

**FROM CLUB PRESIDENT Barry Murdoch:**

Here we are approaching the end of yet another hiking season. And, as usual, we are indebted to those club members who have contributed something special. Noteworthy among those, recently, are Jim Perkins and Hikemaster Bob Kotz. Over the past year Jim has put in literally hundreds of hours working on creating a web page. [www.geocities.com/greenvalleyhikingclub/](http://www.geocities.com/greenvalleyhikingclub/) is still a work in progress, but members looking for hike info can already benefit from it. Bob has put in long hours on an overall updating of much of the written material for our 250 hike inventory. These writeups are used by Leaders when they are assigned hikes to lead.

Thanks to Mary Ellen Lesko and Phil and Kaye Gray for their outstanding job of keeping the weekly hike records current.

And a special thanks to Helen Zaukas, keeper of membership and orientation lists and producer of the annual Directory. Her contributions have come in a steady flow not just for a season or two but for years. Truly a remarkable volunteer.

Again, thanks to everyone for helping to keep the Hiking Club a grouping of some of the nicest people in Green Valley.

The Long Range Planning Committee, consisting of Bob Lund, John Fanning, Helen Zaukas and VP Carolyn Bird, have met several times to consider concerns that may affect the Club in the future.

Club Bylaws and Policy Manual copies are available from the Club Secretary.

All is well with the Hiking Club treasury. During the 2000 calendar year income exceeded expenses by about \$300. Printing is the largest expense, followed by Patches expense, meetings and potlucks, first aid kit supplies, orientation sessions etc. The Club paid about \$1000 for the special Trail Maintenance project of new trail signs in Madera Canyon.

Recently, the Records/Computer Support Team spent extra hours tracking inaccurate or incomplete sign-ins...and abuses. A review of Hiker eligibility is in order.

**"GUESTS"** must live at least 20 miles from Green Valley. Houseguests sign under their host's names, use the Member's GVR#, and write "Guest" in the last column. **THE HOST MUST BE ON THE SAME HIKE AS THE GUEST.** Guests must observe all the rules and regulations applied to Members, including wearing appropriate footwear, hiking boots.

**RENTERS** must have GVR Tenant Cards. If you are staying in non-GVR property, you may not hike with us.

**FIRST-TIME HIKERS** must complete Orientation before they join us on the trails. First hike must be a "C"

Use the far right column on the sign-in sheet to indicate first hike, new GVR#, Guest, etc.

Orientation may be attended again, but the two trial hikes (AFTER O & R) apply only once.

Don't GUESS your GVR#. Write it on tape on the back of your nametag or someplace easily accessible.

**FROM HIKEMASTER Bob Kotz:**

Some of you may find these numbers interesting. We have approximately 250 different hikes in our hike book. These hikes utilize 20 different mountain ranges. We have a roster of 35 active leaders. In the last year; March 1, '00, to February 28, '01; we ran 272 hikes. When we totaled the number of Hikers on those 272 hikes the result was 5,680.

Our membership numbers are cyclical. Let me try to explain, using this year and last year as an example. At the end of 2000 our membership stood at 548. At the start of 2001 our membership numbers had dropped. This drop resulted because many Year 2000 members had not yet returned and paid their 2001 dues. As these members return and renew their memberships, and new members join, the current membership numbers continue to increase through the year. As of this writing our membership stands at 457.

A few statistics: February 28, 1998 – 364 members. February 28, 1999 – 436 members. February 2000 – 468 members.

Maintenance on the paved trails in Madera Canyon was performed on December 19, 2000. Leaf litter was blown from the trails and sand was removed from areas subject to washing. This effort was continued up in the canyon as far as the Amphitheater. Along the upper loop several barriers were created to discourage shortcutting. Eight members and one non-member contributed 54 man hours to the projects. Led by Asa Chamberlain, Trail Maintenance Chairman, the volunteers were Gerry Davis, Carol and Joe Faust, Bill Hinkelman, Gerry Kontz, Barbro Loud, Chuck McClellan, and non-member Lary Lopez.

A handsome sign (made by Jim Moore) in the Lobby directed people to the second Used Equipment Sale at the February potluck. Chairpersons Barb Wuehrmann and Jim Palazzolo were assisted by Jeanette and George Blank, Phyllis and Dan Camp, Fred Keller, Marcia and Bill Mitchell, and Kay and Bill Perry. Good quality items for sale (and some for free) were available.

Hiking Club members are very generous about volunteering time for working on club projects – trail maintenance, potluck suppers, etc. ... so many volunteers for each project that not everyone who volunteered can be asked to help. Please do not be discouraged if you weren't called! All volunteers are greatly appreciated.

