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The General Meeting is at Tomboyz Café 214 Arenas Rd. Palm Springs 322-9915. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, 7 October. 7:30-8:00 PM for social hour, and the members meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM.

The Core Group meets from 6:30-7:30 PM. 10% discount to members at the Café. Please mention this to your server.



Welcome New Members

Chris Porter
 Ronald Crawford
 Allen Zimbleman

Santa Cruz Island Day Trip – Monday, 13 Oct. at 7 AM (Columbus Day)

Santa Cruz Island is the largest and most topographically diverse of the eight Channel Islands. It is approximately 24 miles in length and encompasses 77 miles of pristine coastline including two mountain ranges, a pastoral central valley, ten plant communities, and numerous endangered plants and animals. The island is divided into the West End and East End. The West End is owned by a non-profit conservation organization and the East End by the National Park Service.

Meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. at 7 AM for carpooling arrangements (we will be renting a 15 passenger commercial van for transportation, two if needed)

Agenda: We will take about a one-hour boat ride from Ventura Harbor, 11 AM to Scorpion Anchorage landing where we will hike with a guide for 2 or 4 moderate miles one way to Cavern Point or Potato Harbor (there are approximately 10 miles of hiking trails to explore on this side of Santa Cruz Island). The trail ascends 400 ft. and is rated at an easy/moderate level. The boat will pick us up at Scorpion Anchorage, 5 pm and take us back to the mainland.

- Cost:** \$42 per person, \$38 seniors 55+ Approx. \$15 - \$20 van expense.
- Food:** Pack a lunch, Snacks on boat, Dinner at an Italian Restaurant at the pier.
- Return:** 10 PM
- RSVP:** Make checks payable to: Great Outdoors

Mail to: Tim P. Carey
 253 E. Twin Palms Drive
 Palm Springs, CA 92264

Deadline: Monday, 6 October

For further information contact Tim Carey @ 760 416-3102 or tbikenurse@aol.com.



More on the Channel Islands on the web site at www.nps.gov/chis/.

<p><i>Congratulations to the winners of the End of Summer BBQ Party raffle for passes to the Indian Canyons.</i></p> <p>Tim Carey</p> <p>Richard Cabitto</p>	<p align="center"><u>Palm Springs Chapter WISH LIST For October</u></p> <p>A lot of our members to attend the Lake Cahuilla Conference, if just for Saturday. Meet and greet members from other Chapters. Take a look at the trip notes. Send in your reservation form.</p> <p>More volunteers to man the pride booth on either Saturday 1, November or Sunday 2 November. Contact Tim Carey@ 416-3102</p> <p>More volunteers for the PRIDE FLOAT. Contact Dan Campbell at 770-1503.</p> <p>Game night host for November. Contact Jim or Gene 328-4812</p>
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**All hikes meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd.
Bring plenty of water and a snack/lunch.**

Lost Horse Mine Trail—Sun 5 October at 9:00 AM

This hike is located in Joshua Tree National Park. The trail leads to an abandoned gold mine which operated from the 1890's to 1930. The scenery is spectacular, ranging from vistas of the low desert (Colorado Desert) to vistas of the high desert (Mojave Desert). Return at 2:00 PM. There is a **\$10 per vehicle** admission fee into the park.

Length: 4 miles
Hiking Time: 3 hours
Elevation Gain: 600 ft.
Difficulty: Easy
Hike leader: **Ed Emond at 202-7413.**

Hidden Palms Oasis Thur. 23 October at 9:00AM

This hike is located within the Coachella Valley Preserve. The trail proceeds alongside the San Andreas Fault for approximately 1 1/2 miles before reaching the Hidden Palms area. The fault's activity has allowed water to seep to the surface, which with time, resulted in flourishing fan palms.

Length: 3 1/2 miles
Hiking time: 2 1/2 hours
Elevation gain: 100 feet
Difficulty: Easy
Hike leader: **Bob Skinner 328-6303**

Barker Dam/Wall Street Mill Sun, 26 October at 9:00 AM

This outing combines two terrific trails within the Wonderland of Rocks area of the Joshua Tree National Park. The trail to Barker Dam goes past spectacular rock formations, Indian grinding holes and petroglyphs. After completing the Barker Dam loop we will hike the adjacent Wall Street Mill loop. A area of mining activity dating from the 1930's.

