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GUEST SPEAKER APRIL 6

Philippe Ferranti will be the guest speaker at the April 6th General Meeting. He founded the Coachella Valley Hiking Club in 1992 and has recently published "120 Great Hikes in and near Palm Springs", a revised version of his earlier publication.



The General Meeting is at the new Desert Pride Center. Palm Springs 327-2313. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, March 2 from 7:30-8:00 PM for social hour, and members' meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM. The Core Group meets from 6:30-7:30 PM as usual. If you wish to bring snacks etc, you may do so. The Center's address is 611 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Unit A. Palm Springs, CA.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TIM HARRIS

MICHAEL OLTON

JOHN OHRENSTEIN

MOONLIGHT HIKE

Saturday, March 6



We will hike the Cathedral Canyon wash and Canyon from the top of Cathedral Canyon cove on Foothill Dr.

Length: 2.5 miles

Hiking time: 2 hours

Elevation gain: 200 feet

Difficulty: Easy/Moderate

Return: 9:30 PM

Meet at Starbucks at 67760 E. Palm Canyon Dr. in the Target and Trader Joe's shopping area in Cathedral City at 7 PM. Bring a flashlight, water and snacks. We will hike along the wash ridge and hike down into the canyon. We will continue up the canyon to the first waterfall terrace. For those brave enough, (yes, it **will** be safe), we will continue up another 30 feet to the grand waterfall terrace. There are 3 planned rest breaks along the way. Return the same way. Should it rain, hike will be cancelled as this is a box canyon.

Trip Leader: Craig Courtright at 318-8957

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
(SEE INSIDE)

MULE MOUNTAIN CAMPING
MARCH 19-21

ALGODONES DUNES WILDERNESS
APRIL 2-4

PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES
APRIL 23



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

South Lykken Trail, Thursday, March 4 at 9:00 AM

This trail travels the San Jacinto Mountains overlooking the Coachella Valley providing awesome views of Palm Springs and vicinity. Big Horn Sheep have been sited off the trail on past hikes. Meet in front of Tomboyz Café on Arenas Road at 9:00 AM for carpooling arrangements.

Length: 4 miles
Hiking Time: 3 hours
Elevation Gain: 800 feet
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate
Return at : 2:00 PM

Trip Leader: Monte Wilcoxon at 416-1530

Moonlight Hike, Saturday March 6. (See front page)

Indian Canyons/Wentworth Creek & Andreas, Weds. March 10, at 9:AM.

This botanical hike will start at the trading post left parking lot. We will walk over to Wentworth Creek/Fern Canyon stopping along the way to enjoy, identify, and photograph the spring wildflowers. Time permitting, we will stop at Andreas Canyon to see the wild orchids and frogs. Bring your camera.

Trip Leader: Bill Bulger at 202-0457

Note: Fee to enter Indian Canyons: \$6:00 person; Seniors \$3.50

West Fork Trail to Andreas Canyons, Saturday, March 13 at 9:00 AM.

This trail begins in the Palm Canyon section of the Indian Canyons. The trail climbs steeply through incredible rock formations and desert vegetations before crossing a stream and hooking up with the Pacific Crest Trail. Eventually, the trail descends into Murray Canyon and crosses several streams before ending in Andreas Canyon. This hike has everything to offer—astonishing views, waterfalls, streams, flowers, petroglyphs.

Length: 10 miles
Hiking Time: 6 hours
Elevation Gain: 2500 ft.
Difficulty: Moderate
Return at: 4:30

There is a \$6.00 per admission fee into the Indian Canyons. Senior rate available.

Trip Leader: Doug Quigley at 202-4936

Cathedral Canyon Wash and Canyon, Sunday March 14 at 9:00 AM.

Meet at Starbucks at 67760 E. Palm Canyon Dr. in the Target and Trader Joe's shopping area in Cathedral City at 9:00 PM. Bring water and lunch. We will hike along the wash and up into the canyon. A smooth and gradual hike. We will continue up the canyon to the first waterfall terrace. For those brave enough (yes, it will be safe) we will continue up another 30 feet to the grand waterfall terrace and have lunch. There are 4 planned rest breaks along the way. We will return the same way. Should it rain, hike will cancel as this is a box canyon.

Length: 4.5 miles
Hiking time: 3.5 hours
Elevation gain: 400
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate
Return: 2:00 approx.

**Trip Leader: Craig Courtright 318-8957
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Mission Creek Preserve: Sat, March 27 at 9 AM

On this botanical hike we will enjoy the spring wildflowers, stopping to identify and photo the great variety of colors which spread across the valley. We will stop at the cabin for lunch at the 2 mile point. Time permitting, we may continue on to the junction with the PC Trail. Bring your camera.

Length: 4 miles
Hiking Time: 4 hours
Elevation Gain: 400 ft.
Difficulty: Easy
Return: 2 PM

Trip leader: Bill Bulger at 202-0457

Mule Mountain Update

For those persons who want to go to Mule Mountain just for Saturday March 20, please contact Craig Jones at 760-854-2101

We are asking you to bring \$10.00 per person. \$5.00 is for the activity fee and \$5.00 as a donation for the Nancy Hill Opal Mine. Contact Craig Jones before the March 14th deadline.

