner to follow)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 —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](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

Monday September 1	10:00 AM	Jordan Hermann	510-520-9782	2B
Sunday September 7	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792	2B
Sunday September 14	9:30 AM	Pete Sager	415-472-1275	2B
Sunday September 21	9:30 AM	Leaderless		2B
Sunday September 28	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday October 5	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday October 12	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912	2B
Sunday October 19	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday October 26	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday November 2	9:30 AM	Eva Libien	415-383-5184	2B
Sunday November 9	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday November 16	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday November 23	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday November 30	9:30 AM	Open		2B

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

## IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP.

SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A HIKE CURRENTLY SHOWN AS OPEN, PLEASE CALL PAULINE MACDONALD (415-381-2870)

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

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

## ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

### 2014

September 7	Lori Sondheim
September 14	Jill Denney
September 21	Kay Gillis
September 28	Mae Harms
October 5	Nuala Caulfield
October 12	Cindi Whitehead
October 19	Patricia Anderson
October 26	Jerold and Ricki Rosenberg

**SPECIAL NOTE:** At this time all Sundays in November and December are OPEN. We hope to hear from members willing to contribute to the club by enjoying a Sunday at our beautiful lodge. For those who are interested but unsure of what is involved, please contact me and I'll be happy to fill you in and provide our Notes for the Innkeeper. Please call **Jana Shober** at 916-690-1828 or contact by email at shober@csus.edu.

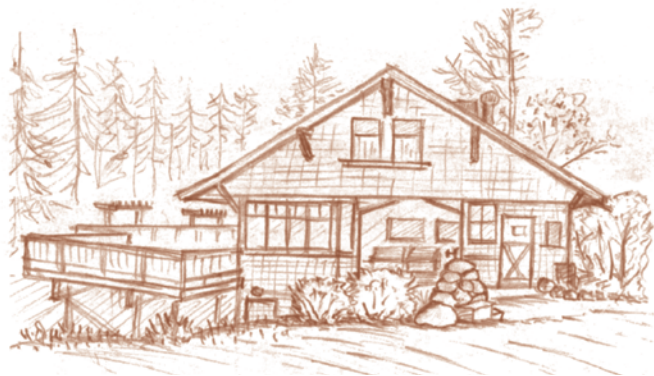
— Jana Shober, Innkeeping Coordinator

## 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

THURSDAY	September 4	Dan Larson (831) 465-9645
THURSDAY	October 2	Russ Toran (707) 321-3845
THURSDAY	November 8	Jay Gustafson (415) 381-7261
THURSDAY	Decembers 4	Edie Nelson (831) 423-5576

— Dan Larson, Chair Alpine Lodge



# 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.

**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.

## 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.

**SEP 4 THUR**  
831-464-9645

**WORK PARTY**

**SEP 5-7 FRI-SUN WORK PARTY WITH** Lori Sondhiem or Carlos Miranda  
**DAN LARSON**  
 916-446-1161 or 916-402-8288  
 carlosandlori@gmail.com

**SEP 5-7 FRI-SUN YOGA/HIKING/GAMES**  
**WEEKEND**

**SEP 10-13 WED-SAT PRIVATE EVENT**

**SEP 17 WED MEMBERS LUNCH**  
 Host Bob Hanson

**SEP 19-20 FRI-SAT PRIVATE EVENT**  
**COASTWALK OVERNIGHT**

**SEP 20 SAT LEADERSHIP MEETING**  
 Board of Directors 2pm

**SEP 26-28 FRI-SUN CRAFTING FOR**  
**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**  
 Mary Jane McKown (415) 383-2774  
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**OCT 2 THU WORK PARTY**  
**WITH RUSS TORAN**

**OCT 2-4 THU-SAT CLUB FUTURE**  
**LEADERSHIP; OVERNIGHT AT LODGE**

**OCT 17-18 FRI-SAT FALL HOST TRAINING**  
**WITH JAY GUSTAFSON**

**OCT 18 SAT BOARD AT 2, QUARTERLY AT 3,**  
**OCTOBERFEST DINNER AFTER**

**OCT 20-22 MON-WED CAC AND**  
**ROSSMOOR, FALL HIKING**

**NOV 8 SAT WEEKEND WORK PARTY**  
**WITH JAY GUSTAFSON**

**NOV 14-16 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT**

**NOV 22 SAT BOARD AT 2**

**NOV 27 THURS THANKSGIVING**  
**AT THE LODGE**

Host, Eva Libien (415) 383-5184  
 elibien@yahoo.com

—Tony Smith, Alpine Events Calendar

## ALPINE LODGE FALL HOST TRAINING

October 17th & 18th

Host training is designed for members who wish to host a club event, book the Lodge for a private event or spend a spontaneous overnight at the Lodge. Attending a host training session every three years is required to maintain your status as a trained host. Host training informs our members of the history of the Alpine Lodge, and the day-to-day workings of the Lodge.

