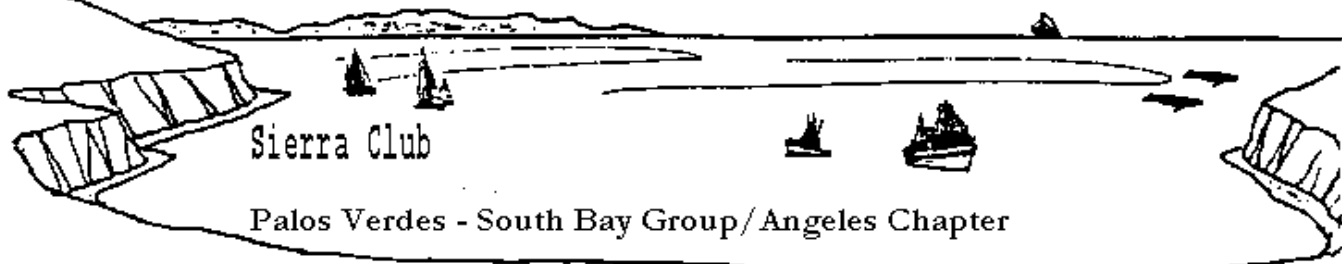


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'Heart Park' Restoring Redondo Beach By Bill Brand

Thousands of years before the Spaniards arrived there lived a thriving culture of Native Americans in Redondo Beach called the Chowigna. They enjoyed a rich life made plentiful by the abundant natural resources found at the coastal wetland located where the Redondo power plant sits today. Now we face an uphill challenge against those who envision yet another major development in this area.

These wetlands were rich in salt and other minerals, featuring a mix of coastal vegetation such as dune buckwheat, pickle weed, and salt bush. Migratory birds and native fowl including heron, great egret, and California quail flourished. Finally there was the abundant sea life including lobster, halibut, and sea bass. These life-sustaining resources helped the Chowigna prosper here for thousands of years.

Shortly after 1900, Pacific Light & Power built a power plant here. Using nearby sea water by building on coastal wetlands was the simplest and cheapest way to cool plant generators, a process called 'once-through cooling'. Pacific Light & Power became Southern California Edison, and expanded to several areas on the California coast such as El Segundo and Morro Bay. The AES Corporation bought this facility in 1998. Today, the plant operates about 20% of the year and is old and inefficient by current standards.

A large development project was crafted for this area in the late 1990s, culminating in the unanimous passage of the 'Heart of the City' project by the Redondo Beach City Council in early 2002. This plan re-zoned 70+ acres of this harbor front area for 16-55 residential units per acre, with 600,000+ square feet of new commercial space. Thousands of Redondo Beach citizens objected with a grass-roots referendum so the City commissioned a new 'visioning process' to get better feedback from area residents and other interested parties.

Two visions for this area emerged from that process: Heart Park and the Village Plan. The Village Plan is calling for 150 single-family homes, 147 condominiums, 150 timeshares, 53 senior units, 2 hotels totaling 450 new rooms, 100,000 square feet of new retail commercial space, and a small park next to PCH.

The 65 acre Heart Park vision is to restore a significant portion of the coastal wetlands and
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From Your Chair

January 18, 2005

The news has been dominated with reports of death and destruction following the massive Indonesian Earthquake occurring the day after Christmas. At first the death toll was counted in the thousands, then the tens of thousands, then over a hundred thousand. Perhaps when all is said it may approach a quarter million. So many lives gone so quickly. And not due to an act of man, but the raw force of nature. Moving earth. Moving water. The reports tell that many of the victims were initially drawn to the shore standing in wonderment as the water receded. Then to be swept away as the waves flooded in.

To stand in wonderment of the power of nature is something these victims share with those of us who explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth. To stand in awe of an approaching electrical storm. To watch the power of a waterfall during spring thaw. To challenge the snowy cold of winter in the local mountains or the Sierra. To provide and hike through habitat for stealthy predators such as mountain lions or grizzly bears. Usually we do not consciously think of the dangers to which we are exposing ourselves. Occasionally some of us fall victim to our flirtation with the power of nature. But the tragedy in South Asia brings home the massive scale that raw nature can affect humanity, and while some stand in awe, many more stand in fear.