If you want to stay for the pot luck in the evening, please bring a dish to accommodate 4-6 people.



Palm Springs Chapter

Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area PLEASE NOTE HIGH WIND ADVISORIES WILL CANCEL
North Algodones Dunes Wilderness

2-4 April 2004. **We need a minimum of 6** to have this trip. Deadline March 28, 2004. (See enclosed application.)

Amenities: We will be primitive camping in the North Algodones Dunes Wilderness area. On our scouting trip we found a solid drive and rocky pad area for our vehicles and tents to drive on and be within 10 yards from the actual sand dunes. Smaller at our campsite and the big ones within a 30 minute walk. These sand dunes are very large. Since they are 40 miles long we are recommending also that no one go out alone. We will use the group or buddy system. Also our camping area is designated as NO off-highway vehicles allowed. Which means unless they are breaking the law it should be relatively quiet for us who attend. Because most will not be used to the warmer temperatures we are recommending that each person bring at least 2 gallons of water per day. Don't rely on your thirst to determine when to drink. Make a habit of drinking water at frequent intervals. Don't ration your water. Make sure you wear clothing that is light in color and loose fitting. A wide brimmed hat, long sleeved shirt, and long pants will hold perspiration rather than exposing it to the dry desert air. Conserve sweat not water. Bring sun showers or take sponge baths. We will also have a porta potty to use. The restrooms are about 15 miles away at the BLM Cahuilla Ranger station. Or use the 200 feet away from the site and a 6-8" deep hole rule.

Activities: We will be offering a morning hike about 6 miles away via carpooling to the bird and wildlife sanctuary in the early morning hours on Saturday or Sunday. We will also be going out to the sand dunes in the early morning hours on Saturday or Sunday and again in the evening. Also the Mesquite mine about 15 miles away where we are camped.

What to Bring: Please bring flashlights with fresh batteries. There will be only a waning moon with only 5% illuminated. Water. The usual tent, sleeping bag and pad for underneath your tent, clothes you can layer, stove, fuel, food, ten essentials, plus a bundle of firewood, there is no taking of natural downed timber in the area. Biodegradable soap, plastic bags. Remember, Pack it in--Pack it out. Plan a favorite dish for the Saturday evening potluck.

Pets: Pets must be on a lease at all times and will be able to go into the sand dunes in the morning hour hikes. Based on our survey scouting party there were animal tracks spotted. They will be out in the evening. Use caution at night if you bring a pet.

Check in/Checkout times: There are none. We will be breaking camp between 10 to 12 noon on Sunday.

Directions: From the Interstate 10 take the 86S hwy through Indio/Coachella down through Brawley. In Brawley it is named 78/86. As you exit the town and pass the Hwy 111 turn you will see on the left hand side another turnoff that will say 78 Glamis. Turn here and follow it to the sand dunes. Yes, you will be driving through the sand dunes. You will see a sign for the BLM Cahuilla Ranger station on Gecko Road on the right. You can stop here to use restrooms and say hi to the rangers. Otherwise, stay on Hwy 78 going east and go through the city of Glamis. Be quick as it is very small. Stay alert because you want to turn left on TED KIPF ROAD. The railroad tracks also run parallel to Ted Kipf road so if you drive over them you have gone to far. Set your odometer here, as it is approximately 14.6 miles from the hwy. We will have signs out where you will turn into the campsite.

From San Diego: You can take Interstate 8 to Hwy 111 to Hwy 78. Maps are on backside of mailed trip notes.

Special instructions: We will use the Buddy system. No one goes out into the sand dunes alone.

Trip leader Craig Courtright 760-318-8957

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OWLING:

MON. MARCH 29, FROM 2:00-4:00 PM.

Event location: Palm Springs Lanes.
Ramon-Landau Streets, Cathedral City.

Notes: \$8.00 per person, senior (55+)
Discount of \$2.50 per game.

Contact Doug Quigley at 202-4936

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For more info, call Monte Wilcoxon 760-416-1530

**Game Night and Hot Tub
Thursday March 11
6:30—9:00 PM**

**Rick Opler's House
933 W. Chino Canyon Rd. P.S.**

**Bring your own snacks and/or
beverages and of course a
towel and swim suit.**

Directions: Going North on Palm Canyon Dr., turn left onto Vista Chino. Turn right on N. Via Norte and left on W. Chino Canyon Rd.

Info: Rick at 324-8666

**Palm Springs Chapter—March
Events**

March

- 2 General Meeting 8:00-9:00 PM
- 4 South Lykken Trail 9:00 AM
- 6 Moonlight Hike 7:30 PM
- 10 Indian Canyons/Wentworth Creek
9:00 AM
- 11 Game Night 6:30-9:00 PM
- 13 West Fork Loop 9:00 AM
- 14 Cathedral Canyon Wash and Canyon
9:00 AM
- 19-20 Mule Mountain Camp Trip
- 27 Mission Creek Trail 9:00AM
- 29 Bowling 2:00-4:00 PM

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