



# The Oasis

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## Tuesday Evening July 6 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.

### Up Coming Speakers

September 7, Joe Aquanno, Palm Springs Mounted Police Search and Rescue Unit

November 9, James Cornett, Formerly associated with the Desert Museum

### *Tell it to the marines*

Eight tickets will be raffled off at the July 6th General Meeting for the **Palm Springs Power Baseball Team** versus the **Marine Corps Team** based out of San Diego. The game is scheduled for 7:05 PM on Friday July 23rd at **Palm Springs Stadium**. The baseball tickets were donated to the **Great Outdoors Palms Springs Chapter** by the **Desert Willow Golf Resort**. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each.

#### The Cove Café

At 68375 East Palm Canyon between Melrose and Palo Verde is offering us a 10 % discount on our bill. For an urban dining experience in our casual desert community be sure to check it out. Hours are Mon-Thurs 11AM-9:PM, Fri-Sat, 11AM-10PM. Tel: (760) 321-5557. Just mention the Great Outdoors PS and the discount, and Kathy will take care of you. As you'll find out, the restaurant is very FRIENDLY, COZY and the food is VERY tasty.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Keith Burke**

**Gregg Fox**

#### New Game Night Coordinator Needed

We would like to thank Gene Roggenbuck for an excellent job done these last years as Game Night Coordinator and would like to announce an opening for his replacement starting in October. Duties include finding homes each month for Game Night and in the warmer months, homes with pools for combination Game Night/Pool Parties and submitting the necessary information for publication to the newsletter publisher and editor. If you're interested or need more information, please contact Tim Carey, President at 760-416-3102 or TBikeNurse@aol.com



**The General Meeting is at the new Desert Pride Center. Palm Springs 327-2313.** The meeting is **the first Tuesday of the month, July 6.** 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.**

**Evening Hike: Garstin Trail**  
**Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 PM**

We cannot wait for the moon to come up, so we will call this an evening hike. Brave the evening heat, hiking up to the second level of the Garstin Trail back by Andreas Hills off Bogert Bridge. The view of Palm Springs, with the sun setting behind the San Jacinto Mountains, will cool your spirit if not your body. Bring water for this 3 mile hike. Meet at Tomboyz at 7 PM.

Length: 3 miles  
Hiking Time: 1.5 hours  
Elevation Gain: 500 feet  
Difficulty: Moderate

**Trip Leader: Carroll Smith at (760) 321-8723**

**DURING THIS HEAVY FIRE SEASON, WE ASK OUR MEMBERS TO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SMOKING ON OUR OUTINGS.**

**Jo Pond Trail to Forbes Saddle Overlook, Saturday, July 10 at 9:00 AM.**

We will follow the same route as last month's hike but instead of going down to Cedar Springs from the Desert Divide Ridge/PCT junction, we will instead turn left. We will crest the mountain in about .5 miles. At the 1.5 mile mark along the ridge, we will descend into the thick pine forest and eventually the Forbes Saddle Overlook which has spectacular vistas here and more on the return trip.

Length: 9 miles  
Hiking Time: 5 hours  
Elevation Gain: 1,200 ft.  
Difficulty: Moderate

**Trip leader Craig Courtright at (760) 318-8957**

**Bogart Park Walkabout, Wednesday, July 14 at 9:00 AM.**

Escape the desert heat on a cool and relaxing adventure to Bogart Park in the foothills north of Beaumont. We will carpool 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 huge oak trees. We will leave the park at 2 PM.

**Trip Leader: Doug Quigley at (760) 202-4936**

**Hurkey Creek Trail, Sunday July 18 at 9:00AM.**

Hurkey Creek lies in a scenic area off Hwy 74 near Lake Hemet. The hike follows a dirt trail that rises gently onto a plateau offering great views of the San Jacinto Mountains. Since this hike is at the 5,000 ft. level, temperatures should be in the 80's.

