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Newsletter of the Ski Touring Section

Loma Prieta Chapter

Sierra Club

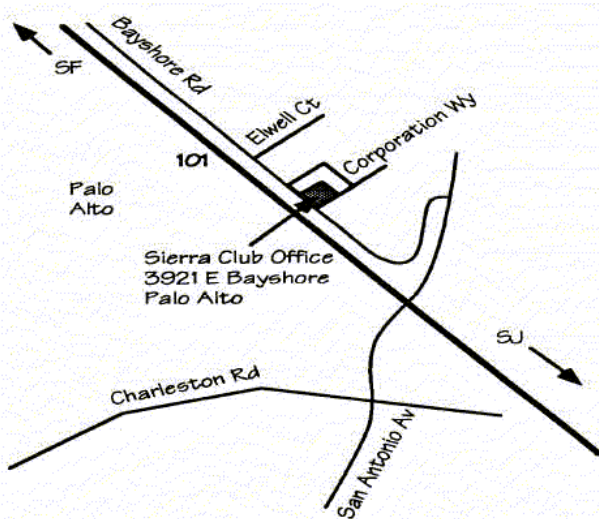


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Next Meeting

Monday, December 4th at 7:30 pm

**Peninsula Conservation Center
3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto**



Come join us for a slide show featuring photos of many STS trips and destinations including the Sierra Club ski huts.

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Deadline for January TRACK submissions is December 15th

Written descriptions of STS trips and private trips are encouraged, and will be printed as space permits. E-mail submissions (plain text or attached Microsoft Word documents) to XXXXX.

Leaders are asked to submit trip descriptions and other key information as soon as possible after the planning meeting.

The STS Track Newsletter would like to obtain photos of STS skiers on relatively recent STS trips from STS members to use in future issues of Track. Please include any helpful information with the picture such as the location, a description of the picture, names of any skiers in the picture and a note that it is OK for Track to publish your photo.

Calendars - Great Holiday gifts!

2007 Sierra Club calendars will be on sale at the December STS meeting. A percentage of the proceeds directly benefit both our Loma Prieta Chapter and STS! \$13 Monthly Wilderness and \$14 Weekly Engagement formats - both boxed ready to mail or wrap!

2006-2007 STS Calendar

December

12/3 – Ski Tuning Workshop @ John Cordes' house
Leader: John Cordes; **Skill Level(s):** All

12/4 – STS Monthly Meeting
Peninsula Conservation Center (7:30 pm)

12/15-17 – Clair Tappaan Lodge Ski Trip
Leader: Lowell Mouton; **Skill Level(s):** Beg/Adv Beg

12/29-1/1 – NYE Lodge Trip @ Markleeville
Leader: Terri Michel; **Skill Level(s):** Intermediate

January

1/5-7 – Clair Tappaan Lodge Ski Trip
Leader: John Cordes; **Skill Level(s):** Beg/Adv Beg

1/8 – STS Monthly Meeting
Peninsula Conservation Center (7:30 pm)

1/13-15 – Benson Hut to Bradley Hut
Leader: Andy Hudson; **Skill Level(s):** TBA

1/18, 23 & 25 – Snow camping seminar
Leaders: Chris MacIntosh / Steve Sergeant / John Langbein

1/19-22 – Tahoe Donner Cabin Trip
Leader: Larry Krumm
Skill Level(s): Beginner to Intermediate

1/20-21 – Bradley Hut
Leaders: Andy Hudson / David Passmore
Skill Level(s): Intermediate

1/26-28 – Bear Valley Lodge Ski Trip
Leaders: Paul Hsieh / Teresa Callen
Skill Level(s): Beginner

1/26-28 – Pear Lake Hut Trip
Leaders: Roy Lambertson
Skill Level(s): Intermediate

1/27-29 – Bradley Hut
Leader: Dick Simpson; **Skill Level(s):** Adv Beg

1/27-28 – Glacier Point snow camping trip
Leader: Chris Kramar; **Skill Level(s):** Intermediate

1/30-2/1 – Ski Orienteering @ Royal Gorge / Auburn
Leader: Lowell Mouton; **Skill Level(s):** Beg/Adv Beg

TBA – Bradley Hut (or Ludlow Hut??)
Leader: Steve Sergeant; **Skill Level:** Intermediate

February

2/2-4 – Lost Trail Lodge (ski in)
Leader: Terri Michel; **Skill Level(s):** Adv Beg/Int

2/3-4 – Bradley Hut
Leader: John Cordes; **Skill Level(s):** Intermediate

2/3-4 – Snow camping trip TBA
Leaders: Chris MacIntosh / Steve Sergeant / John Langbein; **Skill Level(s):** Beginner (need to have taken the “Snow camping seminar” in mid-January)

2/5 – STS Monthly Meeting
Peninsula Conservation Center (7:30 pm)

2/10-11 – Wilderness First Aid
Leader: TBA; **Skill Level(s):** All

2/10-11 – Bear Trap Basin
Leader: Stephane Mouradian; **Skill Level(s):** Int.

