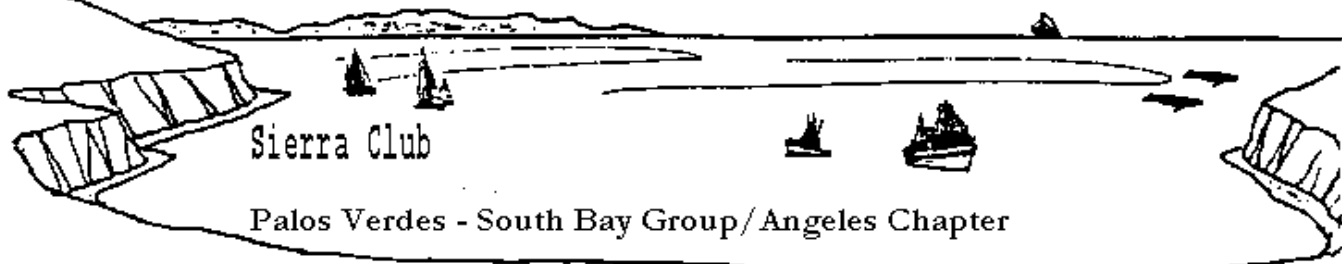


The Foggy View



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Conservation Progress During 2004

By Barry Holchin, Conservation Chair

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The year started out with my request to get more folks to step up to the conservation plate and help. Strategy/Planning meetings were held with Angeles Chapter Conservation Chair Gordon LaBedz and Staff Conservation Coordinator Johanna Zetterberg. Their primary advice was to have the Conservation Chair (me) spend a much higher proportion of his available time recruiting new PVSB Conservation Committee (CC) members, and to constantly prioritize and evaluate what we're willing to take on, given available human resources. Johanna offered to make herself available on an ongoing basis to facilitate this. Subsequently she has participated in our almost monthly CC meetings, and has helped very much.

Meanwhile, the plate got fuller. However, during the year quite a few folks have stepped up to take on the conservation load, and a lot has been accomplished, too much to be adequately described in the space available for this article.

Highlights from some of the numerous issues with which the CC has dealt:

- 1) Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) – Several major milestones were reached on the way to acquisition of natural open space in the Portuguese Bend area. We commented on the Draft Environmental Impact Report and advocated for the adoption of the NCCP. RPV approved the NCCP and recently approved the purchase of the ~450 acres of land owned by Barry Hon, and funding looks promising.
- 2) Forrestral Preserve Trail Usage – Our Group has been concerned that the Forrestral Steering Committee's (FSC) recommendations for multiuse (i.e. mountain biking, hiking, equestrian) designations for virtually all the trails would have deleterious safety and environmental effects. Hundreds of hours were spent inspecting and evaluating each trail, preparing analysis materials, and a PowerPoint Presentation containing our recommendations which was delivered at a FSC meeting.
- 3) Heart Park – Sometime in the future the Electrical Generating Plant in Redondo Beach will be decommissioned. Two visions have been put forward regarding how this property might be utilized, one stressing development and the other, referred to as Heart Park, stressing an open space park. After excellent presentations by some of our CC members, the Ex Com voted to support the Heart Park vision.
- 4) South Coast Golf Course/ PV Landfill – Our Ex Com approved letters prepared by CC members expressing numerous concerns about this proposed project. Later, we also came out in opposition to the project.
- 5) Increased Sierra Club Member Community Involvement – A handful of our members has taken on the responsibility of attending and sometimes speaking out for our mutual interests at local community forums. More are needed.

PS - If you would like to be contacted by our Conservation Committee regarding issues of concern in our community, please send your name, Sierra Club #, email address, city and phone # to: bholchin@cox.net.

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From Your Chair

November 15, 2004

This Fall has been a busy one for the members of the Executive Committee. I led my annual Volunteer in Parks Program project in Yosemite Valley the weekend of Sept. 25-26 with assistance from Bob and Ellen Beach and Joyce White. We all had a very productive project, great weather and a nice hike on Sunday up to Chilnualna Falls for those who were interested. The weekend before I was in Tuolumne Meadows for a backpack. The first winter storm of the season came in. We actually got some snow! Looks like it is going to be a great ski season.

