

Ski Mountaineers Schedule

2004-2005 Season_Updated Nov 9, 2004

Meetings and Programs

SMS meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (except December) from November through May at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. Newcomers are welcome.

Directions from the north: Take Golden State Fwy I-5 south. Exit at Los Feliz West. Turn right on Riverside Drive (which turns into Crystal Springs Drive). Turn right into first driveway (about 1mi from Los Feliz). Sign says Pote Field (big baseball/soccer field). Park in the lot and walk through the courtyard.

Directions from the south: Take Golden State Fwy I-5 north. Exit Griffith Park. Turn right at stop sign onto Crstal Springs Drive. Turn Right into first driveway, sign reads Pote Field.

Note: The auditorium is on the left as you walk through the courtyard. It's usually pretty dark and hard to see the driveway and buildings (a flashlight is one of the Ten Essentials).

Ski Tour and Other Outings

Nov 16 Tue SMS _Monthly Meeting: "Skiing the Sierra High Route" Gerry Holleman will present a slide show of this classic Sierra ski tour described as "one of the finest ski tours in the world"; a 50 mile trip over high mountain passes starting in the Owens Valley and ending in Sequoia National Park. Newcomers welcome.

7:30 pm Crystal Springs Ranger Station Auditorium.

Dec 18-19 Sat-Sun SMS _TI: Mammoth Mt: Brush up on skills after the summer and get ready for winter season. Ldr: Andy Fried. Asst: Gerry Holleman.

Jan 18 Tue SMS _Monthly Meeting: "Skiing the Cascade Volcanos" by Reiner Stenzel. In two consecutive years the SMS has skied on 12 Cascade volcanoes in WA, OR, and CA. This year's highlight included the ascent of Mt Rainier. The picture and movie presentation will describe trip organization, travel, and nature. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Crystal Springs Ranger Station Auditorium.

Jan 21-23 Fri-Sun SMS, OCSS, PVSBI: Ski Mountaineers at June Mtn: Practice your telemark/parallel turns on lift-served terrain. Join Andy and Owen as they practice their teaching skills, free ski with other skiers and SMS'rs, collaborate with other members to hire local PSIA professionals for group lessons or organize ski touring in local mountains. Something for everyone from advanced beginners to expert. Limited condo space available in Mammoth (must clean or pay for cleaning) send check for \$45 per person (SMS) to Keith Martin for 2 nights. Half day group lessons approx. \$60 per person through Mammoth Mtn for group of 5. Send check for \$60 (SMS) with ski level to Keith Martin for each lesson or take chances when arrive (pay any cost difference when arrive plus instructor tip). Send email or SASE to Keith if want more info. Ldr: Keith Martin. Asst: Reiner Stenzel, Andy Fried, Owen Maloy.

Feb 5 Sat SMS _TI: Thunder, Telegraph, and Timber: Ski the 3 T's in the San Gabriel Mtns. Intermediate or better skiing ability required, not for beginners. Metal-edged skis with skins required. Send experience, h/w phones, e-mail address to provisional leader. Ldr: Jonathan Meagher. Asst: Alvin Walter.

Feb 13 Sun SMS, MBC _TI: Mt Cerro Noroeste (Mt Abel, 8280'): Mtn bike partially snow covered paved road toward MT. Abel, 18 mi rt max, 2000' gain. When snow coverage is solid, abandon biking and continue XC skiing. Tour the slopes of Mt Abel. Bring light XC skis, attach to daypack during bike ride. Intermediate

skiing and biking abilities reqd.(B/T2/E3). Trip may be rescheduled as snow conditions permit. E-mail or call with experience, h/w phones to provisional leader. Ldr: Lorene Samoska. Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

Feb 15 Tue SMS, SPS, DPS, HPS, LPC _Annual Joint Meeting: This year hosted by the Ski Mountaineers. Meet and make plans with your friends and learn activities of these groups. Each group will give a presentation of their scope and upcoming plans. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium (4730 Crystal Springs Dr. in Griffith Park).

Feb 19-23 Sat-Wed SMS, SPS _TI: Silliman-Tablelands-Alta Traverse: A four-day winter tour through the western Sierra Nevada. Experience in snow camping, backcountry skiing, climbing and stamina required. Short car shuttle from Lodgepole to Wolverton involved. Metal-edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacons, shovels, and snow camping gear required. Send e-mail to leader. Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst: Alvin Walter.

Mar 5-6 Sat-Sun SMS _San Gorgonio and Mt Jepson: Ski the chutes and surrounding bowls from a basecamp. Intermediate or better skiing ability required, not for beginners. Metal-edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacons, shovels, and snow camping gear required. Send e-mail to leader. Ldr: Alvin Walter . Asst: Reiner Stenzel.