2/16-18 – Clair Tappaan Lodge Ski Trip
Leaders: Teresa Callen / Paul Hsieh / Alan Hobbs
Skill Level(s): Beg/Adv Beg

2/17-19 – Mt. Hoffman snow camping trip
Leaders: David Passmore; **Skill Level:** Advanced

2/17-19 – Mount Lassen Volcanic NP Lodge Trip
Leaders: Cecily Harris / Terri Michel
Skill Level(s): Intermediate / Adv Intermediate

2/18-23 – 10th Mountain CO
Leaders: John Cordes; **Skill Level:** Intermediate

2/24-25 – Pinecrest cabin trip
Leaders: Joe Schmidt; **Skill Level:** Adv Beg

2/24-25 – Grover Hot Springs car camping ski trip
Leaders: Steve Sergeant; **Skill Level:** Adv. Beg

2/24-26 – Echo Summit to Loon Lake
Leader: John Langbein; **Skill Level:** Advanced Int

2006-2007 STS Calendar (cont.)

March

3/1-4 – Tahoe Donner Cabin Trip

Leader: Larry Krumm

Skill Level(s): Intermediate+

3/3-4 – Kings Canyon lodge trip

Leader: Terri Michel; **Skill Level(s):** Intermediate

3/3-4 – Peter Grubb Hut trip

Leaders: Dick Simpson; **Skill Level:** Intermediate

3/5 – STS Monthly Meeting

Peninsula Conservation Center (7:30 pm)

3/9-11 – “Loop Around” Mt. Lassen

Leader: John Langbein; **Skill Level:** Advanced Int

3/17-18 – Pinecrest cabin trip

Leaders: Joe Schmidt; **Skill Level:** Adv Beg

3/17-22 – Tioga Pass Resort to Tuolumne Meadows

Leaders: Lowell Mouton / Terri Michel

Skill Level: Advanced Intermediate

3/24-25 – Iron Mountain

Leader: Janet Hoffmann; **Skill Level:** Intermediate

TBA – Dewey Point snow camping trip

Leader: Steve Sergeant; **Skill Level:** Intermediate

April

4/2 – STS Monthly Meeting

Peninsula Conservation Center (7:30 pm)

4/4-6 – Peter Grubb Hut trip

Leaders: Lowell Mouton; **Skill Level:** Int / Adv Int

4/14-21 – Trans-Sierra ski tour

Leader: Andy Hudson; **Skill Level:** TBA

May

5/7 – STS Annual Potluck (location and time TBA)

Trip Basics

Trips are cooperative ventures organized and lead by volunteers. Trips range from leisurely single-day tours to strenuous multi-day expeditions. Each trip has a classification, which indicates the level of skiing

ability and experience that the leader feels is the minimum

required. The trip leader has the final say in whom may join a trip and may refuse anyone at any time that they feel has not demonstrated the required level of ability.

Trip Classifications

Beginner: Includes first time cross-country skiers. Leaders frequently provide some type of beginner instruction. 1-2 miles on gentle terrain.

Advanced Beginner: Skiers in good condition who have learned the basics of the diagonal stride on the flats and on easy hills. 2-5 miles over rolling terrain.

Intermediate: Uphill and downhill skiing on slopes that can be traversed if too steep. An intermediate has developed skill and confidence to snowplow, step turn, and control downhill speeds. Overnight hut trips with a moderate pack load. 3-10 miles average.

Advanced Intermediate: Same as Intermediate plus poor snow and weather skills, winter navigation, greater endurance, and snow camping. 10-15 miles.

Advanced: These tours are for the hardy skiers who can ski 10 to 30 miles in one day, are able to climb high mountains using skins, and descend with Telemark turns. The advanced skier must be in good shape, acclimatized to high altitudes, and have a working knowledge of map reading, compass, avalanche hazards, and winter survival.

Trip/Event Descriptions

Ski Tune Workshop

December 3rd, 1-4 PM

Skill levels - All

It is time to dust off the skis and check the bindings. I am hosting a workshop in my yard in Sunnyvale to fix the base gouges, nicks and dull edges generated from all of last year's fun. Please bring your own P-tex, wax, iron and tools if you have them. Please bring saw horses or workbenches if you have them. I am willing to provide tips or let you borrow my guide book. If interested, please contact the leader (John Cordes, XXXXXXXXX)

Trip/Event Descriptions (cont.)

Clair Tappaan Lodge Ski Trip

December 15-17 (Fri-Sun)

Beginner / Advanced Beginner

Please join us for a fun filled weekend of skiing and relaxing at the Sierra Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge (CTL) in the Norden area. We will drive up to CTL on Friday December 15 and return to the Bay Area the evening of Sunday, December 17. We'll ski on gentle terrain in the Soda Springs/Norden/Donner Lake area.

On Saturday we'll ski the groomed trails around Clair Tappaan Lodge. On Sunday, we'll venture into beginner level backcountry in Donner State Park.

The lodge fee is about \$110 including tax for two nights lodging and all meals. There is a hot tub, library and living room at the lodge. If you would like more information about the Lodge please visit the Sierra Club website,

<http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/ctl/>. Sign up by contacting Lowell Moulton, but please make your own lodging reservations for Friday and Saturday night by calling Clair Tappaan Lodge at (530) 426-3632. We'll all meet in the Claire Tappaan Lodge living room on Saturday morning after breakfast.

There are ski and snowshoe rental packages available at CTL and at nearby Royal Gorge. Beginners can take a lesson for an additional fee on Saturday morning at Royal Gorge and join us back at Claire Tappaan Lodge in the afternoon. More info on lessons and fees is at www.royalgorge.com. We can also take a short night snowshoe hike behind Claire Tappaan Lodge on Saturday night. Event is co-listed with Sierra Singles.