On a less enthusiastic note, there have been problems with people trying to influence the Executive Committee to take a stand on issues which are not in the best interests of the Sierra Club. A recent example of this occurred when several Redondo Beach residents joined the conservation committee and lobbied it to support their opposition to a second floor addition to a single family residence. They purported to be concerned about a violation of the Coastal Act. They failed to clearly disclose to the committee that they had multi million dollar homes they were trying to sell whose views would be impacted by the addition. This failure to disclose caused undue friction between the Conservation Committee and many members of the Executive Committee.

Phil Wheeler supplied me with the following excerpts from the Sierra Club National Web Site. All prospective and current members of all Palos Verdes/South Bay committees will be asked to become familiar with and adhere to these policies. Any members of the club approaching these committees with requests for support from the Sierra Club will also be required to adhere to these policies.

Conflict of Interest

Preamble: Every person elected or appointed to a position of authority in an organization has a duty of loyalty to, and must act in the interests of, that organization. A conflict of interest is a situation that exists when someone's loyalty may be divided between the first organization and a second person or organization. No one should be faulted merely because a conflict of interest situation exists. A problem arises only when someone takes action related to the conflict. A person in a conflict of interest situation may act appropriately by respecting his/her duty of loyalty, or may act inappropriately by violating it. It is the action -- the behavior -- that is or is not appropriate.

General Policy: As part of their duty of loyalty to the Sierra Club, volunteers and staff have an obligation and responsibility (1) to disclose any conflict or potential conflict of interest on any issue promptly as such conflict arises, (2) to abstain from participation in FINAL deliberations and decisions concerning that issue, and (3) to abstain from public comment upon that issue.

Definition: A conflict of interest situation exists when the interests or concerns of any volunteer or staff member, or said person's immediate family, or any party, group or organization to which said person has allegiance, may be seen as competing with the interests or concerns of the Sierra Club. Volunteers and staff should be keenly sensitive to any interpretation of their actions which could create the appearance of a conflict of interest situation, and should seek to avoid any such appearance.

Applicability: This policy applies to all volunteers, including volunteer leaders who are authorized to vote in the decision of any Club entity at the group, chapter, committee or national level, to all volunteers who are authorized to speak on behalf of the Sierra Club, and to all staff, including staff of chapters, groups or committees, and including all independent contractors.

Existence of a Conflict of Interest Situation: When there is a doubt as to whether a conflict of interest situation exists, the matter shall be resolved by a vote of the authorized voting members of the Club entity involved, excluding the person concerning whose situation the doubt has arisen or, in the case of any staff member, by the Executive Director. The Board of Directors is the final arbiter on all matters involving conflict of interest situations.

Obligation to Disclose: Disclosure shall be to the Club entity (group or chapter executive committee, internal or issue committee, or Board of Directors or other national entity) most directly involved or, in the case of staff, to the Executive Director. At least annually, or at the time the situation arises, all volunteer leaders and staff shall disclose any conflict of interest situation. At least annually, all volunteer leaders and staff members shall disclose any direct or indirect benefits that they are receiving or will receive as a result of agreements between the Sierra Club and any outside party. However, existence of a minor interest in pension fund investments and third party-managed funds shall not constitute a conflict of interest.

Obligation to Abstain from Deliberations: When any such conflict of interest situation is relevant to a matter requiring action by any Club entity within which, or over which, the person concerned has any authority, decision-making role, or voice, the interested person shall call it to the attention of that entity and shall retire from the room in which the Club entity is meeting and shall not participate in the final deliberations regarding the matter. However, that person has the right to, and should, upon request, provide the Club entity with any and all relevant information they may have concerning the matter.

Obligation to Abstain from Decision: In any conflict of interest situation, the person concerned shall not vote or otherwise participate in any decision concerning that matter.

Documentation: The minutes of the meeting of the Club entity shall reflect that the conflict of interest was disclosed and that the interested person was not present during the final deliberation or vote and did not vote.

Obligation to Abstain from Public Statement, as a Sierra Club spokesperson, about conflict of interest issues except as authorized by the President.

Notice and Review of Policy: A copy of this conflict of interest policy shall be furnished to each volunteer leader and staff member who is presently serving the Sierra Club, or who may hereafter become associated with it. This policy shall be reviewed annually as a part of a meeting of each Club entity for the information and guidance of volunteer leaders, and any new volunteer leaders shall be advised of the policy upon undertaking the duties of their office. This policy shall be prominently included in the employment manual for all existing and new staff members. Board of Directors, Standing Rule 16-1-1, 10-11 November 1990.

