



# The Oasis

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## ANNUAL BBQ AND POOL PARTY

The Annual BBQ and Pool Party, Saturday, May 15 was a big success. With almost 70 in attendance, everyone enjoyed the barbecued chicken and burgers while frolicking around the pool. Chris Rosendall won the grand raffle prize of a 4 month Palm Springs Tram Pass. A big thanks to Ed, Gardner, and Darian who graciously hosted the pool party. The Core Group also wishes to thank all others who organized, shopped, cooked, and helped set up and clean up: Craig Courtright, Ed Emond, Chris Wassdorp, Dean Condouillis, Juan Moya, Chris Porter, Keith Morris, Doug Quigley, Gene Roggenbuck, Jim Long, Pat McNeil, and Richard Cabitto.



## Steve Kupferman

The Guest Speaker for the General Meeting at the Desert Pride Center on Tuesday July 6 at 8:00 PM. will be Steve Kupferman. Steve is a geologist in the Palm Springs office of the Bureau of Land Management and has been working on mining and environmental geology issues on federal land in the Palm Springs area. Prior to this assignment, he worked with Riverside County on seismic/earthquake issues. Steve will discuss the recent prediction of a major earthquake in the Coachella Valley prior to September 5, 2004.



The General Meeting is at the new Desert Pride Center. Palm Springs 327-2313. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, June 1. 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.



**Most hikes meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. unless otherwise specified. Bring plenty of water and a snack or lunch.**

**Moonlight Hike Wednesday June 2, (See page 4)**

**Las Palmas/Movie Colony Day Walk for Saturday June 5 has been cancelled.**

**Covington Loop Trail, Sunday, June 13 at 9:AM.**

This hike is located in the western part of Joshua Tree National Park. The trail loops past some of the largest Joshua Trees in the park, offering a variety of high desert vegetation and terrain. There is some rock scrambling (easy) required during the middle portion of the hike.

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

**Hike leader: Ed Emond (760) 202-7413**

**Jo Pond to Cedar Springs Trail, Sunday June 19 at 8:00 AM.**

Meet at Tomboyz at **8:00 AM.** Carpool to Garner Valley on Hwy 74 to Lake Hemet. Turn right on Morris Ranch Road proceeding up the canyon 4 miles. Trail head will be on right. Hike the Jo Pond trail to the Pacific Crest Trail on the Desert Divide saddle. Then 1 mile to the little sylvan sanctuary with its ribbon of running water surrounded by incense cedars and black oaks. Return same way. No Forest Adventure Pass. Beautiful view of Salton Sea and Cleveland National Forest.

Length: 5 1/2 miles  
 Hiking Time: 4 hours  
 Elevation Gain: 1700 feet  
 Difficulty: Moderate  
 Return at: 3:00 PM or before.

**Hike Leader: Craig Courtright at (760) 318-8957**

**NEW MEMBERS**

Miles Butler	Fergus Currie
Richard Geist	Richy Lisenbee
Chuck Mace	Bruce Maughlan
Patrick Wentworth	John H. Zaugg

**First Day of Summer Hike, Monday, June 21 at 5:30 PM.**

Dear Club Members and Hikers: There will be no “Star Homes Walk” on June 5th. Instead we will have a First day of Summer Hike...”North Lykken Trail” on June 21st, 2004.

Meet at Tomboyz at **5:30 PM.** This hike starts at the West end of Ramon Road. We will hike up to the Desert Riders Picnic tables. Then, reverse the hike. This magnificent desert view travels along the San Jacinto Mountains above Palm Springs giving us a view of not only Palm Springs, but also Desert Hot Springs and the East Valley.

Length: 5 miles roundtrip.  
 Hiking Time: 3 hours  
 Elevation Gain: 800 feet  
 Difficulty: Moderate  
 Return at: 8:30 PM

**Hike Leader: Monte Wilcoxon at (760) 416-1530**

**Southfork Trail to Dry Lake, Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 AM (max. of 12 people.)**

This hike starts near Jenks Lake, Barton Flats area of San Bernardino Mts. From trail head, we hike 2 miles thru open forest to Poop Out Hill for a great view of Mt. San Gorgonio, entrance to the wilderness. Then 1.75 miles to lush South Fork Meadows, head waters of the Santa Ana River. At 8200’ elevation, we take trail to dry lake (similar to High Sierra Lakes). At 9000’ elevation, lake is located at the foot of the mountain. Reserve your spot by calling your hike leader.