When the Sierra Club was first founded, the prevailing ethic of the time was to conquer nature. To put wild prairie under the plow. To harness wild rivers with dam and electrical turbine. To open up the earth to extract minerals. For more than a century the club has fought to encourage American Society to restrain its impulses to further its utilitarian and subduing attitude toward the earth and environment. Dam projects have been abandoned. Wilderness Areas have been established. Threatened and endangered species have been identified and protected.

Today we again stand at a crossroads. A strong ethic of harnessing, subduing, and exploiting the environment appears evident with the current power holders in Washington and throughout the country.

Last weekend I was able to attend the Saturday afternoon portion of the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee Annual Retreat at Eaton Canyon. Hersh Kelly, our Group Representative to the Chapter Executive Committee, who attended the entire weekend, suggested I attend for the session where each of the group representatives made a brief presentation about themselves and their issues. I listened as other groups spoke about their involvement in urban environmentalism to limit developments and increase local parklands. Many spoke of their problems with involving their membership in group projects and management.

When my turn came to speak, I had before me the latest edition of the *Southern Sierran* and its article about our group. I summarized our outings programs, our conservation actions and concerns, our active management and member participation. Our Outings Program has direct benefits for our conservations and management issues. It is the social link, which brings us all together and brings us to those wild areas we so love and respect.

The years ahead are sure to challenge the environmental movement. The recent tragedies, local and international, will further the perception that nature is to be harnessed and controlled, not protected. The moves to exploit nature may eventually prove to be even more detrimental to the survival of humankind and civilization. Without the instincts inbred in living next to and in harmony with nature, when the next great wave of destruction threatens to engulf us, many may find themselves standing by the shore, hypnotized with a false sense of security, ignoring the instincts that knowing, respecting and living in harmony with nature can hone.

**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 9:00 am 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.

Apr 27 Wed Quarterly Meeting. Program to be announced. See web site for details. 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

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.

Feb 27 Sun O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 1¼-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 Warner.

Mar 5 Sat C: Whale of a Day Volunteer Activity. Sponsored by the city of Rancho Palos Verdes. RPV needs volunteers to help out with visitor parking at the RPV City Hall, and with children's craft tables, games and story reading to take place down by Point Vicente where the event is held. If you are able to help out for a few hours between 8 to 5 on that Saturday please call Joe Gross 378-0381 (to help with parking) and Dorie Boynton 544-0600 (to help with children's activities, hospitality, setup/teardown).

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 Bonnicksen & Linda Werk.

Mar 6 Sun O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 1½ 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 wet bar, dishes, microwave. Enjoy indoor heated pool, hot 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: Solstice Canyon Hike. Join us on a slow moderate 5 mile roundtrip 1500' gain hike covering TRW Loop Trail, Rising Sun Trail, Sostomo Trail, Deer Valley Loop, Solstice Canyon. Meet 8:30 am at trailhead reached via PCH approx 3 ½ mi north of Malibu Canyon Rd. Turn right on Corral Canyon Rd. The stone entrance gate is on the left less than ¼ mi. Follow road past the first parking lot, cross the bridge and park in the second lot. Ridesharing encouraged. No beginners or tigers. Bring 10 essentials, water, lunch, snacks, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leader (provisional): Catherine Whittington (532-2380). Asst: Dave Hixson.

Next Schedule Deadlines: *Foggy View*: March 11. Angeles Chapter Schedule: March 7. 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
Mammoth Ski Trip	Mar 4-6	Dick Clement	\$230/\$255
Utah Ski Trip	Mar 9-13	Donna Specht	\$360/\$385
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
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 Trails	Nov 12-14	Phil Wheeler	\$148/\$173
** Plus Airfare			

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 19 Sat O: Short Trans-Peninsula Hike. Slow Moderate 7 mi, 1,300' gain. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw & PV Drive North, at 8:00 AM. Carpool to south side; hike back to starting point. Bring snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Linda Werk.

Mar 19-20 Sat-Sun I: Whale Pk (5,349'), Garnet Mtn (5,680+'), Garnet Pk (5,880+), Sheephead (5,896'). Moderately paced, strenuous, mostly XC/brush, in desert terrain. Day 1: Whale 5 mi rt, 1400' gain, bad dirt rd driving; Garnet Mtn 1mi rt, 200'. Car Camp at Foster Lodge. Day 2: 6mi 1,500' gain. 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: Barry Holchin.