Keith

Martin

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday Night - O: Beginners Beachwalk. Pleasant, moderately paced 5¼ mile, 1½ hours weekly beachwalk. Enjoy evenings, sunsets over the Pacific; walk yourself into condition. Meet 7 pm by large fig tree beside former library in Veteran's Park @ Catalina and Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Marilou Lieman, Larry Vivian, and Linda Wooldridge.

Monday Night - O: PV Conditioning Hike for Leaders. Others welcome but at own risk. Strenuous 2 hr 5-8 mi conditioning hike some streets, trails overlooking ocean, canyons – always hills, some steep – that emphasizes flora/terrain of PV. **ONLY ONE GROUP: SLOW-MODERATE TO MODERATE** until attendance warrants more groups. Leave promptly **every Mon at 6:30 pm** from dead end of Crenshaw. Wear sturdy shoes, bring flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30 pm. Rain cancels. Not for beginners. Ldrs: Michael Coble, Dave Hixson, Linda Werk.

Tuesday Night - O: San Pedro/PV Conditioning Hike for Leaders. Others welcome but at own risk. Strenuous 2 hr, 5-8 mi conditioning hikes on flat/hill streets/trails to explore fauna/terrain in San Pedro/PV. Leave **every Tue at 6:30 pm** promptly from 8th & Averill, San Pedro. Wear sturdy shoes, bring flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30 pm. Rain cancels. Not for beginners. Ldrs: Barry Bonnickson, Brooks Chadwick, Tony Trull, Joyce White.

Tuesday Night - O: San Pedro K-9 Conditioning Hike: Strenuous & fun hike for people and their well-behaved canine friends. 6-8 mi, 1000'+ gain in 2 hrs on trails/hilly streets. Lv promptly **every Tue at 6:30 pm** from 8th and Averill, San Pedro. Bring water, bowl, cleanup bags, and leash, also flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30 pm. Beginners in good condition welcome. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Liz Kennedy, Bob Beach, Barry Holchin.

Tuesday Night - O: Beginners Conditioning Hike: Easy 1½ hour hike on the greenbelt and hilly streets of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. Leave promptly **every Tue at 7 pm** from the far end of the parking lot of the Hermosa Valley School. Bring flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30 pm. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Alix Benson, Sharon Brossier, Jackie Childers.

Thursday Night - O: PV Conditioning Hike for Leaders. Others welcome but at own risk. Strenuous 2 hr 5-8 mi conditioning hike on flat/hilly streets/trails that emphasizes flora/terrain of PV. Leave promptly **every Thu at 6:30 pm** from parking lot near Rite Aid Drugs at Hawthorne & Silver Spur. Wear sturdy shoes, bring flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30 pm. Rain cancels. Not for beginners. Ldrs: Michael Coble, Sharon Brossier, Brooks Chadwick, Tony Trull, Joyce White.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Management Committee Meeting. First Wednesday, 6:30 pm. Open to everyone. Call Secretary for location.

Moonlight Hike - O: Friday on-or-before full moon. Slow moderate hike in PV hills – 1½ to 2 hours. Meet 7:30 pm. Go for pizza afterwards. See outings schedule in this issue for details, dates.

Brunch Hike in Manhattan Beach – O: Every first Sunday. Easy 4-5 mile, 300' gain, 2 hr hike on trails, streets, and strand with ocean views. Meet 9:00am by police memorial at Live Oak Park, 1901 Valley Dr., MB. Bring water, walking shoes, sun hat, \$\$ for brunch afterwards at local restaurant. Coordinator: Jackie Childers. Leaders: Marilou Lieman, Sharon Brossier.

Brunch Hike in Palos Verdes - O: Every third Sunday. Hike and then enjoy brunch at local restaurant afterward. Moderate 4-5 mile, 1000' gain, 2 hr hike on some streets, trails overlooking ocean, canyons; always hills, some steep. Meet 9:00am at dead-end of Crenshaw Blvd. in RPV. Bring water, lugsoles, sun hat, \$\$ for brunch afterwards at local restaurant. Rain Cancels. Coordinator: Greg Hitchings. Leaders: Michael Coble, Dave Hixson, Mary Beth Oubre.