Leader: Lowell Moulton, XXXX,
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Co-Leader: Janet Hoffmann, XXX,
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Markleeville NYE Lodge Trip

29 December 2006 – 1 January 2007 (Fri – Mon)

Intermediate

Spend New Years in this lovely and peaceful setting in Markleeville near the Carson River. The area offers day skiing opportunities in Carson and Luther Passes, Hope Valley, Forestdale Creek, and Kirkwood's ski trails, to name a few. All this followed by a possible soak in Grover Hot Springs to bring the evening to a close. We'll depart the Bay Area on Friday morning the 29th, in time for a short

ski and maybe also a trip to the Hot Springs. We'll share 4 rooms (2 beds to a room) at the J Marklee Toll Station on Hwy 89 in downtown Markleeville <www.tollstation.com>. Cost for 3 nights lodging (includes private bath and linens) and happy hour munchies is \$115/person (cost based on 8 people). There are restaurants nearby for dinners and/or breakfasts. Limit 8. Part or all of deposit nonrefundable if you cancel after November 1st and we can't get a qualified replacement. All participants must bring metal edged skis and climbing skins, sign a Sierra Club Liability Waiver and complete a Sierra Club Medical form and return both completed and signed to the leader prior to the trip. Send 2 long SASEs for trip sign-up application, waiver, medical form and check for \$115 to: Terri Michel, XXX XXXXXXX. (Leader: Terri Michel XXXXXXX)

Clair Tappaan Lodge Beginner's Ski Trip

January 6-7

Beginner to Advanced Beginner

Learn the joys cross-country skiing on gentle terrain in the Soda Springs/ Norden Area. We'll stay at the Sierra Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge in Norden. On Saturday we'll ski the groomed trails around Clair Tappaan. On Sunday, we will venture into beginner level backcountry in the area. Sign up by contacting the leader, but **please make your own lodging reservations by calling Clair Tappaan Lodge (530-426-3632)**. Lodge fee is \$55+ tax/night including meals. It is OK to drive up Saturday morning if you can get the CTL by 9am. For more information about Clair Tappaan, visit the Sierra Club website <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/ctl/>. For more information about the trip contact the leader John Cordes at XXXXX or XXXX.

Snow Camping Seminar

January 18, 23 & 25 (classroom sessions)

February 3-4 (field session)

All skill levels

Learn to be comfortable in the snow; all day and all night! This course teaches participants the basics for camping, staying comfortable, and surviving the snow. Items discussed in the course include hypothermia, cold weather 1st aid, clothing, ski and snowshoe gear, packs, cooking, shelters (including tents, emergency shelters, and snow caves), route finding, and avalanche awareness. Participants must be familiar and comfortable with summer backpacking. In the field session, participants will

Trip/Event Descriptions (cont.)

apply what they have learned including constructing various snow shelters, cooking, and adapting to the environment. Participants will either snowshoe or ski into the field area. To sign up, contact Chris MacIntosh and send \$40 and your contact info to BSCS, PO Box 802, Menlo Park, CA 94026. Cost for the course includes a book and other printed material. (Leaders: Chris MacIntosh XXX, Steve Sargent steve.serjeant@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org, and John Langbein XXX)

A Three-day Weekend in Tahoe January 19 – 22

Beginner to Intermediate

This is the, "I'm not going up on anymore holidays" trip. It's the weekend after MLK and it's a 3 day invitation Friday night through Sunday night - go home Monday (or just stay the weekend). We'll be staying in our cabin in Tahoe Donner. Beginners can take a lesson and/or ski at Tahoe Donner Cross Country (2 miles from the cabin). Advanced beginners - intermediate we'll take a tour out through the meadows in the National Forest and maybe scale a few hills. The cabin costs \$280/ night and sleeps 10. If 10 people come it's \$28/person per night (do the math if less than 10). Trip cancels if less than 6. Food is \$15 for the weekend (1 dinner 2 breakfasts), \$20 through Monday (2 dinners 3 breakfasts). Hot tub is available if you want. For exact costs and details contact leader **Larry Krumm** at XXX.

Bear Valley Beginner's Ski Trip January 26-28, 2005

Beginner to advanced beginner cross-country ski trip. Come join us for a weekend stay at Base Camp Lodge in Bear Valley. We arrive the evening of Friday, January 26, and leave the afternoon of Sunday, January 28. Please meet us at 9:00 PM in front of the fireplace at Base Camp. We will ski at the Bear Valley Cross-Country center Saturday morning with an option to ski again in the afternoon. On Saturday night, MAS will host an avalanche and snow awareness seminar for our group. On Sunday there will be an option to ski in the back-country area of Bear Valley. There is a bar at Base Camp and some local restaurants and coffee café's in the area. There is also a game room, dry sauna and living room with a fireplace. Cost for lodging for two nights, two breakfasts, Saturday night dinner plus avalanche/snow awareness seminar and tax is \$101.00/ bunk, \$134.00

/triple, \$150.50 /double, \$200.00/single. The "single" or private rooms are limited. Trail fees are about \$25.00 per day. There are ski rental packages available. Beginners can take a lesson on Saturday morning at the cross-country center and join us in the afternoon. Sign up by contacting one of the leaders, but please make your own reservations by calling MAS at (209) 753-6556. Payments for all activities will be directly to Base Camp and to the Cross-Country Center. Please join us for a fun filled weekend of cross-country skiing, learning, socializing and relaxing. Event is co-listed with SF Bay and LPSS Sierra Singles. **Meet at Base Camp Lodge on Friday night at 9:00 pm.** (Leaders: Paul Hsieh pXXXX and Teresa Callen XXX)