Mar 11-14 Fri-Mon SMS _TI: Wheeler Mt: Exploratory out-of-state trip to ski desert peak in Eastern Nevada. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, shovel and snow camping gear. Send experience, address, H&W phone, email to Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst. Randy Lamm **_Note:** Trip postponed (see "What's new")

Mar 15 Tue SMS _Monthly Meeting: Entertaining slide program by Rich Henke described below. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium (4730 Crystal Springs Dr. in Griffith Park). **__Rich Henke: BAFFIN ISLAND TRAVERSE**_In July of 2002, Rich Henke and Rena Tishman joined a group of friends for a 12-day, 60-mile backpack across

Baffin Island. Located above the Arctic Circle and just to the west of Greenland, Baffin Island contains polar bears, 24 hours of daylight, and incomparable scenery. Mt Asgard, with its unique truncated shape, is one of the most distinctive mountains that exists. Mt Thor, where the top of a 3800-foot high cliff overhangs the base by 200 feet, is said to be the highest single vertical wall in the world. Twelve days is a long backpack trip when clothing and equipment have to be sufficient for extreme weather conditions. Rich's slideshow will show the beauty of this remote area and also explain that is not too difficult to plan and experience a similar trip. In the spring, this route becomes one of the World's great skitours.

April 2-8 Sat-Fri SMS _T/C: Wapta Ski Traverse: Ski the Canadian Rockies answer to the Haute Route. Guided hut to hut ski traverse across the Wapta Icefield, staying at the following huts: Peyto Lake-Bow-Balfour-Scott Duncan. Chance to climb peaks along the way. Guiding cost \$800 US. Fly to Calgary, pre-trip meeting in Canmore, drive to trailhead. Advanced backcountry ski skills required. 25% deposit due by end of Nov. Send experience, address, H&W phone, email to Ldr: Jonathan Meagher. Asst: Reiner Stenzel

Apr 16-17 Sat-Sun LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, Ski Mountaineers _M/ER: Sierra Snow Checkoff: Demonstrate your skills to receive an M or E snow checkoff or sharpen snow climbing skills. Restricted to Sierra Club members with prior ice axe, crampon, rope training /experience. Email or send 2 case, SC#, resume of snow climbing/training, H&W phones to Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Asst: Randall Danta

Apr 19 Tue SMS _Monthly Meeting: Entertaining slide program by Marcus Libkind described below. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium (4730 Crystal Springs Dr. in Griffith Park). **__Marcus Libkind: SKIING IN THE SHADOW OF THE GREAT ONE**_Marcus Libkind will first give a 10 minute presentation on Snowlands Network which is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote opportunities for quality, human powered winter recreation and to protect winter wildlands. The main presentation (about 1 hour) will be about skiing in the *Shadow of the Great One*. Join Marcus Libkind as he takes us

on a trip to one of the worlds most spectacular places, the *Ruth Amphitheater* in Alaskas Denali National Park. With 20,320-foot *Mt. McKinley* towering above, we will explore *The Great Gorge*, ski beneath the vertical granite walls of *Mt. Dickey* and the *Moose Tooth*, ski by gaping crevasses and witness the power of thundering avalanches. His adventure will conclude with a crossing of 12,000-foot *Ruth Gap*, which separates the Ruth and Kahilta glaciers.

Apr 23-24 Sat-Sun SMS _TI: Ski Mountaineers Peak (13,323): Our goal is to ski from the high point of Thompson Ridge down its long east slope. Sat hike and ski from below South Lake to Treasure Lakes snow camp, 1200 gain, 3 mi. Sat afternoon ski near by slopes below the Sierra Crest. Sun tour to Ski Mtneers Peak, 2900 gain, 4 mi rt, and then pack out. Requires intermediate or better bc skiing and snow camping experience. Send past experience, phone, email, ride share info to Ldr: Leslie Hofherr. Asst: Mark Goebel

Apr 30 Sat SMS _TI: Eastern Sierra Day ski tour/Introductory trip: Climb and ski Kearsage Pass, 7 mrt, 2500' gain. Intermediate backcountry skiing skills, skins, metal-edged skis required. Newcomers to SMS welcome. Optional car-camp Sat night. Combine with Eastern Sierra Day Ski tour scheduled May 1. Send experience, H&W phone, email, carpool info to Ldr: Jan St. Amand. Asst: Leader: Tom Marsh

Apr 30-May 1 Sat -Sun LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, Ski Mountaineers _M/ER: Sierra Snow Checkoff: For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. Practice available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted to SC mbrs with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, 2 SASE or email, H&W phones to Ldr: Nile Sorenson. Assts: Doug Mantle, Duane Mrcruer

May 1 Sun SMS _TI: Eastern Sierra Day ski tour/Introductory trip: Enjoy intermediate ski tour up Robinson Basin to Robinson Lake for lunch and ski back. 5mrt, 2000' gain. Intermediate backcountry skiing skills, skins, metal-edged skis required. Newcomers to SMS welcome. Send experience, H&W phones, email, carpool info to Ldr: Lorene Samoska. Asst: Tom Marsh.