Length: 12 miles  
 Hiking time: 6.5 hours  
 Elevation Gain: 2000 Feet  
 Difficulty: Moderate/Strenuous  
 Return at: 5: PM

**Trip Leader: Bill Bulger at (760) 202--0457**

**Note: Adventure Pass NOT REQUIRED (Free Day)**

**You never know...**

**One of our newest members, Alex Kayne, went on his first hike with us. Know what? He’s blind. He lost his eyesight at age 5. Everyone on the hike, including me, was in awe because he hiked up a moderate trail and back without falling or complaining once. Using only his cane and my footsteps, he kept up with us at our normal Tim Carey pace. As a trip leader for PSGO, it was a real treat. What an inspiration! The point is: if a blind man can hike with only a cane and his love of adventure, we shouldn’t have limitations, should we? See you next hike. *Craig Courtright***

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# **2004 Idyllwild Camp Trip August 20th – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Come enjoy this special weekend –  
refresh your mind and spirit amidst  
the natural beauty 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.

**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.

**ACTIVITIES:** Friday on your own with a campfire in the evening. On Saturday there will be a day hike scheduled for 10:00 AM. The afternoon tea will be at 3:00 P.M. followed by bingo. The traditional POTLUCK will be at 6:00 P.M. Prepare your favorite dish to feed 4-6 people.

**PETS:** Dogs are allowed for \$2.00 per day, which must be paid upon park 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 PM.

**COST:** \$25 members \$35 nonmembers

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** No refunds after 14 August.

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From LA,** take I-10 E to Banning and exit Hwy. 243 to Idyllwild. At the first stop sign when you enter Idyllwild, turn right on Pine Crest. At the next stop sign turn right onto Riverside City. Playground Rd. Follow this into the campground.

**From Palm Springs,** take Hwy. 74 in Palm Desert to Hwy 243. Just after the sign Strawberry Creek, look for the sign Idyllwild Park and turn left onto Riverside City. Playground Rd.. The turn is on a curve and easy to miss. Riverside City. Playground Rd. will take you into the campground.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Craig Courtright (760) 318-8957

**RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW. Complete the Reservation Form and Mail Today!**

## 4 X 4 PINKHAM CANYON OUTING A SUCCESS

19 adventurous guys braved fierce desert heat and gruesome terrain to conquer the Pinkham Canyon Jeep Trail in Joshua Tree National Park on this, our second 4X4 outing. It was definitely a male-bonding experience for some of the less-experienced 4X4ers, but extremely valuable. We scrambled up steep, rocky escarpments and careened down deep sandy trails ricocheting back and forth to maintain stability. In a moment of excitement, one of the six 4x4 vehicles slid down one of the steep hills. A highlight of the tour was a stop at one of the access points of the Colorado River Aqueduct where Gardner gave us a quick overview of the project which was finished in 1941. **Future 4x4 Jeep trips are planned. You will be notified by e-mail or the newsletter and website.** More photos at: [GreatOutdoors.org/pw](http://GreatOutdoors.org/pw)

Also at: <http://www.fototime.com/users/ronfoto@rbgilbert.com/Pinkham%20Canyon>



## MOONLIGHT HIKE

### Bighorn Overlook

**Wednesday, June 2 at 7: PM**

Bighorn Sheep are sighted in few cities in the nation, and Rancho Mirage is proud to serve as a summer oasis for these magnificent animals. This switchback nature trail begins on the path behind Rancho Mirage City hall at the base of the Santa Rosas and leads to an observation area where Bighorn on the 1,200 acre nature preserve may be observed through a telescope as they come to the watering hole.

Length:	1/2 Mile
Hiking Time:	1/2 hour
Elevation Gain:	2,000 ft.
Difficulty:	Easy
Gradient:	Moderate
Return:	9:00 PM
Meet at:	Starbucks in front of Target in Cathedral City.
Hike Leader:	Carol Smith at (760-321-8723)

**GAME NIGHT  
June 7  
6:30-9:00 PM**

**No booze allowed in clubhouse!**

Game night will be held at the Date Palm Country Club. Be there no later than 7:00 PM. Please bring a generous snack, dessert, or pot luck dish to share. Remember, no alcohol as per club rules.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Highway 111 going south 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 at the signal, you have gone too far.

As you turn into Date Palm Country Club, turn left at the first Street which is Via Valverde. Go one block, then turn rt on Ave. Orontes. On the right hand side at the end of the block, there is a stop sign. Satellite clubhouse is right there. You will find ample parking in the back.

**B**OWLING:  
**MON. JUNE 28, FROM 2:00-4:00 PM.**

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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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**Palm Springs Chapter-June Events**

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| 1  | General Meeting              | 8:00-9:00 PM |
| 2  | Moonlight Hike               | 7:00 PM      |
| 5  | Las Palmas Movie Colony      | Cancelled    |
| 7  | Game Night                   | 6:30 PM      |
| 13 | Covington Loop Trail         | 9:00 AM      |
| 19 | Jo Pond to Cedar Springs.    | 8:00 AM      |
| 21 | First Day of Summer Hike     | 5:30 PM      |
| 26 | South Fork Trail to Dry Lake | 7:30 AM      |
| 28 | Bowling                      | 2:00 AM      |
| 30 | Moonlight Hike               | Cancelled    |

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