We will meet Friday afternoon at 5:30 PM for a social gathering followed by dinner. After dinner we will discuss the history of the club and an introduction to Alpine Lodge hosting opportunities. Plan to stay overnight as we will have an early breakfast on Saturday morning followed by a tour of the physical infrastructure of the buildings when we will learn how things work. We will also be discussing how to successfully plan, schedule and execute an event. We will finish between 3:30 and 4 PM on Saturday.

We will provide you with three delicious meals and a copy of our Alpine Lodge Hosting Manual. A donation of \$25 (\$35 per couple) is requested to help defer the printing and food costs.

For reservations or information please contact **Dan Larson**, by phone (831-465-9645) or email at [dlarson11@gmail.com](mailto:dlarson11@gmail.com) or any other of our Alpine Lodge trustees.

— Dan Larson, Chair Alpine Lodge

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feedback. We are most anxious to know your thoughts and suggestions. There is a Contact Us "button" at the bottom of every page.

This tremendous effort could not have been possible without **James Higgins** who created and maintained the base of information on our old website for so many years. Many thanks, James!

We thank the following web committee members and other active participants. If we have missed your name, please accept our appreciation and apology.

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Web Content Approval Coordinator – Helena Troy (Vet content)

One non-officer BoD Member – Margy Eller

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## ALPINE MID-SUMMER WORK PARTY

WOW! What a terrific turnout for a Mid-Summer Work Party at the Alpine Lodge on August 7. A group spent the night before at the lodge and had the coffee on and were ready to go when the Trustees arrived. We had what we believe is a record breaking turnout of 17 members and 12 potential members for a total of 29.

Many attendees took on individual tasks while others teamed up to take on larger tasks. **Chardy Johnstone, Vila Rezai, Jill Denney and Diane Budo** did much of the Lodge cleaning including the dining porch, living room, both fireplaces, upstairs bedrooms and bathrooms. **Hans Schilling** arrived to clean up the storage and shop area in the Lodge basement.

**Cathy Luchetti, Jeannie Freeman, Martha Schraer and Theresa Philips** all teamed up to the pantry and kitchen shelves. **Nuala Caulfield** cleaned the refrigerator and helped **Edie Nelson** prepare lunch. **Vince Anibale** cleaned up the potted plants on the deck. The gardening team of **Sara Davis, Margurrite Murphy, Mae Harms, Gwen Fissel and Bonnie Blackaller** have the garden looking splendid. **Hardy Dawainis** assembled and tested our new mulcher while **Bob Phillips** and **Tom Maher** teamed up to rebuild our lumber rack under the Social Hall. Bob also assisted **Russ Toran** in the quarterly safety audit of the Lodge buildings. **Jay Gustafson** kept the moral up for all those working so hard while **Dan Larson** waved his arms a lot and chased down needed parts and tools to keep the work going smoothly.

Other projects included the trimming of the hedges in the South parking lot and in front of the Lodge. Other helping hands were provided by **Fred Olsen, Graham Forder, Hal Schmidt, Kathleen Hon, Bob Piper** and **Mary Cahill**.

If you have not attended a work party in a while, please join up. If you are unable to attend the mid-week work parties, please consider attending one of the four work parties we hold on weekends during the year. These events are a lot of fun---come and meet new members, visit with old Alpine friends and help keep our beautiful lodge in great shape. We need you!

— **Alpine Work Party - Edie Nelson,**  
Work Party Member

## OKTOBERFEST QUARTERLY DINNER Saturday, October 18, 2014

Come for a special Oktoberfest dinner after the quarterly CAC membership meeting on Saturday, October 18, 2014. **Ken Judy** and staff will prepare traditional German foods for your enjoyment. We need a quorum of 30 members for the meeting as **Graham Forder** has another set of by-law changes to present, so please plan to come and support your Club.