Length: 3 miles
Hiking time: 3 1/2 hours
Elevation gain: 50 feet
Difficulty: Easy
Hike leader: **Doug Quigley 202-4936**

GAMENIGHT

Host: Gene and Jim
Date: Monday, 6 October
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Place: Clubhouse at Date Palm Country Club



36200 Date Palm Drive, Cathedral City
Directions: From Highway 111 going east from Palm Springs, turn LEFT at Date Palm Drive, cross over the bridge (over the wash), turn RIGHT into Date Palm Country Club. The entrance is between Perez Road and Gerald Ford. If you reach Gerald Ford (signal), you've gone too far. Go through the gate and follow Via Estrada (the road straight ahead). You will parallel the wash which is to your right. You will come to a stop sign. Stop and continue forward.

About 30 more yards and you will see the restaurant "Club Cafe" on your left. The clubhouse is just to the right of the Club Cafe. Park anywhere in the parking spaces around the clubhouse and restaurant. Clubhouse closes promptly at 9:00 PM.

Notes: Due to entrance gate rules, no one will be allowed into the complex after 7:00 pm so please do not arrive after 6:30 pm. BYOE (Bring Your Own Eats) and beverages. There is ice available. Great Outdoors provides the plates, cups and cutlery. Bring snacks, drinks and board games.

**BOWLING
PALM SPRINGS**



**October 27, 2003
2—4 PM**

Contact Doug Quigley at 202-4936



ELECTION RESULTS

Elections were held during the September General Meeting.

The newly elected Officers are:

President: Tim Carey
VP of Outings: Doug Quigley
Treasurer: Roger Gray

Congratulations



GREAT OUTDOORS PALM SPRINGS CHAPTER CAMP TRIP AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE TOGA PARTY THEME 17-19 OCTOBER



The annual conference is hosted by one chapter to showcase and bring together members of all Chapters of the Great Outdoors. This year Palm Springs has been selected. We are working hard to make it a fun and interesting event that will be talked about until the next one. It contains both business events and planned entertainment and a meal to be enjoyed by everyone. There will be incoming board meetings, outgoing board meetings, a business meeting, and a Vice President of Outings meeting. Yes, lots of meetings, but always full of energy and intensity. There will be a hike during the meeting times for those that don't attend the business events. Everyone can attend the afternoon tea and evening meal and entertainment. The hosting chapter provides beverages and snacks for everyone at the tea. This tea brings everyone together to gossip, share stories of camping and hiking trips from past events, and BINGO. In addition, there are several gaming casinos in the area, if you wish to go. But be back for dinner! The evening meal is included with the registration or day use fees. After the evening meal, a huge campfire will be lit and an awards ceremony held to recognize those who have made the Great Outdoors a better club during the course of the year. The chapter may have a few more surprises! Come to this event. An annual tradition....

WHAT YOU'LL MISS:

Here are some of the added extras that are going to take place at the conference. Toga party theme. Everyone who checks in will get a scroll with a gold ribbon proclaiming this event as the 25 anniversary Great Outdoors Toga Party. A GOPS member is leading a hike on Saturday morning for those not attending the morning sessions. Afternoon tea and snacks. At the tea all members can dress up in TOGA party attire. We will do Bingo at the tea with prizes. Evening meal with, of course, an Italian theme and Caesar salad followed by Roman dinner songs. Toga contest: for best Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, Brutus, Marc Anthony and others. Pressed grape goblet toast by all for the celebration of 25 years of Great Outdoors (bring a wine goblet or something), Roman monologue by Tim Carey, Roman play starring Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, Marc Anthony, and Brutus and servant boys and girls pulled from the audience. Grape stomping or Roma tomato toss contest by chapter. The chapter which can squeeze out the most juice with the same amount of grapes wins a prize or play hit the fly off a Roman's nose. Roman bonfire with roasting of past and present GO officers, and a raffle for prizes (prizes which can be viewed on the PS chapter web site) and favors from the cast and PS CORE group. Sunday breakfast for those who pay in advance. (See trip notes.)