Pear Lake Hut

January 26-28 (Friday – Sunday)

Intermediate

A three day trip to this popular ski hut in Sequoia National Park allows time to explore the high country nearby. The ski in on Friday is about 7 miles with about 2000 feet of climbing. Metal-edged skis and climbing skins are required. Saturday we'll do a tour, up to Ski Alta Peak and beyond if conditions permit. Sunday we'll do a short tour or yo-yo the slopes above the hut before skiing out. \$50 advance payment includes two dinners and two nights' lodging at Pear Lake Hut. To reserve a spot, please send me a check for \$50. Please include: Your name, address, telephone numbers, email, a brief description of your experience and equipment, whether you can drive (how many passengers), departure point and time. Please let me know if you have any dietary restrictions or medical conditions. Call first if possible regarding availability; the trip may fill up quickly. You may forfeit your payment if you cancel and we can't find a replacement. Contact leader Roy Lambertson at:

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Glacier Point Snow Camp

January 27 – 28

Intermediate (with snow camping experience)

We will start skiing Saturday morning at Badger Pass and proceed up the Glacier Point road (tracks are usually, but not always, set by the NPS) to Glacier Point. We make camp there that night and return the next day. Exploration plans for the return trip on

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Sunday include Sentinel Dome and other South Rim points of interest near Glacier Point. Distance is 11 miles and includes ~500' of elevation gain/loss one-way. All participants must sign a Sierra Club Liability Waiver. Send 2 long SASEs for trip sign-up application, medical form, and waiver to: Chris Kramar, 4302 Ribera St., Fremont, CA 94536. (Leader: Chris Kramar XXXX or XXX)

Bradley Hut

January 27-29 (Sat-Mon)

Intermediate

Ski 5 miles and climb 1500 ft to Bradley Hut in upper Pole Creek near Squaw Valley. The 3-day format helps avoid gridlock returning on Hwy 89 and I-80 and allows for a full day of skiing Sunday. \$50 covers dinners Sat-Sun and breakfasts Sun-Mon; you bring lunches and snacks. For more information and application contact leader Dick Simpson at XXXX
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Royal Gorge / Auburn Ski Orienteering Trip

January 30 – February 1 (Tue- Thurs)

Beginner / Advanced Beginner

Join us for three days of mid-week ski orienteering fun at Royal Gorge Cross Country and Auburn Ski Club Training Center. Ski orienteering is a very fun sport where you use map and compass to find the fastest routes to flags (controls) placed on cross country ski trails. No ski orienteering experience is required, the leader will give a quick course on using map and compass to find the controls and there is also a quick lesson given by the race organizers before the race.

We'll drive up to Clair Tappaan Lodge (CTL) in the Norden area on Monday 1/29 and participate in Sierra Ski Orienteering Championships at Royal Gorge Cross Country on Tuesday 1/30 and Wednesday 1/31. On Thursday 2/1 we'll drive over to the Auburn Ski Club Training Center for a third day of ski orienteering. We'll drive home on Thursday evening 2/1. The lodge fee is about \$55 per night and includes all meals. There is a hot tub, library and living room at the lodge. If you would like more information about Clair Tappaan Lodge then please visit the Sierra Club website, <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/ctl> Budget an additional expense of about \$20 to \$35 per day for

trail, race registration, E-punch and compass rentals. See details at the Bay Area Orienteering Club (BAOC) website at <http://baoc.org/wiki/Schedule/2007/SkiO/Fees>

There are ski and snowshoe rental packages available at CTL and at nearby Royal Gorge. Beginners can take a lesson for an additional fee on Tuesday morning at Royal Gorge. More info on lessons and fees is at www.royalgorge.com. Event is co-listed with Sierra Singles.

Sign up by contacting Lowell Moulton, but please make your own lodging reservations for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights by calling Clair Tappaan Lodge at (530) 426-3632. Discounts for early race registration are available at BAO website listed above. We'll all meet in the Claire Tappaan Lodge living room on Tuesday morning after breakfast.

Leader: Lowell Moulton, XX,
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Bradley Hut Overnight (alternatively, Ludlow Hut)

TBA (TENTATIVE for January)

Intermediate

Join us for a night in the Bradley Hut. This is the newest of the Sierra Club's ski huts. A cost of \$25 covers Saturday night hut fees, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast (all vegetarian). Bring lunches and personal gear and leave room to help carry group gear into the hut. Limit 10 including the leader. To register, contact the trip leader (Steve Sergeant - or steve.sergeant@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org)

Luxuriate at Lost Trail Lodge

2 – 4 February 2007 (Fri – Sun)

Advanced Beginner / Intermediate

A rare opportunity to stay in this off-the-grid and uniquely appointed lodge that is close to civilization yet remote in NW Tahoe near Donner. This trip would be a good way to find out what it's like to ski with an overnight pack to your lodging without having to carry sleeping gear. We'll share a cabin at the Lost Trail Lodge, which is a 4 mile relatively flat ski into the lodge <www.lostrailodge.com>. We'll start from the trailhead on Friday morning the 2nd to ski the 4 miles to our cabin so we can explore the local backcountry for the rest of the weekend. The area offers day skiing opportunities in places like Cold