Mar 25 Fri O: Moonlite 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. Rain cancels. Go for pizza afterwards. Leader: Greg Hitchings. Asst: Arlene Chao.

Mar 26 Sat O: Trans-Peninsula Hike. Strenuous 5 hour, 13 mi hike crossing Palos Verdes Peninsula that starts from Tue night meeting pt in San Pedro and goes via Thu night meeting pt at Peninsula Center to Mon night meeting pt in Redondo Beach with car shuttle to return. Some streets, mostly trails. Meet 7:30 am 8th and Averill, San Pedro or, to help shuttle, meet 7 am parking lot S of Veterans Park, Redondo Beach. Bring water, snacks sturdy shoes, money for lunch after. Rain cancels. Ldrs: John Taber & Jeff Naumann.

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.

Apr 2 Sat O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Celebrate the last day of PST by joining us on a slow-moderate 2½ hour hike covering 5 miles w/ 1000' gain. Meet 9:00am on PV Drive East 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.

Apr 9 Sat M: Strawberry Pk (6,164'). Moderate 6 mi rt, 2600' gain via Colby Canyon. Experience and comfort on class 3 rock required. Meet 9 am Colby Canyon parking area (11mi from La Cañada, 1 mi beyond Angeles Crest/Angeles Forest junction). Bring good boots, something with “strawberries” to share on top. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Richard Boardman, Bob Beach.

Apr 10 Sun O: Palos Verdes Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 1½ 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.

Apr 16 Sat O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 2½-hour hike covering 6 miles w/ 400' gain. Meet 9:00am at Ernie Howlett Park on west side of Hawthorne between PCH and PV Drive North. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Leaders Greg Hitchings & Dave Hixson.

Apr 16-17 Sat-Sun I: Heald Pk (6,901'), Nicolls Pk (6,070'), Pilot Knob (6,200+'). Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Day 1: 12 mi rt, 5,000' gain. Car Camp at Walker Pass. Day 2 “involves the nastiest 6 mi rt and 3,400' gain on the HPS list” Wysup. 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.

Apr 22 Fri O: Moonlite hike in Rancho Palos Verdes. Meet 7:30 pm at Del Cerro Park, dead end of Crenshaw Blvd., at the top of the hill. Moderate 1½ hour hike, not for tigers. Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Reward yourself with pizza afterwards. Leader: Dave Hixson, Asst: Mary Beth Oubre.

Apr 23, 24 Sat-Sun I: Martinez (6,560'), Sheep (5,141'), Asbestos (5,265'). Sat very strenuous 18 mi 5,500' gain hike to Martinez and Sheep. Car camp and happy hour Sat night in local campground. Sun easy 3 mi 1,000' gain to Asbestos. Send SASE/e-mail w/ recent cond/exp, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to Bob, 5624 Calle de Ricardo, Torrance, 90505-6225. Co-Ldrs: Bob Beach, Keith Martin.

Apr 24 Sun I: White Mtn. #1 (7,727') and Deep Creek Hot Springs. 14th semi-annual Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim with another peak. Roads closed last time, so we'll try it again. Moderately paced 10 mi, 1,800' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. Plan on spending full day - it's near Big Bear, then Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable – bholchin@cox.net) or SASE with carpool info to Ldr: Barry Holchin, 3949 Via Valmonte, Palos Verdes Estates, 90284-1153. Co-Ldr: Kent Schwitkis. Naturalist: Sherry Ross. [USFS Adventure Pass req'd]

Apr 24 Sun O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 1¼-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.

Apr 27 Wed C: Quarterly Meeting. Program to be announced. See web site for details. Meet 7 pm, Community Room at Palos Verdes Library (650 Deep Valley Dr; access also from Silver Spur).

Apr 30 Sat O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a moderate 2½-hour hike covering 5 miles w/ 1100' gain. Many hills, some steep. Meet 9:00am at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw and PV Drive North. Bring water and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Dave Hixson.

Apr 30-May 1 Sat-Sun I: Morris Pk (7,215'), Mt Jenkins (7,921'), Owens Pk (8,453'). Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Day 1: 14 mi rt, 3300' gain. Car Camp at Walker Pass. Day 2: 7 mi rt and 3200' gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred – schwitkii@earthlink.net) or SASE with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader. Ldr: Kent Schwitkis, 4514 Lenore St., Torrance, 90503-6447. Co-ldr: Bob Beach.