Happy Hour: 4:30pm (or when the meeting is over)  
Dinner: 6pm  
BYOB: Suggested – German cuisine-  
appropriate beer and wine  
Price: \$25

We need people to bring German appetizers, to help Ken with food prep, to assist with cleanup, and to do the name tags and place cards. **Jim Nixon** has graciously offered to take reservations and do the financial reporting. Dishwasher will be hired.

Overnights are available at Alpine Lodge, if there is a trained host in the group. Ken Judy's email is [kjjoofsos@aol.com](mailto:kjjoofsos@aol.com). Let Jim know of your interest. Good way to be early for hiking on Sunday.

For reservations, email Jim Nixon at [jimnixon2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jimnixon2000@yahoo.com) or call 650-756-7771 and send your check, made out to Jim Nixon, to 50 Seacrest Court, Daly City CA 94015-4726.

— **Jim Nixon, CAC President**



Work Party Photo caption - 29 Eager Volunteers Attend Work Party



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

## Winter Hosts:

It is prime time to plan your Winter/Spring 2015 host events at Echo Lodge. Private Events are also available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days Apr-Jun as well as October 1-December 19th, excluding Thanksgiving week. Give me a call or send an e-mail to let me know your preferred times. I will do my best to accommodate your requests. Also, our next Host Appreciation & Training session is November 7-9. If you need to renew your training, as required every 3 years, or would like to become a trained host, please contact me.

**All CAC Members:** We have a LOT of work to do at the Fall Work Party to get the lodge ready for the coming snow season. The festivities start on Thursday, Sept. 18th, and end on Sunday, the 21st. We could sure use your help and it will be a lot of fun! Contact Trustee Kurt Eichstaedt at 707-874-2556 or [kurteichstaedt@yahoo.com](mailto:kurteichstaedt@yahoo.com).

Sincerely, Cindy

The next Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting: Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 for the date.

**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 LODGE DIRECTIONS:

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

## ECHO SUMMIT LODGE FALL SCHEDULE:

**AUG 29-SEP 3 FRI-WED LABOR DAY WKND +**  
Kathy & Bill Faherty 707-539-7081  
5420 Gates Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
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### SEP 3-7 WED-SUN BIKE & HIKE/COOP MEALS

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Rani Devadasan 415 382-0343  
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### SEP 7-12 SUN-FRI PRIVATE EVENT

Arnold Champagne & Jennie Bruyn 415 282-1704

### SEP 18-21 THURS-SUN FALL FUN & WORK PARTY

Kurt Eichstaedt 707-874-2556  
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**SEP 26-28 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT**  
Lee Yamada 831-662-2320

**OCT 16-19 THURS-SUN HOSTED EVENT**  
Lynn Garric 707-539-3826  
5400 Alpine Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
[cransac@sonic.net](mailto:cransac@sonic.net)

**OCT 19-25 SUN-SAT FALL COLORS HIKES**  
Lin Mangiante & Barbara Crockett 650-697-7403  
424 Hazel Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030  
[foxtails@pacbell.net](mailto:foxtails@pacbell.net)

**NOV 7-9 FRI-SUN HOST APPRECIATION & TRAINING**  
Cindy Toran 707 321-3262 [cktoran@gmail.com](mailto:cktoran@gmail.com)

**NOV 14-16 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT**  
Lynn Garric & Claudia Zbinden 707-539-3826

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

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- \*\*Registrar – Torie Beedle
- \*\* Pubs Chair – Susan Patrick
- \*\* Email News Coordinator – Helena Troy
- \*\* CAC President – Jim Nixon
- \* Active throughout the project development
- \*\* Permanent members of the Web Committee

Other members of the Web Committee:

Mary Cosgrove (WordPress) - Donations  
Art Ewart - Contributor  
Greg Farber – Technical support  
Graham Forder – Contributor and By-Laws  
Anne Good - Contributor  
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Susan McCarthy - Proofreading  
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Cindy Toran - Echo  
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Holly White-Wolfe (WordPress) – Job Descriptions and File Management  
Adam Wisnewski – Technical support  
Lynn Zachreson (WordPress) – Centennial  
Executive Committee: Doug Evans, Jim Nixon, Helena Troy, Torie Beedle, Margy Eller, and Carroll Pearson  
Implementation Team: Mary Wisnewski, Helena Troy, Mary Pezzuto, Mary Cosgrove, Holly White-Wolfe, and Carroll Pearson

Note: WordPress is the software used to edit the website.