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Stream and Emigrant Canyons, Shallenberger Ridge, etc (climbing skins would be handy for the day tours from the lodge). Skiing and dining followed by a possible live piano serenade or jacuzzi soak in the evenings. Cost for 2 nights lodging (includes linens), 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts is \$179/person. Limit 6. Part or all of deposit is nonrefundable if you cancel after January 1st and we can't get a qualified replacement. All participants must be comfortable skiing up to 4 miles with a small overnight pack, bring metal edged skis, sign a Lodge and a Sierra Club Liability Waiver and complete a Sierra Club Medical form and return all completed and signed to the leader prior to the trip. Send 2 long SASEs for trip sign-up application, waivers, medical form and check for \$179 to: Terri Michel, XXX (Terri Michel XXX or XXX

Bradley Hut February 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Intermediate

Saturday, we'll start the trip by skiing 5 miles and climb 1500 ft to Bradley Hut in upper Pole Creek near Squaw Valley off highway 89. There will be time for turns and touring late Saturday and Sunday morning. We'll plan to get back to the cars around 4 pm on Sunday and have dinner in Truckee before heading home. Participants are encouraged to spend Friday Night at Clair Tappaan lodge in Norden. The trip starts at the trailhead on Highway 89 at 10 am. \$20 covers hut, dinner Sat, and breakfast Sun. To sign up please send a SASE or email the leader. For more information and application contact the leader: Mr. John G. Cordes
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Clair Tappaan Lodge ski trip February 16-18 Beginner / Advanced Beginner

Come join us for a weekend stay at Clair Tappaan Lodge in the Norden area. We arrive the evening of Friday, February 16 and leave the evening of Sunday, February 18. We will ski at Royal Gorge on Saturday and on the track behind the lodge on Sunday. If you have snowshoes and a headlamp, please bring them for a night hike on a local trail. Cost for two nights lodging and all meals is approx. \$98.00. The

track fee at Royal Gorge is \$26.00 per person. There are ski rental packages and snowshoe rental packages available at the lodge. Beginners can take a lesson on Saturday morning at Royal Gorge and join us in the afternoon. There is a hot tub, library, living room and sometimes live entertainment at the lodge. Sign up by contacting one of the leaders, but please make your own reservations by calling Clair Tappaan Lodge at (530) 426-3632. Payments for all activities will be directly to Clair Tappaan Lodge and to Royal Gorge. Please join us for a fun filled weekend of skiing, socializing and relaxing. Event is co-listed with SF Bay and LPSS Sierra Singles. **Meet at Clair Tappaan Lodge Living Room on Friday night at 9:00 pm.** (Leaders: Alan Hobbs, Paul Hsieh or Teresa Callen)

Mount Lassen Volcanic National Park February 17-19, 2007

Strong Intermediate / Advanced Intermediate
Enjoy Mt. Lassen over President's Day Weekend. (Three day ski trips, Saturday – Monday). In February, when snow is usually plentiful and traffic is usually light in this southern Cascades park. We'll ski to places that might include Bumpass Hell or Brokeoff Peak depending on conditions. We will stay two to a room in the Mineral Lodge motel near the southwest Park entrance. (www.minerallodge.com) Three nights lodging (Friday – Sunday) and happy hour munchies are only \$133.00 per person. Bring your own lunches and plan to eat breakfast and dinner at the motel restaurant. Limit 8. Part or all of deposit is refundable if you cancel by January 17 and we can't get a qualified replacement. All participants must bring metal-edged skis and climbing skins, sign a Sierra Club Liability Waiver and Medical Form. Send 2 long SASE's for trip sign-up application, waiver, medical form and check for \$133.00 to: Cecily XXX.
Questions? Contact **Cecily Harris** at XX or XX or co-leader **Terri Michel** at XX.

5-day 10th Mtn Hut Tour February 18-23 Strong Intermediate

Have you ever wanted to ski the 10th Mtn Hut system in Colorado? I have hut reservations for 8 people for 4 nights Monday - Thursday Feb 19th-22th, 2007. The official trip begins at the Ashcroft trailhead south of Vail.

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The itinerary is to fly to Denver on Sunday Feb 18th and pick up groceries and drive to Aspen. Stay in Aspen Sunday night. Monday morning, catch a shuttle to the Ashcroft Trailhead. Ski into 2.3 miles to Markley Hut for Monday night. Ski to Friends hut for Tuesday night which is about 8 miles away. Stay at Friends Hut on Wednesday night. Ski to Lindley Hut for Thursday night which is about 5 miles from Friends Hut. There is a variety of terrain available to ski in the area each day. On Friday, get in some turns before skiing out to catch the shuttle back to Aspen, On Saturday, drive back to Denver and fly home. The trip cost is \$150/person for the 4 nights at the huts including food. I expect the other travel to be \$450 to 500 per person (~\$300 airfare + \$150 for Sunday & Friday night lodging, car rental, shuttle fee, food). If you are interested and want to get in on the trip, please email leader John Cordes at XX.

To learn more about the huts visits www.huts.org.