Length: 3 miles  
Hiking Time: 3 hours  
Elevation Gain: 300 ft.  
Difficulty: Easy

**Trip Leader: Ed Emond at (760) 202-7413**

**Saddle Junction Loop, Sunday, July 25 at 7:25 AM**

The top of San Jacinto Mountain and Wilderness Area is shaped in the form of a bowl, with the western side considerably higher than the eastern. This geographical feature allows hikers to do a magnificent loop from the Mountain Tram Station toward Saddle Junction above Idyllwild. The route follows a gradual descent from the high point of the bowl at Wellmans Divide down to the bottom at Saddle Junction, along the bottom of the valley floor, and then finally up to the northern top ridges near the starting point. Hikers are treated to wide vistas that reinforce the notion of San Jacinto Mountain as being an "island in the sky." We will car pool from Tomboyz to the Tram. Bring lots of water, food, and Tram fee.

Length: 12 miles  
Hiking Time: 7 hours  
Elevation Gain: 3,000 feet  
Difficulty: Strenuous

**Trip Leader: Tim Carey at (760) 416-3102**

**GREAT OUTDOORS  
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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!**



### GOPS HIKERS ENJOY RECENT HIKE TO THE COVINGTON LOOP TRAIL

Accompanying us was **Ben Spillman**, (upper left) Environment Reporter for **The Desert Sun**. Ben was working on an article on our hiking club to appear in **The Desert Sun**. Temps were in the high 80's with a nice breeze while the club hiked by some of the largest Joshua trees in the area. The terrain was quite green and we were lucky enough to see many wild flowers along the trails.

### GAME NIGHT

The Monday, July 12 Game Night will be hosted by Rick Opler and Patrick Wentworth at 933 W. Chino Canyon Road starting at 6:00 PM. Bring plenty of refreshments to share with the group and your favorite beverages. Feel free to hang out around the pool and hot tub afterwards.

Directions to Rick and Patrick's:

Going North on Palm Canyon Drive., turn left onto Vista Chino. Turn right on N. Via Norte and left on W. Chino Canyon Rd. Tel: 760-325-8666.

### 4X4 NEWS

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have had our third 4x4 outing which took place on Sunday, June 27. Look for pictures in the August issue of "**The Oasis**". If you're interested in future 4x4 trips, check with Ed Emond at: [ED@dc.rr.com](mailto:ED@dc.rr.com) who will keep you informed.

**ANY INTEREST IN** hiking the Desert Museum Trail to the **TOP OF THE TRAM** in July? (Skyline Trail) This is a **STRENUOUS PLUS** hike ten miles long approximately 8 to 10 hours leaving around 5:30 AM Please contact Timothy Carey at : 760-416-3102 or [TBikeNurse@aol.com](mailto:TBikeNurse@aol.com)



# MOONLIGHT HIKE

See Evening Hike on Page Two

## Aerial Distress Symbols

- i Need a Doctor
- ii Need Medicine
- X Unable to Proceed
- F Need food-water
- ↑ Going this Way
- LL All Is Well
- N No
- Y Yes
- Need Map-Compass

## Palm Springs Chapter July Events

1	Evening Hike	7:00 PM
6	General Meeting	8:00-9:00 PM
10	Jo Pond Trail	9:00 AM
12	Game Night	6:00 PM
14	Bogart Park	9:00 AM
18	Hurkey Creek Trail	9:00 AM
25	Saddle Junction Loop	7:25 AM
26	Bowling	2:00-4:00 PM

# BOWLING:

**MON. JULY 26, 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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**I do/do not** want my name/address on the roster to be shared with members of group. (**Circle** the appropriate answer.)

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By joining Great Outdoors and/or attending the club's events, I acknowledge that in order for Great Outdoors to assume full legal responsibility it would have to charge higher fees than it does now. I waive the right to ever lay claim for injuries I might suffer before, during or after any Great Outdoors event. My guests will agree to these principles in writing before attending events.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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