— Carrol Pearson, Committee Member

## CAC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The latest summary financial statements for the California Alpine Club are now available on the club web site. This is a comparison of the latest three years assets, revenue and expenses. The report is located in the Members > Volunteer Support Documents section of our new website at <http://californiaalpineclub.org>. You must register on the website, if you have not already done so. There are summaries for prior years located there as well. If you have questions on this, please contact me by e-mail [whmayers@aol.com](mailto:whmayers@aol.com) or phone (415) 302-4802.

— William Mayers, CAC Treasurer.

### California Alpine Club Financial Summary Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2014

This report displays financial results for the latest three fiscal years and the change from 2013-2014.

If you have questions on this, please contact me by e-mail [whmayers@aol.com](mailto:whmayers@aol.com) or phone (415) 302-4802. William Mayers, CAC Treasurer.

ASSETS	FINAL 3-31-2012	FINAL 3-31-2013	FINAL 3-31-2014	CHANGE 2013-2014	
CAC General Fund Checking	75,177	71,683	54,117	(17,566)	2014 - Lower dues income, Centennial Expenses
CAC Savings	28,695	50,022	50,047	25	
Alpine Operating Acct-Checking	44,333	67,958	50,703	(17,255)	
Alpine Savings	45,409	45,488	75,797	30,309	
Echo Checking	59,533	74,338	71,068	(3,270)	
CAC Life Member Fd (GNMA) FMV	71,716	120,886	118,331	(2,555)	
Prepaid State Tax			276	276	
Accounts Payable	(779)	(1,710)	(1,958)	(248)	
Income Tax Payable		(1,864)	(23)	1,841	
Reservation Deposits	(8,126)	(4,375)	(8,815)	(4,440)	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>315,958</b>	<b>422,426</b>	<b>409,543</b>	<b>(12,883)</b>	
REVENUE					
Donations & Gifts	10,100	54,713	5,342	(49,371)	2013 - \$50,000 bequeathment Win Hayward estate
Club Activities	50,171	55,234	50,125	(5,109)	
Accommodations	55,139	51,510	47,408	(4,102)	2014 - Lower dues income due to timing of collections
Dues & Entry Fees	43,203	56,173	48,409	(7,764)	
Interest On Deposits	111	120	90	(30)	
Interest From Life Member Fund	2,491	2,272	1,844	(428)	
Rent Income	8,640	8,640	720	(7,920)	2014 - Tam building rent discontinued
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$169,855</b>	<b>\$228,662</b>	<b>\$153,938</b>	<b>-\$74,724</b>	
EXPENSES					
Accounting	2,500	925	975	50	
Activities Supplies & Direct Costs	43,891	31,698	31,246	(452)	
Postage/Shipping/Copying/Office	1,046	869	1,171	302	
Trails Production and Mailing	9,077	7,852	7,790	(62)	
Lodge sustaining/providing	91,360	52,611	88,100	35,489	2014 - Improvements and maintenance at lodges.
Insurance	15,157	16,261	16,648	387	
Host Training	879	2,017	1,647	(370)	
Other Administrative & Taxes	7,981	11,487	16,679	5,192	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>171,891</b>	<b>123,720</b>	<b>164,256</b>	<b>40,536</b>	2014 - Centennial Expenses
<b>NET GAIN/LOSS</b>	<b>(\$2,036)</b>	<b>\$104,942</b>	<b>(\$10,318)</b>	<b>(\$115,260)</b>	

Prepared by Virginia Anderson, CPA.  
Submitted by CAC Treasurer



## CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB STRATEGIC PLAN

The California Alpine Club has entered a new century with very different circumstances from the founding in 1913. We have begun a forward vision project to better understand members' satisfaction with the club and their ideas about the future. We plan to create a detailed action plan for year 2015 forward. The schedule is to have the plan ready for the Annual Meeting in April 2015.

Our first step is to gather background data on club member interests, satisfaction, complaints and vision for the future. What should we be doing more of, and doing better. What should we be de-emphasizing? An on-line questionnaire was sent to all members on August 11. Many responses have been received, and we are hoping for a very high percentage of responses. Please take the survey if you haven't already. Follow this link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XPNFFFG>

Here is the overall schedule for the project:

Define the planning process.

