




# The Oasis

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The monthly meeting location is at Tomboyz Café 214 Arenas Rd. Palm Springs. 760 322-9915. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month 6 August from 7:00-8:00 PM for social hour and the meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM. 10% discount to members.

**Welcome New Members**  
*John Meitzel*  
*Jonathan Sharpe*      *Lew Mingle*  
*Edward Lopetin*      *Jim Elkouri*

*Presidents Message:*



I will talk about **Acute Mountain Sickness** at this month's general meeting. With a lot of us attending the Idyllwild Camping Trip in August, I would like to cover the question of "If I rise higher than sea level, is my body more challenged by the atmospheric environment around it"? In other words, why do I feel weaker up here then on the desert floor?

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 Elections for the Palm Springs G.O. Chapter officers will be held during the general meeting on 3 September. Nominations for officers will take place at this month's general meeting 6 August. The elected positions are: President, Treasurer and Secretary. The appointed positions are: Newsletter Editor, Board Representative, Membership coordinator, Copy Editor and Game Night Coordinator.  
 If you are interested in volunteering or running for an elected position, please attend this month's general meeting or contact **Craig Courtright** at 318-8957 or email [gpsgocraig@aol.com](mailto:gpsgocraig@aol.com).  
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**There is still space available for tent campers for the Idyllwild County Dark Camp out. Information on page 3.**

## BOWLING



**- A NEW ACTIVITY -  
 - COME JOIN US -  
 PALM SPRINGS LANES (RAMON AT LANDAU) MONDAY, 26 AUGUST  
 FROM 2:00-4:00 PM.  
 Contact Doug Quigley if interested in playing at 416-7554.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Deer Springs to Suicide Rock - Sat, 10 Aug. at 9:00 AM

The trail begins off Hwy. 243 near Idyllwild and leads up the San Jacinto Mountains' southwest side to the summit of Suicide Rock. There are 360 degree views at the top. The elevation level is 5000 - 6000 ft. so it's a good way to escape the desert heat.

Length: 7 miles  
 Hiking Time: 3-4 hours  
 Elevation Gain: 1400 feet  
 Difficulty: Moderate  
 Return at 4:30 PM.

**Meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. at 9:00 AM for carpooling arrangements.**

**Trip Leader: Tim Carey at 416-3102.**

### Big Morongo Canyon Preserve Walkabout -

#### Wednesday, 14 August at 10:00 AM

Escape the desert heat on a cool and relaxing adventure to Bogart Park in the foothills north of Beaumont. We will carpool, a 45 minute journey, and park in the meadows area near ponds and shaded picnic tables. Explore the varied paths in the park on your own or in groups, or just relax in the shade of large oak trees.

We will leave the park at 2:00 PM.

**Meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. at 10:00 AM for carpooling arrangements.**

**Trip Leader: Doug Quigley at 416-7554.**

### Palm Canyon - Sunday, 18 August at 9:00 AM

This trail is located within the Indian Canyons. The hike takes you through the palm covered river bottom of Palm Canyon up into high desert plateaus. There are incredible views of the Santa Rosa Mountains and San Jacinto Mountains.

Length: 4 miles  
 Hiking Time: 3 hours  
 Elevation Gain: 500 feet  
 Difficulty: Easy

**Note: There is a \$6.00 admission fee into the Indian Canyons.**

Return at 1:30 PM.

**Meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. at 9:00 AM for carpooling arrangements.**

**For all hikes bring plenty of water and snack/lunch.**

### *A HIKING TIP*

Try uphill walking: outdoors, treadmills or stair climbing. Any type of cardiovascular exercise: aerobics, swimming, or jogging.

Don't forget to break in those new hiking boots. Strap them on and walk several miles before your adventure so you'll have maximum comfort on the trail.

### UPCOMING PS CHAPTER EVENTS

| Date        | Event              | Contact        | Phone                |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 6 August    | Gen Meeting        | Tomboyz        | 322-9915             |
| 10          | Day Hike           | Tim            | 416-3102             |
| 14          | Day Hike           | Doug           | 416-7554             |
| 18          | Day Hike           | Dwayne         | 416-2312             |
| 20          | Core Group Meeting | Craig          | 318-8957             |
| 22          | Moon Light Hike    | Carroll<br>Bob | 321-8723<br>328-6303 |
| 23          | Idyllwild Camp     | Jimmy          | 328-8049             |
| 26          | Bowling            | Doug           | 416-7554             |
| 3 September | Gen. Meeting       | Tomboyz        | 322-9915             |



### MOON LIGHT HIKE

HIKE THE PUSHAWALLA PALMS TRAIL IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY PRESERVE.