QUARTERLY MEETING

These meetings feature guest speakers – plus the latest information on outings, group activities, discussion of environmental issues and refreshments. Donations are requested to cover the cost of refreshments.

All meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the first month of each quarter at the Palos Verdes Library Community Room on the third level by the elevators, 650 Deep Valley Drive (access also from Silver Spur). The meeting begins at 7:00 pm with introductions, announcements, and conservation and outing news. The evening's speaker will start about 7:45 pm after a short break. Meetings will end before 9:00 pm. Refreshments served by Joyce White and the hospitality committee.

Jan 26 Wed Quarterly Meeting. Murial K. Horacek, Volunteer Field Rep, Earthwatch Institute - will speak and show slides on one of the many areas around the world she has visited. Specific details will be announced later.

PV-SB GROUP ACTIVITIES

Important Notice

In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. The text of the waiver can be found on page 16 of Chapter Schedule No. 297.

Not all of our outings are published in the Angeles Chapter Schedule or the *Foggy View*. To not miss out on any of our activities, see our outings on our website (<http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb>), now displayed in PDF format. Symbols used in this publication: H hiking, E educational, X conservation, κ canine, σ skiing, ξ slides, T dining, Δ dancing, Σ moonlight hike, β bus trip, T work party, χ photo opportunities, Λ lodge, σ snowshoe.

Dec 31 Fri O: New Year's Eve Hike and Party. Meet 7:30 pm at Thursday night meeting place in Palos Verdes (Silver Spur and Hawthorne) for 1 to 2 hour hike on hilly streets/trails. Party will follow hike. Bring change of shoes. Party location will be announced at the hike, or call Joyce White (310) 833-6136.

Jan 1 Sat O: New Year's Day in the Santa Monica's. Start the New Year out right with a 10-mile loop hike in beautiful Santa Ynez Canyon. Elevation gain is 1,400 feet. No beginners or tigers. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Meet at 9:30am at the trailhead, which can be reached from the Santa Monica Fwy (10). Drive north on PCH to Sunset; go right or east on Sunset 0.3 mile; turn left onto Palisades Dr. and continue up hill for 2.4 miles. Turn left on Vereda de la Montura, and proceed down a short hill, which ends at the entrance to the trail. Street parking is available. Ldrs: Judy Shane, Linda Werk, and Maggie Coble.

Jan 2 Sun O: Sunday Afternoon Hike in Rolling Hills Estates. Stick with that *New Year's resolution to hike more* by joining us on a slow-moderate 1 1/3-hour hike covering 3½ miles w/ 600' gain. Meet 3:30pm on PV Drive East 1/8 mile South of PV Drive North at trailhead (*South of Nature Center on corner*). Bring water and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Arlene Chao.

Jan 1 Sat I: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Folly Pk (10,480'), Drury Pk (10,160'), Marion Mtn (10,320') via Snowshoe. Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain from the tram. 10 mi 3500' gain. The leaders have made this San Jacinto pilgrimage for 5 years. Mt Charleston and the Channel Islands should be visible. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the

fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Send email (preferred) or SASE with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Ldr: Kent Schwitkis, 4514 Lenore St., Torrance, 90503-6447. Co-ldr & Naturalist: Sherry Ross. HEX

Jan 8 Sat O: George F. Canyon Hike. Slow Moderate 6 mi, 1200' gain. Meet 8:00 AM PV Drive East 1/8 mile south of PV Drive North at trailhead. Georgette, Roadrunner, Cork Tree, Parnelli's, Bent Spr., Water Tank, Black Water, Jean Mann, Georgeff, Lower Willow Spr., Martingale trails. Wear lugs, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Linda Werk.

Jan 15-17 Sat-Mon O: Death Valley Day Hikes Bus Trip. Visit Death Valley National Park at the best time of the year for hiking and see desert pupfish. Our 13th annual trip will offer a choice of hikes all 3 days into canyons, up peaks (including a climb of Corkscrew), across sand dunes. We stay in a motel at Furnace Creek in the heart of the valley. 2 people/2 beds per room. Leave Sat am from Redondo Beach, return Mon eve. Cost includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, social hours daily, bus drinks/snacks. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Dec 14, then only if trip is full. Send 2 large SASE, H&W phones, \$204 w/SC#/\$229 non-member (payable to Sierra Club) to Reservationist/Leader: Richard Pardi, 23326 Mariano, Woodland Hills 91367. Co-Leader: Cindy Pardi. Assts: Donna Lauck, Phil Wheeler, Bob Beach.