Gather needed information and data.

Planning meeting weekend Oct 3-5 at Alpine Lodge.

Draft plan available by Jan 31, 2015

Plan available March 2015 Board Meeting

Approval at Annual Meeting in April 2015

Thanks for all your support! If you have any questions or would be interested in helping, please contact us.

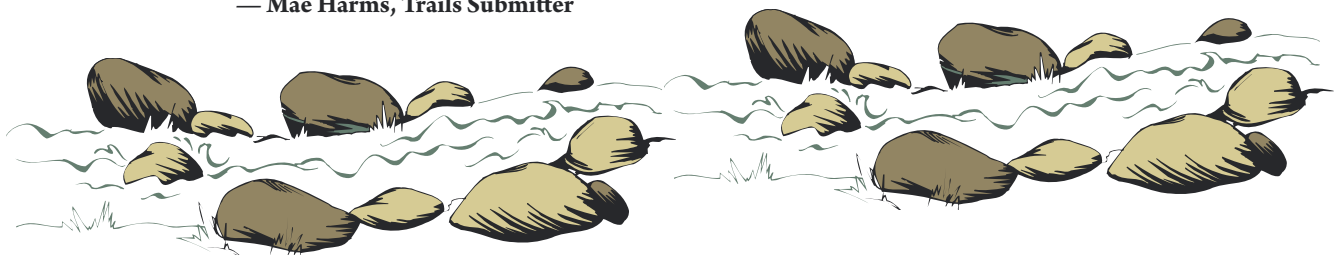
—**Jim Nixon, Torie Beedle, Margy Eller,  
Jay Gustafson, Bill Mayers**

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encroaching on the pathway. That was the work of **Dennis Ziebell** and **Bill Pung**. Another wall is the rock wall that runs along the front wall of the lodge. The original wall had to be removed to facilitate the work on a water main and then restacked. What fun we had digging and carefully settling each rock in place. Two people I especially remember working with that day were **Jenny Bruyn** and **Edna Trimm**. When I see those walls, I think how nice it is that rustic walls are there instead of a slab of poured concrete.

Happy Labor Day to every volunteer whose labor sustains CAC.

— **Mae Harms, Trails Submitter**



## ALPINE LODGE RESERVATION COORDINATOR NEEDED

**Nancy Otto** has decided to retire from her role as the Lodge's reservation coordinator after a long and VERY helpful period of service. We are extremely grateful for her years of dedication to the club in managing this vital role. Her consistency, fair play, suggestions for improvement of the system and her ever-present sense of helpfulness to members and Trustees will be missed. We look forward to seeing her on the mountain and at the lodge in the years to come.

The Alpine Trustees are actively interviewing members who may want to help in this vital role. Please contact us to learn the details of the job and how you can become a vital member of the Alpine team.

— **Alpine Lodge Trustees**

## THE TURKEY IS COMING

An able and willing Club member who would like to help prepare the turkey for the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Alpine Lodge is needed. Please contact **Eva Libien** at [elbien@yahoo.com](mailto:elbien@yahoo.com) or at 415-383-5184. This is an equal opportunity position and needs to be filled immediately.

— **Eva Libien**  
Event Coordinator

## MOVIE NIGHT AT ALPINE Saturday Evening, September 13, 2014

We will screen the documentary "Chasing Ice" ([www.chasingice.com](http://www.chasingice.com)). Enjoy the donations refreshment table. Happy hour starts at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm. We'll have great locally made pizza, a local organic salad and dessert. The 75-minute movie will follow dinner. Email RSVP is required before Noon on Saturday, September 13. Members \$10.00 and Guests \$5.00. RSVP to **Jan Gustafson** and **Mary Cosgrove** at [jaygustafson@yahoo.com](mailto:jaygustafson@yahoo.com). This is a great opportunity to show the club to prospective members.

**Tony Smith** is staying over night, and invites others who want an early start on the mountain on Sunday to join him (usual bed rates – first-come-first served). **Adam Wiz** is doing breakfast featuring crepes and more (no fee- donations only).

— **Jay Gustafson, Event Coordinator**

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The editor for the **November 2014** issue will be **Mae Harms** at [mindspring.com](mailto:mindspring.com). The editor for the **December/January 2014** issue will be **Susan Patrick** at [susandpatrick@msn.com](mailto:susandpatrick@msn.com). 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