**ORIENTATION:** Change of location because East Center will be closed April 1 – October 1. Sessions will be at Casa Paloma 1 Recreation Center. It is located north of the Community Church. Take LaCanada north past Esperanza Blvd. Barely .3 mile turn west into Casa Paloma 1, follow the street until you reach the Center on the left. Sessions begin promptly at 8 a.m. on scheduled Mondays. For further information please contact John Fanning, 625-2054.

Club Logos on Clothing: Discount Embroidery, 3504 E. Grant

## JUST RECEIVED THAT 50 MILE OR 500 MILE PATCH?

The Club keeps records of all hikes and Hiker activities. These records begin with the registration form filled out at Orientation. After the first hike the Hiker's name and GVR number (ID for the hike Club) are entered into the permanent records, which now include close to 2500 Hikers (all but about 900 are archived.) The records, computerized, utilizing an EXCEL program, include orientation date, first hike, most recent hike, total hikes, awards earned, number of hikes needed to earn next award, dues, etc. Several Club members take turns entering the information needed to keep the database current. The source for this information: the hike sheets each Hiker signs on Thursday mornings. Illegible names or wrong GVR numbers not only slow up the process but also may result in loss of credit for the hike. The sign-in sheets are checked by the Hikemaster, and the Records Chairperson checks for first-time Hikers, awards given and so on. Hike and awards reports are generated and turned over to Records. Other reports are forwarded to Orientation and Membership Chairpeople.

With the motto "Safe and Enjoyable Hiking," the rules of the Club have evolved over the years for good reasons. Please don't try to change the rules. Our policy of the first hike with our Club being a "C" is for good reason, no matter how experienced a newcomer to our Club may be. We are a GVR organization and abide by their rules. Use your property's GVR number.

Anna Marie and Joe Pata cochaired the February 18 Potluck. 227 signed in – 30 no-shows. Committee members Bill and Betty Short, Pat and Don Mahan, Karen and Jack Sharrock, Bonnie and Bill Becker, Judith LeClaire and Gary Hultzman decorated the tables beautifully in red, white and blue with the theme of the day "Honoring Hiking Club Presidents, past and present." Milt Foster, Carolyn Bird, and Phil Gray put on an "Email" skit thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was followed by the Hiker Line Dancers – Lee Haartz, Dottie Babcock, Joan Adams, Shelton Howland, Helga Hoffman, Virginia Siebers, Nanette Kimberly, Marilyn Schneider, and Shari Ezyk.

The Spring potluck will be held April 22. Cochairs Ace and Amelia Chamberlain will begin Sign Up April 5. Guests are invited.

**DUES:** Past due AFTER January 1 each year. A new application is filled out each year and returned with your CHECK (no cash) to the post office address shown on the form.

Wally Morrell was number three to receive the 4000 mile award.

A number of Leaders voluntarily took the CPR half-day refresher course.

At the Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 27, 8 a.m., Desert Hills, three Candidates for the Board will be elected. Voting for amendments to the By Laws – Article V, Section 6 (E), Article V, Section 3 TERM OF OFFICE, Article V, Section 4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. See the March bulletin. Members who have participated in four or more regularly scheduled hikes during the 12 months immediately preceding the annual meeting are eligible to vote.

Unless there is some reason you can't, it is only fair to other Hikers to take a turn driving to the trailhead. Thanks go to all the willing Drivers, and especially to those with high clearance vehicles. We'd miss a lot of interesting hikes if we had no way to access those "less than desirable" back roads!

Did you know that Hike Leaders carry in their packs Permits to hike on State Trust Land? By accepting this permit our Club agrees to a number of terms a few of which read "shall not remove any natural products from State land, including rocks, fossils, mineral specimens, stone, soil, firewood, cacti, saguaro skeletons, cholla skeletons, plants or plant material, either alive or dead. Under no circumstances shall prehistoric or historic archaeological sites or artifacts be disturbed or removed.

Atascosa Lookout Restoration Update: After five years and delays not of our Club's doing, one more workday should see the project finished.

The Arizona Trails Work Detail Hikes scheduled for once a month have been postponed at the request of the Forest Service. The trail has to be rerouted.

## REMINDERS:

1. **SIGNING IN:** Sign only for yourself. Write name and legal GVR# legibly, please.
2. **SWING YOUR STICK IF YOU MUST,** Up and Down, not back and forth.
3. **ALLOW SIX TO EIGHT FEET** between you and the Hiker in front of you.
4. **DRINK WATER.** Every time the group stops.
5. **KEEP THE SIGN-IN SHEET BY THE LEADER.** How can the Leader keep track of who is signing in, and you might miss Handouts in the back of the car.
6. **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR DRIVER...** he may leave early.

## SOME THINGS JUST NEVER CHANGE:



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