Jan 21 Fri O: Moonlite Hike in Palos Verdes Estates. Meet at Malaga Cove Plaza, at P.V. Dr. N. and Via Almar: 7:30 pm. Reward yourself with pizza afterwards. Wear sturdy shoes for dirt trails and fireroads. Rain cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Arlene Chao, Assts: Roger & Lynn Greenham.

Jan 23 Sun O: Central Peninsula Hike. Slow Moderate 7 mi, 900' gain, 2.5 hr. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw & PV Drive North, at 8:00 AM. Trails: Palomino, Pinto, Middle Ridge, Bent Springs, Water Tank, Blackwater Cyn., Evan Shaw, Upper Si's, Hix, John's Cyn, & Hammerschma. Wear lugs, bring snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Joyce White.

Next Schedule Deadlines: *Foggy View*: January 14. Angeles Chapter Schedule: March 5. Submit all outings to Outings Chair Bob Beach before these dates.

2005 Palos Verdes-South Bay Group Trips			
Bus/Hike Trip	Dates	Reservationist	SC Member/Non-Member Price
Death Valley	Jan 15-17	Richard Pardi	\$204/\$229
Palm Springs	Feb 19-21	Richard Pardi	\$204/\$229
Mammoth Ski Trip	Mar 4-6	Dick Clement	\$230/\$255
Utah Ski Trip	Mar 9-13	Donna Specht	\$360/\$385
New Zealand	Mar 17-31	Bob Baldwin	\$2,900/\$2,925
Copper Canyon, Mexico	Mar 27-Apr 4	Keith Martin	\$815/\$904**
Greece	May 14-28	Karen Cassimatis	\$2,520/\$2,545**
Zion Nat. Pk./Bryce Canyon	May 28-31	Dave Hixson	\$290/\$315
Ireland	Jun 27-Jul 9	Maggie Coble	\$3,293/\$3,318
Sequoia National Park	Jul 2-5	Sandy Graham	\$372/\$397
Mammoth	Sep 3-6	Maggie Coble	\$237/\$262
Grand Canyon	Oct 8-11	Dave Hixson	\$360/\$385
Desert Trail	Nov 12-14	Phil Wheeler	\$148/\$173
			** Plus Airfare

Jan 26 Wed C: Quarterly Meeting. Murial K. Horacek, Volunteer Field Rep, Earthwatch Institute - will speak and show slides on one of the many areas around the world she has visited. Specific details will be announced later. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Palos Verdes Library - 650 Deep Valley Drive.

Jan 29 Sat O: Nature Hike at Ken Malloy-Harbor Regional Park. Observe and learn about the birds and wildlife that call the South Bay their winter home as we stroll around one of the very best wetlands in the South Bay. Learn about efforts to preserve this wildlife resource. We will walk at a leisurely pace to explore the flora and fauna of the area: this is NOT a conditioning hike. This trip is co-sponsored by the PV-SB Chapter of the National Audubon Society, and an Audubon naturalist will join us. Meet 8 am at the boathouse mural of Ken Malloy-Harbor Regional Park, 25820 Vermont Ave., Harbor City. Bring water, sturdy and/or waterproof shoes, binoculars. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Liz Kennedy. Asst: Dorie Boynton.

Jan 30 Sun O: Palos Verdes Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 1 ½ hour hike covering 4 miles w/ 600' gain. Meet 3:30pm at Neptune's Fountain in Malaga Cove Plaza. Bring water, hat, and sturdy shoes. Leaders Greg Hitchings & Arlene Chao.

Feb 5 Sat O: Portuguese Point Hike. Slow Moderate 6 mi, 1000' gain. Take PV South to Forrestal, north to end. Meet at gate at 8:00 AM. Klondike Cyn, across Portuguese Cyn, Portuguese Pt., Sea Cave, Inspiration Pt. Wear lugs, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen & Judy Shane.

Feb 12 Sat O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 2 ½ hour hike covering 5 miles w/ 1,000' gain. Meet 9:00am on PV Drive East 1 1/10 mile south of PV Drive North at trailhead (*South of* Nature center on corner). Bring water and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Dave Hixson.