Grover Hot Springs Camp-out

February 24-25

Advanced Beginner

Join us for a car camping ski trip. We will camp at Grover Hot Springs State Park. The park is just west of Markleeville, four miles from Highway 89. We will ski in the Hope Valley/Carson Pass area on both Saturday and Sunday. Dinner Saturday night will be in historic Markleeville, at the Wolf Creek Restaurant. Remember to bring your bathing suit and towel for soaking in the hot springs at the park. Trip cost is \$25 which covers camping fee and breakfast Saturday and Sunday. We'll be camping in the snow, so be prepared! In past years, night time temperatures have dipped to the single-digits. You'll also need extra money for dinner Saturday night (entrees start at \$12.95), and \$4 for each visit to the hot springs. For additional information, contact the leader (Steve Sergeant or steve.sergeant@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org)

A Three-day Weekend in Tahoe #2

March 1-4

Intermediate +

So take a day off and make it a long ski weekend after president's week. (smaller crowds). We'll be staying in our cabin in Tahoe Donner. Come up Thursday night (miss the crowd on the road) and stay through Sunday. We'll find some interesting skiing in the surrounding NF for intermediates and up. The cabin costs \$280/ night and sleeps 10. If 10 people come it's

\$28/person per night (do the math if less than 10).

Trip cancels if less than 6. Food is \$15 for the weekend (1 dinner 2 breakfasts), \$20 Thursday - Sunday (2 dinners 3 breakfasts). Hot tub is available if you want. For exact costs and details contact leader **Larry Krumm** at XX.

Peter Grubb Hut

March 3-4 (Sat-Sun)

Intermediate

Ski 2 miles and climb 800 ft from I-80 at Donner Summit to Castle Pass, then go another mile and down into Round Valley and Peter Grubb Hut. The hut is 60+ years old, but has been equipped with solar electric lighting. Enjoy good snow on the north side of Castle Peak or tours to Sand Ridge Lakes. \$30 covers Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast; you bring lunches and snacks. For more information and application contact leader Dick Simpson at XXX or

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Kings Canyon & Sequoia National Park areas

March 3-4 (Sat-Sun)

Intermediate

Ski amongst the Giant Sequoias! Kings Canyon NP and Sequoia NF are a choice way to avoid the Tahoe crowds – and it takes less time to get there! We'll do day tours using metal-edged backcountry skis, and stay 2 to a room at the John Muir Lodge at 6,555' in Grant Grove (www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com/johnmuirlodge.html) . Cost for two nights lodging (includes private bath, maid service and linens) and happy hour munchies is \$75 per person (trip cost is based on 8 people). There is a restaurant nearby for Sat. dinner and/or breakfasts. Limit 8. Part or all of deposit nonrefundable if you cancel after February 15th and we can't get a qualified replacement. All participants must sign a Sierra Club Liability Waiver and complete a Sierra Club Medical form and return both completed and signed to the leader prior to the trip. Send 2 long SASEs for trip sign-up application, medical form, waiver and check for \$75 per person to: Terri Michel, , . **Leader is Terri Michel** XXXX.

Tioga Pass Resort – Tuolumne Meadows Ski Tour 15 – 20 March 2007 (Thurs – Tues)

Advanced Intermediate

Come spend St. Patrick's Day in beautiful Tuolumne Meadows. We'll stay in a motel in Lee Vining on

Trip/Event Descriptions (cont.)

Wednesday night the 14th and ski into Tioga Pass Resort on (TPR) Thursday March 15. We'll spend Thursday night in a cabin at this intriguing historic resort located on the eastern crest of Yosemite at 9,600' <www.tiogapassresort.com>. After ski-acclimatizing around TPR and a great dinner and breakfast, we'll tour our way to the ski hut (or snow camp) in Tuolumne Meadows on Friday March 16 where we'll spend three nights and ski around Tuolumne Meadows on Saturday (St. Patrick's Day) and Sunday. Day trip possibilities from the Tuolumne Meadows area include Cathedral, Johnson, Ragged, Unicorn Peaks, Lambert Dome, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, etc. Our travel is made lighter by the leprechauns who stashed food and gear in advance. On Monday March 19 we'll ski from Tuolumne Meadows Hut back to TPR and spend Monday night at TPR. On Tuesday March 20 we'll ski back to the Lee Vining Tioga Pass Road trailhead and drive home.

Cost of \$450 per person includes 1 night in motel, 2 nights at TPR (including tips for TPR staff), 5 delicious dinners and breakfasts, 2 lunches, and petrol reimbursement for the cache elves (trip cost estimate is based on 6 people). Note that hut or camping in Tuolumne Meadows is free. Limit 6. All participants must be comfortable skiing up to 16 miles and 3,000' elevation gain with an overnight pack, have snow camping experience, bring metal edged skis, climbing skins, a winter sleeping bag and an avalanche transceiver. Participants must also sign a Sierra Club Liability Waiver and complete a Sierra Club Medical form and return both completed and signed to the leader prior to the trip. All participants must also sign a TPR Release Form. Send 2 long SASEs for trip sign-up application, medical form, waiver, TPR Release and a deposit check for \$450 per person (made to Lowell Moulton) to:

XXXX

Part or all of deposit nonrefundable if you cancel after February 12th and we can't get a qualified replacement. Trip leader is Lowell Moulton (). Co-Leader is Terri Michel (or XXX).

Carson Pass to Bear Valley (Snow Camping)
March 17-18
Advanced

Join us in exploring this seldom-skied section of the crest. We will do this trip as a key exchange, with both groups camping in the vicinity of Clover Valley on Saturday night. We hope to get good views of the Dardanelles region. The distance we will cover in two days is about 26 miles; our nominal route is described in Marcus Libkind's [Ski Tours of the Sierra Nevada, Volume 2](#). It's the "Red Lake to Lake Alpine" tour. Severe weather or avalanche hazard will change our plans. Contact **leader Roy Lambertson** at -XX XXXX(eve); or . Co-leader is Stephane Mouradian XXX.