Sunday, 22 August at 7:00 PM. The moon will rise at 7:47 PM and be out 100%.

Length: 4.0 Miles  
 Hiking Time: 2-3 Hours  
 Elevation Gain: Moderate  
 Difficulty: Moderate

Meet at Starbucks on Ramon Rd. in Cathedral City at 7:00 PM.

**Contact Carroll at 321-8723 or Bob at 328-6303.**

### Board Representative Position

There is an exciting position open for our chapter as Board Representative. This position involves meeting once a month with the Great Outdoors corporate board in Los Angeles. The Board Representative is the liaison between our chapter and the corporate board. **Contact Craig at 318-8957 or email gpsgocraig@aol.com** for further information or if interested.

*Idyllwild County Park Camp Out*  
**Palm Springs and Inland Empire Chapters**  
**August 23-25, 2002**  
**Jazz in the Pines**

By August most of us will be more than happy to escape the heat to the cool pine forests of Idyllwild. The village is a little over 5,000 ft. in the San Jacinto Mountains with warm days and cool nights. The campground is nestled in the pine forest within walking distance of the village where you will find many quaint shops, a hardware store, a grocery store, fresh bakeries and restaurants.

Members \$25.00      Nonmembers \$35.00

**Amenities:** We have 9 campsites that can accommodate up to 3 tents each, with a maximum of 6 people per site. Restrooms and pay showers are within walking distance. Each campsite has fresh water. **Please bring a bundle of firewood.** Firewood is available for \$5.00 per bundle if you wish to purchase at the campground.

**Activities:** Friday on your own with a campfire in the evening. On Saturday there will be a day hike scheduled for 10:30 A.M. and afternoon tea at 4:00 P.M. **The traditional potluck will be at 6:00 P.M.** and evening campfire. Prepare your favorite dish to feed 4-6 people.

**Jazz Festival:** Those that wish to attend the Jazz Festival on Saturday and/or Sunday may purchase tickets on line at [www.idyllwildjazzinthepines.com](http://www.idyllwildjazzinthepines.com) or by calling 909 659-4885. Presale for tickets until 1 August is \$30 per day. After 1 August admission is \$35 per day and must be purchased at the gate. The festival is held at the Idyllwild Arts. To avoid a parking fee, free shuttles run from the center of the village.

**RVs:** **YOU MUST CONTACT Jimmy Dunlap at 760 328-8049 PRIOR to sending in your reservation.** 5 sites can accommodate a trailer or RV. Even though the park specifies 31 ft. maximum, the sites are small and will require some experienced maneuvers to get in. I would not recommend a 30 ft. vehicle. However, additional campsites, 84-95, are easily accessible and require you to make your own reservation by calling 800 234-7275(Park). There are no hookups or a dump station. The closest dump station is in Hemet for a small fee.

**Pets:** Dogs are allowed for \$2.00 per day, which must be paid upon entry.

**Parking:** Only 2 vehicles per campsite are allowed. Additional vehicles must park in the overflow lot at an additional \$2.00 per day. **Carpooling is encouraged.** Parking is on a first come basis.

**Check in/Check out time is 2:00 P.M.**

**Cancellation Policy:** No refunds after 12 August.

**Trip Leader: Jimmy Dunlap**

**Contact: [twojimz@aol.com](mailto:twojimz@aol.com) or 328-8049**



**There will be no Game Night in the month of August. We will return in September.**

**OTHER CHAPTERS' EVENTS**

IE-Inland Empire OC/LB-Orange County/Long Bch.  
SD-San Diego SB/VC-Santa Barbara/Ventura County

|                            |              |          |                        |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|------------------------|
| Santa Cruz Island          | 8/2-4        | SB/VC    | Brad 805.568.1670      |
| Backpacking                | 8/7-14       | OC/LB    | Rob 949.497.6897       |
| Mammoth Mt.                | 8/9-12       | LA       | Lou 323.663.3886       |
| Backpacking 101            | 8/16-18      | LA       | Timothy 323.913.3386   |
| Big Sur Camp               | 8/29-9/2     | LA-SB/VC | Bob 323.660.6240       |
| Yosemite                   | 9/12-22      | OC/LB    | Greg 714.828.7645      |
| San Diego Wild Animal Park | Roar & Snore |          |                        |
|                            | 9/28-29      | LA-OC/LB | Mark 626.345.0241      |
| 4 Corners (AZ, NM, CO, UT) |              |          |                        |
|                            | 9/20-29      | LA       | Danny 323.654.8466     |
| Jalama Beach               | 10/4-6       | SB/VC    | Charlotte 805.559.2643 |
| Conference                 | 10/18-20     |          | All Chapters           |

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