<http://www.greatoutdoors.org/ps/2003events/2003CampAndConf.shtml>

Description: Surrounded by the stark beauty of the Santa Rosa Mountains. Lake Cahuilla (pronounced Kah-wee-ah) is a favorite recreation area in the Coachella Valley. The park offers individual and group camping, fishing, picnicking, swimming, equestrian and hiking trails. There are showers, a dump station, and picnic/play areas -- complete with barbecues, tables and lawns. While swimming is not allowed in the lake, the swimming pool is open from April through October for a nominal fee. Sodas are available from machines around the bathroom and pool area (cost \$.65 each). Please bring quarters. The bathroom has two bathrooms and two showers. Showers cost \$.50 for 3 minutes. The area is flat around the lake so if you want to bring bikes or a mountain bike please do so. There is also a large grassy area next to us and around the pool area which has picnic tables. Play frisbee, volley ball, paddle ball in our camp area by the restrooms. Need ice, propane or supplies? The Kennedy Store and Deli is a short drive away. Directions will be on the marquee board by the restrooms.

Our conference trip this year will start with check in at 2 PM on Friday and conclude with check out on Sunday at 2 PM.

Craig Courtright

PS Conference Coordinator and Past President 2000-2003

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Palm Springs Chapter October Events

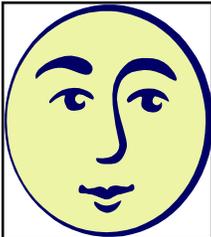
OCT	7	Core Group Meeting	6:30 PM
		General Meeting	7:30-8 PM Social
			8-9 PM Meeting
	5	Lost Horse Mine Trail	9 AM
	6	Game Night	6:30 PM
	10	Full Moon Hike	7 PM
	17-19	Annual Conference Toga Style	3 DAYS
	23	Hidden Palms Oasis	9 AM
	26	Barker Dam/Wall Street Mill	9 AM
	27	Bowling	2-4 PM



End of Summer BBQ Party September 21, 2003



End of Summer BBQ Party at Gordon's September 21, 2003



It's Finally cooled down enough to do it again. Moonlight HIKE

Garnet Hill Friday, 10 October at 6:30 PM

Length: 1 mile
Elevation gain 200 feet
Hiking time 1 1/2 hour
Difficulty Easy/Moderate

Meet at Tomboyz at 6:30 PM sharp. We will carpool to N.Indian and the I-10 Freeway and park on Garnet Road. Highlights are interesting rocks and garnet minerals lying around. We will arrive before the sun goes down to do rock collecting and see the moon rise. WOW. Trip leader Craig Courtright 318-8957



Palms Springs Core Group
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A special thanks to Dan Campbell and Danny Kucharski for the donation of Christmas decorations. Don't forget that the Christmas party is scheduled for 11, December, 2003. The party will be at the Date Palm Country Club Clubhouse. More details in the November and December newsletters. Anyone able to donate unwanted Christmas items, bring them to any of the general meetings. Let's create a truly fun and festive Great Outdoors Holiday Party.



The Great Outdoors Palm Springs (GOPS) Chapter core group has approved the use of a Yahoo Group email distribution system for the benefit of its members. This is your invitation to join in and try it. Your participation in this group email system is totally voluntary and you may cancel out of the email list at any time. The system is FREE both to the GOPS chapter and its members.

The system will be used to send out automated reminders of hikes, camping trips, meetings, etc. It will also give members the ability to send emails to everyone on the list by sending a single email into the group site. The system will automatically forward your message to the other members who wish to receive group emails.

Your email address will not be displayed to other members of the GOPS group and no email attachments will be permitted. This should alleviate concerns about receiving additional SPAM emails or viruses by joining this system.

When you subscribe to this list, you'll automatically be sent a file which will explain in detail how the system works, and some options you can select if you are a Yahoo member.

Please Note: you do not have to be a Yahoo member in order to use this system.

To view the website of the group email:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GOPS/>

To subscribe, send a blank email to:

GOPS-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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- Renewal

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- \$20 Senior (60 years or older)
- \$45 Couple (**\$40 2 Seniors**)
- \$100 FRIENDS OF GREAT OUTDOORS includes T-shirt and two free outings

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