Feb 19 Sat O: Palos Verdes Fun Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 3 ½ hour hike covering 8¾ miles w/ 1,075' gain. Meet 9:00am at Ernie Howlett Park on west side of Hawthorned between PCH and PV Drive North. Bring water, hat, lugsoles, and snacks. Rain cancels. Leaders Greg Hitchings & Dave Hixson.

Feb 19-20 Sat-Sun I: Mayan Pk (6108'), Butterbredd Pk (5997'), Skinner Pk (7120'): 3 pks in Jawbone Cyn area. Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Dirt road. Both days 8 mi 3000' gain. Sat nite carcamp. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) schwitkii@earthlink.net or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Ldr: Kent Schwitkis, 4514 Lenore St, Torrance, 90503-6447. Co-Ldr: Bob Beach.

Feb 19-21 Sat-Mon O: Palm Springs Day Hikes Bus Trip. Hike in and around Palm Springs at best time of the year. We will stay at a motel in town with a pool and Jacuzzi. Choice of day hikes all three days. Some hikes may be with the Palm Springs Sierra Club. Other non-hiking activities available (at own expense), biking, take the tram, roam the town etc. Leave Saturday morning from Redondo Beach, with a second pickup in O.C., return Monday evening. Cost includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, daily social hour, bus snacks and daily continental breakfast. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until January 15th, 2005, then only if trip is full. Send 2 SASE, H&W phones, \$204 with SC#/\$229 non-member (Sierra Club) to Reservationist/Ldr: Richard Pardi, 23326 Mariano, Woodland Hills 91367. Asst leaders: Cindy Pardi, Donna Lauck and Dave Hixson.

Feb 20 Sun O: Portugese Canyon Hike. Slow Moderate 6 mi, 600' gain. Take PV South to Forrestal, north to end. Meet at gate at 8:00 am. Forrestal Quarry, Klondike Cyn, and trails around Portugese Cyn, down past Flying Triangle (rough trail) and back. Wear lugs, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Joyce White.

Feb 25 Fri O: Moonlight Hike in Rancho Palos Verdes. Meet 7:30 pm at deadend of Crenshaw Blvd at top of the hill. Wear sturdy shoes for dirt trails. A social hike, not for tigers. Go for pizza afterwards. Leaders: Dave Hixson, Mary Beth Oubre.

Feb 27 Sun O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 1 ¼ hour hike covering 3 miles with 50' gain. Meet 3:30pm at Highridge Park on Highridge Rd between Crestridge Rd and Crest Rd. Bring water, hat, and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Arlene Chao.

Mar 4-6 Fri-Sun O/I: Mammoth Downhill and Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Trip, South Bay/OCSS Fundraiser. Join us for a great weekend at Sierra Nevada Roadway Inn. Ski downhill at Mammoth Mtn. OCSS XC ski lesson grads welcome! Beginner grads and low intermediate XC ski at Tamarack. Intermediate to advanced backcountry XC trails. Backcountry snowshoe tours. Leave Friday 6 pm from OC and return approx. 10:30 pm Sun. South Bay Pickup! Cost includes bus, lodging, happy hour, all meals, bus refreshments and dinner on the way home. Specify DH, XC (including skill level) or SS (including hiking level). Send 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email \$230 with SC#/\$255 non-member (payable OCSS) to Reserv: Dick Clement, 1023 E. Van Bibber Ave., Orange, 92866-2438. Ldr: Keith Martin. Asst Ldr: Phyllis Dodson, XC Ldr: Donna Specht. Snowshoe Ldrs: Bob Beach, Mike Dillenback. Cook: Sandy Pipins Graham.

Mar 5 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike: Slow Moderate 7 mi, 900' gain, 2.5 hr. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw & PV Drive North, at 8:00 AM. Potpourri of trails: Palomino, Pinto, Morgan, Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Johns Cyn., Hix, Si's. Wear lugs, bring snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Linda Werk.

Mar 6 Sun O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 1 ½ hour hike covering 3 miles w/ 600' Gain. Meet 3:30pm on PV Drive East 1/8 mile South of PV Drive North at trailhead (*South of Nature Center on corner*). Bring water and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Arlene Chao.