May 2-8 Sat-Fri Ski Mountaineers, Sierra Peaks _TI: Onion-Boose Trip: Join this Sierra Crest ski tour from Onion Valley to Taboose Pass. Ski and climb by day, followed by happy hour in camp. Hi route goes via Kearsarge Pass, Dragon/Rae Lks, Baxter Lks, Twin Lks, Pinchot Pass, Lke Marjorie and Taboose Pass for a short car shuttle back to Onion. On the way there are optional ski ascents of such class 2 peaks as Gould, Baxter, Acrodetes, Cedric Wright, Crater, Wynne, Pinchot, Striped. Need advanced backcountry skiing skills, proper ski and snow camping experience, bring good food and the right spirits. Must have skied/climbed with the SMS/Ldrs before the trip. Extended ski pack touring experience req. Trip subject to modifications depending on snow and weather. Send experience, address, H&W phone, email to Ldr: Tom Marsh. Asst: Reiner Stenzel

May 7-8 Sat-Sun Ski Mountaineers _TI: Mt Gibbs and Gaylor/False White: Ski Mt Gibbs and Gaylor/False White with car camping or snow camping in the Dana meadows. Send experience, address, H&W phone, email to Ldr: Jonathan Meagher. Asst: Leslie Hofherr

May 15 Sun Sierra Peaks, Ski Mountaineers _MR: Mt. Morrison (3748m): A day climb and ski tour of this peak near Mammoth Lks. Hike x-c to the hanging valley east of Mt. Morrison and climb frozen snow slopes in the am. Return by glissading or skiing soft pm snow before returning to cars. 6 mi rt, 4,580 ft gain. . Restricted trip, ice axe and crampon exp required for climbers and skiers must have advanced skiing skills, metal edged skis, climbing skins, avy beacon, and shovel. Can be combined with the Bloody Mtn. climb and ski tour on Sat, May 14 Send experience, address, H&W phone, email to Ldr: RJ Secor. Asst: Asher Waxman

May 21-22 Sat-Sun SMS _TI: Basin Couloir: Base Camp in the Buttermilks. Day tours to ski Basin Couloir and the slopes of the Bishop Bowl. For strong, well conditioned skiers with metal edged skis, skins, beacons and shovels. Send experience, address, H&W phone, email to Ldr: Randy Lamm. Asst: Reiner Stenzel

May 17 Tue SMS _Monthly Meeting: Entertaining slide programs featuring equipment, safety and outings. Newcomers

welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station.

**May 28-31 Sat-Mon Ski Mountaineers, Sierra Peaks _TI:
Mineral King Base Camp:** Depending on road opening, drive/ski from Silver City to basecamp near Mineral King. Then do day tours to nearby peaks and passes. Experience in backcountry skiing and climbing required. Bring metal edged skis with climbing skins, ski crampons, avy beacon, shovel, and snow camping gear. Experienced SPS snowshoers welcome. Send experience, address, H&W phone to Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst: Randy Lamm

**Jun 23-26 Thur-Sun Sierra Peaks, Ski Mountaineers _MR:
Miter (12,770'), Major General (12,400') and McAdie (13,680'):** Do the three M's out of Rock Creek. We explore new routes and non-listed peaks. From Cottonwood Lks trailhead via New Army Pass to basecamp in Rock Creek. Must be comfortable on high cl 3 rock and proficient with ice axe and crampons. Send e-mail or SASE with experience and conditioning, SC#, phone #'s, \$5 permit fee to Leader: REINER STENZEL Asst Ldrs: ASHER WAXMAN, MARK GOEBEL

**Jul 22-31 Fri-Sun Sierra Peaks, Ski Mountaineers _MR:
Goddard Creek Area:** Hike in via Crown Valley and Blue Cyn from near Wishon Reservoir. Do Tunemah, Finger, Reinstein. Visit Goddard Creek, explore this infrequently visited area. Explore many lakes and unnamed peaks. Opportunity for Scylla, Goddard, various unknown peaks via atypical routes. Back via Blackcap Basin in circle route. Many miles, much hiking x-c with backpack, probable class 3+ on routes. E-mail conditioning and experience, SC#, H&W phone to Ldr: RON HUDSON, Co-Ldrs: REINER STENZEL, PATTY RAMBERT

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