May 2 Sat O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 2½ hour hike covering 5 miles w/ 1000' gain. Meet 9:00am on PV Drive East 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.

Advanced Notices

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.

Jul 2-5 Sat-Tue O: Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Bus Trip.

Come spend the 4th of July weekend hiking amongst the world's most glorious Sequoia trees and experience the rugged beauty of Kings Canyon. Different level hikes led each day. Leave Sat morning, return Tue evening. Spend 3 nights in the wonderful John Muir Lodge. Cost includes bus, driver gratuity, lodge, happy hours, bus snacks/drinks, park admission \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Jun 4th, then only if trip is full. Send 2 business size SASE, H&W phones, \$372 with SC#, \$397 non-member. Make check payable to Sierra Club and mail to Reservationist: Sandy Graham, P.O. Box 5502, Orange, CA 92863. Ldrs: Sandy Graham & Donna Lauck. Assts: Jerry Trager & Lois Vile.

Sep 3-6 Sat-Tue O: Mammoth, Devil's Postpile and Mono Lake.

Come hike in California's beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains, have fun, meet new people and enjoy a grand adventure to Mammoth in the summer. In route to Mammoth on Saturday, we'll stop for a short visit at the Eastern California Museum in Independence to view exhibits that reflect the diverse natural and cultural heritage of the Owens Valley. Multiple hikes will be offered each day including one to the geologic feature known as Devil's Postpile. We will also have the opportunity to discover the mystery of Mono Lake's strange water and wildlife. Leave Saturday morning at 7:00am from Redondo Beach; return Tuesday evening about 8:30pm. Cost \$237 with SC#, \$262 non member. Cost includes 3 nights lodging at the Sierra Nevada Inn (2 people/2 beds per room), happy hours, bus, driver gratuity, bus refreshments. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until July 25, then only if trip is full. Send check (payable to the Sierra Club), 2 large SASE, home & work phone #s, and SC # to reservationist Maggie Coble, 3605 244th Street, Torrance, CA 90505. Leaders: Michael & Maggie Coble. Co-Leaders: Judy Shane, Linda Werk.

Oct 8-11 Sat-Tues O: Grand Canyon National Park Bus Trip.

11th annual trip to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Three days of hiking along South Rim and into America's most popular canyon. No overnight bus ride. Leave Sat. morning, return Tues. evening. Stay all three nights at the Maswik North Lodge in So. Rim. Cost includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, social hours, bus drinks/snacks and all admissions. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Sept. 8th, then only if trip full. Send 2 bus. size SASE, H & W phones, \$360 w/SC # or \$385 non-member payable to Sierra Club, to reservationist/leader: Dave Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale, Ca. 90260. Co-Leaders: Donna Lauck, Richard Pardi. Asst. Leaders: Lois Vile, Jerry Trager, Judy Shane.

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create a large regional venue for locals and visitors alike. Heart Park seeks to restore this wetland so that native birds such as the egret will return, and migrating birds on the Pacific flyway can rest, similar to the Ballona Wetlands. We also want to honor the native Chowigna with an adjacent interpretive center and create a native plant garden so that people can wander through to rediscover what was once so abundant.

In early March there will be a non-binding advisory vote to gauge the preference of Redondo Beach citizens. Our group, Heart Park, is looking to various conservation groups to help with our challenge of educating voters of Redondo Beach about this area's *natural* history. The Sierra Club has already endorsed the Heart Park vision. This will truly be a lasting legacy that will benefit future generations and we feel it is our duty to make it happen.

If you want to learn more about our project, please e-mail me at bbrand@heartpark.org or call me at 310-809-4405. You can also visit our web page at www.heartpark.org.

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Become a Sierra Club Leader! The next seminar is Saturday April 2nd. Sign up by March 19th. For an application, go to the LTC website at: http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/ltp_application.pdf or see coupon on pg. 69 in Schedule 297.

WRITE LETTERS

Let your local, state, and national representatives know how you feel about what is going on in this country. Without your input, they will feel free to enact and vote on legislation to which you may be opposed. Write, e-mail, fax or phone your elected representatives today!

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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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