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HAPPY NEW YEAR



The General Meeting is at Tomboyz Café 214 Arenas Rd. Palm Springs 322-9915. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, 6, January from 7:30-8:00 PM for social hour, and members' meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM.
10% discount to members at the Café.
The Core Group meets from 6:30-7:30 PM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS :

Ed Maske

Patrick Lee

Steve Morgan

Bob Lund

President Tim wishes everyone a Happy New Year and thanks Gene and Jim for obtaining the Date Palm Clubhouse for the Holiday party. Thanks also to Craig Courtright for planning the Holiday party. Special thanks to Dick Stien for playing Santa Clause and making so many bad boys dreams come true.

President Tim and the Core Group thank Craig Courtright for a job well done as Newsletter Designer/Publisher of "The Oasis."

The current Newsletter Designer/Publisher appreciates the extra time Craig has taken to help me learn how to put everything together.

<<<<<The Quartzite Camping Trip of Febuary 6 and 7 has been cancelled.>>>>>



**All hikes meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd.
Bring plenty of water and a snack/lunch.**

Moonlight Hike, 5 January, 5:30 PM.

Meet at Tomboyz at 5:30 PM, 220 block of Arenas, Palm Springs. We will hike the north end of the South Lykken Trail off Mesquite Ave, I have no idea when the moon will be rising, but I assure you that the mountains will be there no matter what! Bring a flashlight, water and snacks. You will climb the sweeping switchbacks as you ascend the side of the mountain which stands grandly overlooking Palm Springs. The lights of the city will be twinkling just as the campfires of the Cahuilla Indians once did. Coming to the picnic tables, we can peer into the dark Tahquitz Canyon which, after a short break, we will be turning back. The spirits of the Agua Caliente Indians living in this sacred canyon will be with us for the remainder of the new year.

Trip Leader: Tim Carey at 416-3102

Ryan Mountain, Saturday, 10 January, 9:00 AM

The summit of Ryan mountain provides one of the best views of all Joshua Tree National Park. The trail runs up the canyon and ends at the 5500 foot summit, where there is a 360 degree panorama of mountains and desert. This hike provides a "great bang for the buck". Last year we saw four or 5 big horn sheep. Park entrance fee \$10.00 per car. Carpooling recommended.

Length: 3 miles
Hiking time: 3 hours
Elevation Gain: 1000 ft.
Difficulty: Easy/moderate
Return at: 2:30 PM

Trip Leader: Steve Ryan at 909-659-0073

Amboy Crater Trail, Saturday 17 January, 9:00 AM

Amboy Crater lies off historic Route 66 about one mile west of the town of Amboy. We will drive 2 hours through the Mojave desert to reach the trailhead. The trail is flat until it reaches the base of the crater, where it ascends about 300 feet. We'll walk around the rim of the crater and then head back to the trailhead.

Length: 3 miles
Hiking Time: 3 hours
Elevation Gain: 300 ft.
Difficulty: Easy
Return at: 4:30 PM

Trip Leader: Doug Quigley at 202-4936

BOWLING

MON. 26, JANUARY FROM 2:00-4:00 PM.

Contact Doug Quigley at 202-4936

Covington Loop Trail, Thursday 22 January, 9:00 AM

This hike is located in the 13,000-acre Coachella Valley Preserve. The trail is not demanding yet yields a wonderful desert oasis experience. The trail follows a stream filled with "Pup" fish and then winds through a sandy wash before passing a pond and ending in an area of sand dunes and moonscapes vistas.

Length: 6 miles
Hiking Time: 4 hours
Elevation Gain: 400 ft.
Difficulty: Moderate
Return at: 3:00 PM

Trip Leader: Ed Emond 202-7413

Long Canyon, 25 January 9:00 PM


We will hike up a sandy and level wash. Tucked up a side canyon is Chuckawalla Bill's hideout. Although it is not easy to find, with some help we should have no trouble. Built over sixty years ago, the rock walls of Bill's cabin remain. Further up Long Canyon is "Incredible Canyon," a large side canyon for experienced hikers.

Length: 4-6 miles
Hiking Time: 6 hours
Elevation Gain: 800 feet
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate/Strenuous
Return at: 3:00 PM

Trip Leader: Craig Courtright at 318-8957

A NNOUNCEMENT!
Member GENE LEVY would be interested in hearing from other members who are interested in mid-week downhill skiing at the Big Bear resorts and x-country skiing at the tram. (760) 320-3761

THE FOLLIES: UPDATE



Make your reservations for the Follies: 30, April 2004 at 7:00 PM. For more information or to make reservations, call Monte Wilcoxon at 416-1530. Please leave a message.



Holiday Party at Date Palm December 2003
Santa seems to have insight into every guy's wishes.





The beautiful hike into Snowcreek revealed many signs of wildlife such as snakes and a tarantula.



GAME NIGHT: 12, JANUARY 2004
6:30-9:00 PM

Game night will be at Randolph Maxted's home in the Araby Cove area of Palm Springs. His address is 2249 Rim Road P.S. **Tel: 320-0331**. To get there take Highway 111 and turn on Araby. Continue on Araby on a windy road past the wash until you reach Cholla, where you turn left. Cholla turns into Rim Road. At the mailboxes you will see a sign that says "Private Road". You'll turn to your left down that little road and Randolph's house will be located at the end. There is a Kokopeli gate to the left of garages.

Palm Springs Chapter—January Events

January

5	Moonlight Hike	5:30 PM
6	General Meeting	8:00-9:00 PM
10	Ryan Mountain	9:00 AM
12	Game Night	6:30-9:00 PM
17	Amboy Crater Trail	9:00 AM
22	Covington Loop Trail	9:00 AM
25	Long Canyon Trail	9:00 AM
26	Bowling	2:00-4:00PM

I was having a fabulous time sunning myself when a group of G.O.P.S hikers stopped to admire me.. Gordo was not amused!



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