Dewey Point Beginner's Snow Camp
TBA (TENTATIVE for late March or early April)
Intermediate

Camp in the snow overlooking Yosemite Valley! This is a good trip for someone ready to graduate from Advanced Beginner to Intermediate. This trip will start at the parking lot for the Badger Pass ski area, and will cover 3.75 miles by cross country skis or snowshoe into our campsite. Campers will be encouraged to try alternative winter shelters, such as a snow cave, or a hybrid tarp/trench structure (tents are OK too). On Sunday morning we'll explore the rim of Yosemite Valley to the east of Dewey Point -- perhaps as far as another 3.6 miles to Taft Point -- before traveling back to the Badger Pass parking lot on the Glacier Point Road. Prior snow camping experience is strongly advised. The leader can advise you on appropriate gear and preparation. Skiers should have experience skiing with a full pack (on a hut trip, for example). The trip is individual commissary, but participants will be encouraged to team-up for shelter and cooking. Limited to seven participants. This trip is co-listed with the Backpack Section. To register, contact the trip leader (Steve Sergeant or

steve.sergeant@lomapieta.sierraclub.org)

Peter Grubb Hut Ski Tour

April 4-6 (Weds-Fri)

Intermediate / Advanced Intermediate

Join us for a fun two night mid-week stay at Peter Grubb Hut. We'll drive up to Clair Tappaan Lodge (CTL) in the Norden area on Tuesday 4/3. On Wednesday 4/4 we'll ski 2 miles and climb 800 ft from I-80 at Donner Summit to Castle Pass, then go another mile and down into Round Valley and Peter Grubb Hut. Peter Grubb Hut lies in a bowl, bounded on the north by Basin Peak and on the east by Castle Peak. The hut is 60+ years old, but was recently

equipped with solar electric lighting. On Thursday 4/5 we'll have a full day to enjoy good snow on the north side of Castle Peak or tours to nearby Basin Peak and Sand Ridge Lakes. We'll ski out and drive home on Friday 4/5.

The Tuesday night Clair Tappaan Lodge fee is about \$55 per night and includes all meals. There is a hot tub, library and living room at the lodge. If you would like more information about Clair Tappaan Lodge then please visit the Sierra Club website, <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/ctl/>. About \$70 covers hut expenses, Wednesday and Thursday dinner, and Thursday and Friday breakfast; you bring lunches and snacks. If food and hut expenses come in below this then refunds for the difference will be paid back to trip participants. Send 2 long SASEs for trip sign-up application, medical form, waiver, and a deposit check for \$70 per person (made to Lowell Moulton) to: Lowell Moulton,
. Part or all of deposit nonrefundable if you cancel after March 14th and we can't get a qualified replacement.

Trip Leader: Lowell Moulton,
XX.net

Other Sierra Club Trips

The following trips to Sierra Club huts are being organized by the Redwood Chapter.

Peter Grubb Hut Winter Backpack Trip December 16-17, 2006 (Sat-Sun)

Beginner-Intermediate

Snowshoe/Ski 3 miles (800') to Peter Grubb Hut for a Saturday overnight and avoid the shopping crowd. \$20 for Sierra Club members (\$22 non-members) by Dec. 11th to Jim Gannon;

. Non-refundable reservations. Please include email address/phone#. Optional stay at Clair Tappaan lodge Fri 15th. Make reservations early to avoid disappointment. Lodge reservations 530-426-3632 indicate you are with Peter Grubb trip-Redwood Chapter. Sno-Park pass necessary for parking at Sno-Park trail head. Central commissary is planned. Meeting time/location provided with trip sign up. Contact Jim Gannon or
. Leader is Don Anderson (); co-leader is Jim Gannon.

Bradley Hut Winter Backpack Trip

January 13-15, 2007 (Sat-Mon)

Adv Beginner-Intermediate

Snowshoe/Ski 5 miles (1500') to Bradley Hut for MLK weekend Saturday/Sunday overnight and back out on Monday midday. \$32 for Sierra Club members (\$34 non-members) by Jan 9th to Jim Gannon;

. Non-refundable reservations. Please include email address/phone#. Optional stay at Clair Tappaan lodge Fri 12th. Make reservations early to avoid disappointment. Lodge reservations phone is (530) 426-3632. Indicate you are with Bradley trip-Redwood Chapter. Central commissary is planned. Meeting time/locations provided with trip sign up. Contact leader Jim Gannon at . Co-leader Don Anderson.

Ludlow Hut Winter Backpack Trip

February 17-19, 2007 (Sat-Mon)

Intermediate - Adv Intermediate

Snowshoe/Ski 6.5 miles (1200) to Ludlow Hut for Presidents weekend Saturday/Sunday overnight and back out on Monday midday. \$32 for Sierra Club members (\$34 non-members) by Feb. 13th to Jim Gannon; PO Box 1038, Rohnert Park, CA 94927. Non-refundable reservations. Please include email address/phone#. Optional stay at Clair Tappaan lodge Fri 16th. Make reservations early to avoid disappointment. Lodge reservations 530-426-3632 indicate you are with Ludlow trip-Redwood Chapter. Central commissary is planned. Meeting time/locations provided with trip sign up. Contact leader Jim Gannon at or
. Co-leader is Paul Bozzo.