Mar 9-13 Wed-Sun O/I: Brian Head, Utah XC, Downhill, Snowsports Getaway. Surrounded by Utah's stunning red-rock landscapes, Brian Head sits at 9,700 ft with towering trees and the bluest skies. Imagine uncrowded downhill slopes, groomed trails, black diamonds, moguls, snowboarding terrain park, tubing hill or 37 miles of snowshoe and XC trails. Daily guided backcountry skiing with OCSS ski leaders along the breath taking Cedar Breaks. We are staying at the luxurious Cedar Breaks Lodge & Spa. Two persons/two beds, studio apartments with wetbar, dishes, microwave. Enjoy indoor heated pool, hut tubs, exercise room, steam room sauna, day spa and 3 restaurants. Non skiers welcome! Small deli close by. Free shuttle bus service to ski lifts, shops. Catch our bus early Wed morning from Redondo Beach and Santa Ana Transportation Center. Price includes lodging, bus transportation, gratuity, refreshments, happy hours, dinner on way home. Send 2 large sase, H&W phone, e-mail, \$360 with SC#/\$385 non member (OCSS) to Reser/Ldr: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Assts/Ski Leaders: Brooks Chadwick, Dorie Boynton and Virgil Talbott.

Mar 12 Sat O: Palos Verdes Stairways and Byways. Explore the Lunada Bay section of Palos Verdes Estates (and Rancho PV). Mostly on streets but with some surprising routes in-between. 11 mi. rt, 1300 ft gain. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, hat. Meet 9am at the parking lot at the intersection of Palos Verdes Dr West and Paseo del Mar. (This is the SECOND such intersection as you drive from the north.) Starting at Pacific Coast Hwy & Palos Verdes Blvd in Redondo Beach, drive south on Palos Verdes Blvd, then bear right on Palos Verdes Dr West, continuing until you see the parking area, about 3 1/4 miles from your start. Ldrs: Jacques Monier, Terry Bass.

Mar 17-31 Thu-Thu O: New Zealand Magic. Join us on an unforgettable journey to premier hiking destinations in New Zealand's North and South Islands. You'll experience stunning landscapes from lush rain forests to glaciers on trails selected by the leader, who lived in New Zealand for 10 years. You will have an opportunity to participate in short hikes (2-4 miles) and longer hikes (6-12 miles) during the course of the trip. In addition to hiking, you may arrange optional activities on your own, visiting museums and galleries, kayaking, trout fishing, and jet boating. Trip price is \$2,900 (non-members add \$25). Price may vary depending on exchange rates. Price includes: rt airfare from LAX; motel room w/bath (double occupancy); some meals; land, ferry, and air transport within NZ; and group hikes. Refunds require a suitable replacement and a \$50 cancellation fee. Reserve by sending 2 SASEs and a \$250 check payable to PVSJ Sierra Club to Reservationist/Co-Leader: Bob Baldwin (rbaldwin@unex.ucla.edu), 7500 Wystone Ave., Reseda, CA 91335-2529. Ldr: Judy Shane.

Advanced Notices

Mar 27–Apr 4 Sun-Mon O: Copper Canyon Mexico. Join us for a great time exploring the Sierra Tarahamara. Fly to El Paso, Texas Sunday evening (plane fare not included in trip cost) and join group at the Howard Johnson Inn. Leave by bus Monday Morning for the bus drive to Creel in Chihuahua, Mexico, the gateway to the Copper Canyon region. Spend three nights at the Best Western Lodge at Creel. Join Ana and Keith on day hikes to Humira and the Incised Meanders of the Urique River, Cusarare Falls and Rekowata Hot Springs or explore on your own in the Creel area. Descend on a road with breath taking vistas to the bottom of the spectacular Barranca Urique to spend three nights at the unique Riverside Inn in Batopilas. Join Ana and Keith on day hikes to the mysterious Satevo Mission and side canyons in the Batopilas area or just laze in the river or explore on your own. Return to Creel for one last day to explore and shop while again enjoying the hospitality of the Best Western Lodge and then return Monday to El Paso to catch an evening flight back home. Price includes lodging in El Paso, Creel and Batopilas, transportation from El Paso to Creel and from Creel to Batopilas and return. There will be additional cost for local tours when in Copper Canyon (estimated at around \$100 total). Send 2 SASE, \$300 deposit (\$50 non-refundable) to reservationist Keith Martin, PO Box 864, PV Estates, 90274-0864 to reserve one of the limited spots on the trip. Balance of \$515 w/SC# (for total trip cost of \$815) or \$604 non-mem (for total trip cost of \$904) (payable OCSS) due to Keith Martin by Dec 1. No refund after Jan. 1 without suitable replacement. Strongly encouraged attendance at a pre trip meeting to be held on a weeknight in Nov., date TBD. Ldr: Ana Juarez, Co Ldr: Keith Martin.

May 14-28 Sat-Sat C: The Splendor of Greece II. Experience the historical marvel of the Acropolis before sailing to Tinos Island where we explore countryside paths, beaches, and whitewashed villages. Returning to the mainland, we journey to ancient Delphi, then to the sandstone towers and monasteries of Meteora. Farther north we arrive at the Pindos Mountains, where ancient pathways take us through alpine meadows, dense forests and the traditional stone villages of Zagoria. Most walks range 4 to 7 miles, and frequently are on uneven stone paths. Applicants should be in good physical condition and expect hill walking. Cost (beginning and ending in Athens): \$2,520 with SC#, (10-14 participants). Add \$25 non-member. Includes inns/hotels at double occupancy w/ private baths, (\$280 single supplement), all meals (beverages extra), and all transportation within Greece, including flight from northern Greece back to Athens. Contact leader for details on available group flight for LAX – Athens RT. Send 2 SASE or email (preferred) to leader for application package. Leader: Karen Cassimatis, 4234 Rose Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807, (email: karencass@verizon.net), Mobile: 562/ 492-6344.

May 28-31 Sat-Tue O: Zion National Park/Bryce Canyon Bus Trip. Hike in Utah's most popular parks. No overnight bus ride. Two and a half days to hike the many trails including the Virgin River narrows, Angel's Landing, East Rim Trail and Kolob Arch. Choices of hikes available each day. Leave Sat. morning, return Tues evening. Stay all three nights in Springdale next to Zion. Fee includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, 3 social hours, bus drinks/snacks & all admissions. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Apr 21st, then only if trip full. Send 2 business-size SASE, H&W phone #, check for \$290 w/SC # or \$315 non-member (with small possible price adjustment due to lodging cost) payable to Sierra Club, to reservationist: Dave Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale 90260. Leader: Dave Hixson. Co-Leader Donna Lauck.

Jun 27-Jul 9 Mon-Sat O: Hike the Emerald Isle. Discover both the beauty of southwest Ireland and the magic of Dublin. Journey through the lake and woodland landscape of Killarney National Park and hike the trails of the MacGillicuddy's Reeks, a mountain range that contains Ireland's tallest peak – Carrauntuohill – which we will have the opportunity to summit. Hike through the glacially-carved Gap of Dunloe, a steep-walled valley that is widely known for its beauty. If the weather permits, we will enjoy a short boat journey to the Skellig Islands for a day's hiking at one of Ireland's most sacred sites and best seabird colonies. We continue our adventure to the Dingle Peninsula, the westernmost tip of Ireland, where we find just the right mix of far-and-away beauty, ancient archaeological wonders, and where the faint whiff of peat fills the nighttime air. After a day outdoors, cozy pubs on the Dingle Peninsula provide us with an opportunity to fall into the lively musical rhythms of Ireland. Next we travel cross country by train to Dublin for a three-night stay. A historical walking tour of Dublin city centre will provide us the opportunity to visit many of Dublin's famous sites including Trinity College where we will view the Books of Kells. The final leg of our journey takes us for a day hike just south of Dublin in the Wicklow Mountains – known as "the Garden of Ireland" - here we will walk through oak forests and visit a monastic site from the 12th century. Hikes in the southwest portion of the trip range from 6 to 8 miles per day; while the Dublin portion can be described as "city walking." Trip price is \$3,293 (non-SC members add \$25). Price may vary depending on exchange rates. Price includes r/t airfare from LAX; guesthouses w/bath in southwest Ireland and 4-star hotel in Dublin (double occupancy); all breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners; all transport within Ireland; admission to museums and shows; local Irish hiking/sightseeing guide. Refunds require a suitable replacement. Reserve by sending 2 legal-size SASEs with a \$300 check payable to PVSB Sierra Club to co-leader Maggie Coble, 3605 244th Street, Torrance, CA 90505. Leaders: Michael & Maggie Coble emeraldhiker@hotmail.com.

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For those with access to the World Wide Web, many different environmental resources and environmental groups are available. You may wish to look at the recent listing of our Palos Verdes - South Bay Group on the Web.

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