Looking For Nordic Ski Patrol Candidates

Lake Alpine Nordic Ski Patrol (located in Bear Valley) is looking for cross-country skiers to join us in patrolling the beautiful backcountry around Lake Alpine. We are affiliated with the National Ski Patrol (NSP), and we maintain our first aid skills at the same level as alpine patrollers, but our emphasis is more on other aspects of traveling safely in the backcountry in a winter environment.

Patrolling provides the chance to regularly get out and enjoy the backcountry with others of a like mind, while providing the opportunity to do something beneficial for others, and who knows, maybe save a life. There are other benefits as well, such as the great

educational programs that are administered by the NSP.

You don't have to be a great skier to join us, but you should have basic skill at traveling cross country, and be in reasonably good shape with the stamina to put in a full day of fairly strenuous exercise. To get a feel for patrolling please join us for a weekend of skiing, no commitment required. To find out more please contact Charles Schafer at or

Announcements

Editor's Note

Due to a production problem in last month's (November) issue of Track, the photo credit for Bob Gross's January 2006 photo on Page 7 of STS skiers preparing to ski out from Ostrander Hut was lost. We sincerely apologize to Bob for not giving him credit for his photograph.

Expedition: Kirkwood

Kirkwood Mountain Resort announces its **Expedition: Kirkwood** program offering a variety of clinics; steeps clinics, telemark clinics, women's clinics, kid's clinics, Backcountry Awareness Clinics, and several AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Certification clinics. Enroll early because clinics fill up fast! Kirkwood's Winter Bivouac Snow Camping clinic on February 3, 2007, looks like a great deal at \$60 per

person. They will show you the basic principles of snow camping including "leave no trace" camping procedures, proper site selection for both tents and snow caves, and how to set up your tent with an effective snow wall. Cold weather cooking and practical meal selection will be covered as well as staying warm and dry. They will also work with STS trip leaders to create custom clinics. Contact Emily Abernathy, Expedition: Kirkwood at 209.258.7360 and check out the Expedition: Kirkwood 2006/2007 winter events calendar at:
www.kirkwood.com/winter0607/calendar.php

Snow Cave & Igloo Seminar

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District announces its 2007 snow camping class. This is a great class taught by Kim Grandfield of Sunrise Mountain Sports in Livermore. You will learn everything you wanted to know about snow camping but were afraid to ask! A mandatory Pre-trip meeting on Monday Jan. 3, 7 pm will prepare you for the lab portion of this class: a two-day, snow camping trip from Saturday, January 13, 2007, to Monday, January 15, 2007. Car-pooling will be arranged during the evening class. Participants may either cross-country ski or snowshoe. Cost for Livermore area residents is \$110.00 and for non-residents is \$132.00. Since this is a group tour, there will be no refunds. This is a great value for a three day trip with a couple of super experienced veterans of trans Sierra ski touring. Details and registration at
<http://register.larpdrecandpark.org/> and/or
<http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us/>

Section Information

Purpose: The Ski Touring Section leads cross-country ski trips to the Sierra Nevada and elsewhere.

Meetings: The Section holds open meetings monthly from November thru May. Date, time, and location of the next meeting are announced in TRACK. Newcomers of any experience level are welcome. A special program is featured at most meetings.

Membership: To be a member of the section requires membership in the Sierra Club and additional dues of \$5/yr paid to the section Treasurer. This entitles members to all the rights outlined in the bylaws and standing rules.

E-mail list: To join the STS e-mail list, send an e-mail to the list server at: <listserv@lists.sierraclub.org>.

Include the following one line in the body of the message (not Subject line): <SUBSCRIBE LOMAP-SkiTour yourfirstname yourlastname>. Be sure to send the email from the address at which you wish to receive postings and the newsletter, TRACK. You must be a member to be on the STS e-mail list.

Newsletter: TRACK is published monthly from October through May. To subscribe, send a check for \$15 (\$10 for paper newsletter and \$5 for annual section dues) payable to Ski Touring Section with your name, address, telephone number, and proof of Sierra Club membership to Treasurer John Langbein (XXX).

Proof of membership is one of the following: a mailing label from your Chapter newsletter (Loma Prieta) or Sierra magazine,

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a photocopy of your Sierra Club membership card, or your canceled check for membership dues.

To join the Sierra Club, enclose a separate check for \$35 payable to Sierra Club with your STS payment.

To submit meeting announcements, trip announcements, and trip reports for publication in TRACK, email them to TRACK editor Kevin Flynn at kXXX, (plaint text or attached

Microsoft Word documents preferred) or submit them as text files. Photos in jpeg format may accompany trip report submissions and will be included if space permits. Advertisements will be carried for members free of charge on a space-permitting basis. Ads will

run for one month unless resubmitted and will be limited to 6 lines or one inch. Notices from commercial enterprises will be carried at the editor's discretion on the same basis.

Trips: Trips are scheduled by VC/Scheduler Eric Valentino. Potential trip leaders should contact him (see address below) and new leaders should contact Janet Hoffmann, Chair of the Outings Committee. Potential trip participants should contact the trip leader listed for each trip. The trips are classified according to the minimum ability required of participants. The categories are listed inside under Ski Trips. The Sierra Club does not assume any liability for carpools to the "trailhead".

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