



SPRING 2003 MESSAGE FROM PHIL GRAY, PRESIDENT:

Thanks to all of you who showed up for the March Annual Meeting. The last regular Board meeting for this year's board members will be April 22. The first meeting for the new Board will be held May 6, at which time new officers will be elected and heads of committees appointed.

My thanks to all of you for your support during this past year. It has been a privilege to work with the Board, Leaders, and Hikers; the nicest group of people in Green Valley.

The number of hikers on Thursdays has continued above the average for last year. Since the first of the year Bob Kotz has received his 2000 mi. patch, Anna Gebhardt – 2500, Mert Urness 3000, Freddie Carter and Helen Zaukas – 3500, and Margaret Bieber- 4000, representing over 18,000 miles of hiking, and this doesn't include the many patches for awards less than 2000!

COMPUTER ACTIVITIES HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY important in the Club. There are three main divisions in the computer related activities. One is Hike Record keeping. Weekly recording of hikes taken by members is currently being done by Phil and Kaye Gray and George Chute. Mary Ellen Lesko has helped and occasionally Barry Murdoch assists. Two is O&R and Membership. Helen Zaukas maintains the files. The membership file is now 14 years old. The O&R file is from the time of its inception in 1993. Over 2100 people have attended O&R since '93.

Three – The Bulletins and Website. Jim Perkins did all of the original website design. Recently work has been expanded and maintained by Ron Barry. Ron handles the hike writeup file, and he and Hikemaster Dick Paige produce the bulletins.

ADD TO YOUR COMPUTER ADDRESS BOOK

<http://gvrhc.org>

The Hiking Club website has all kinds of information. Bulletins, Membership applications, Club Policy, etc. and now the PAST LEADERS' HALL OF FAME with pictures and brief bios of past Leaders who have resigned. Ron Barry designed it. Phil Gray, Lillian Monson, and Dick Paige worked on gathering information and pictures.

THE 2002 PATCH AWARD SUMMARY indicated 136 patches were awarded. 65 received the 50 mi., 25 received the 250 mi., 18 the 500 mi., 16 – 1000, 4 – 1500, 1 – 2000, 1 – 2500, 3 – 3000, 1 – 3500, 0 – 4000, 2 – 4500. Lee Huey keeps track of this and makes sure patches are given to the Leaders for the awards.

ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION: In 2002 – 165 attended. 62% (103) did a first hike. 34% (56) joined. From January 1, 2003, to February 28, 80 had attended. 43% went on a first hike, 30% (24) became '03 members.

CLOTHING LOGOS: DISCOUNT EMBROIDERY, 3504 E. GRANT, TUCSON
CLUB T SHIRTS: CREATIVE COYOTE SHOP, TUBAC

REPORT FROM DICK PAIGE, HIKEMASTER:

The number of hikers each week followed the usual pattern. In 2001 the overall number was 5191, in 2002 – 5200. Even with National Forest closure limiting hiking, our numbers were slightly ahead of last year. 2003 YTD is up 16.1% over 2002 during January and February. The inventory of hikes continues to expand: 116 A hikes, 88 B hikes, 94 C hikes, and 7 D hikes – a total of 305 hikes encompassing 233 different ranges.

With the maximum number of Hikers limited to 25 or less on hikes, more hikes per Thursday have been required. On a few occasions during January and February some hikes were allowed to exceed that number because so many hikers were out.

In February a new classification, "D" hikes, was introduced. No credit is given to what have so far been birding hikes and archeological hikes.

The resignation of four Leaders – Bob Lund, Wally Morrell, Tom Thompson, and Pat Caves – left a wide gap in active leaders. Seven new Leaders-in-Training were selected. After completing training, Bill Becker, Sally Boysen, George Chute, Marlys Johnson, Joe MacIsaac, Karen McBride, and Frank Surplus began leading hikes in February and March.

"Thanks to all of the Leaders and Assistant Leaders for making my job much easier. The professionalism in which they do their job is outstanding. Also I would like to thank all the members who have given me their support and kind words over the past year. It is greatly appreciated."

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 18, Ruth Wenberg and Nominating Committee members Vicki Mattox and Bob Kotz presented Judith LeClair, Lee Kuiken, and Joe MacIsaac who were elected to serve on the Board for three years. Outgoing members Florence Gado, Tad Bird, Dan Schroeder, and Ace Chamberlain (5 yrs.) will be missed. When Jack Hummel resigned Jan Dalen was appointed to fill out his term.

Members in attendance voted to approve an addition to the by-laws creating an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Hikemaster. This committee will act in the Board's behalf on occasions when many Board members are absent, e.g., during the summer months. A report of any of the meetings and expenditures up to \$500 will be submitted and be subject to ratification by the Board as soon as possible. This will be submitted to GVR for approval.

VOLUNTEER CHAIR AND LIBRARIAN, TOM JOHNSON, Reports that interest for helping in the Club is outstanding as recorded on membership forms. Computer skills – 85, Potlucks-175, Memorial Day Flag volunteers 41, Trail Maintenance 233. 60 HCV's.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: Membership forms are reviewed for potential volunteer interest with the club. IF two people use ONE membership form, please indicate whether one or two people are volunteering for each specific area. "HCV" means the number of vehicles, NOT the number of drivers.

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IN MEMORIUM
Wally Morrell, Hike Leader
Candy Stock, wife of Hiker George Stock

wally

Putting one foot after the other foot after the other one foot after----dispensing as he goes wit wisdom facts nonfacts history nonhistory outlandish history outrageous history never missing a beat but above all laughs teasing the unteasable cheering the uncheerable always knowing where the trail goes not too subtly letting you know that you don't know where the hell you're going when you're off the trail magisterially directing bushwhacks made in hell infuriatingly knowing where he's going when you're sure he's lost wishing he was lost praying he was lost betting he was lost but damned if he didn't know all along just where he was going allocating wondrous new botanical and ornithological names to unsuspecting plants and birds concubines phenobarbitals painted red harlots how does he keep coming up with them and the stories ribald piebald they ought to be blackballed but i'm glad they aren't they make me forget the toughest climbs the rockiest off-trail descents my aching feet sweating brow creaking joints fabulously cantankerous antirancorous irrepressible irreplaceable irreproducible irresponsible irrevocable irreversible irresistible----wally
milt foster

FOREST SERVICE PERSONNEL HAVE ASKED US not to touch or hang around any drugs or suspicious looking packages which Hikers may happen to encounter out on the trail. If you do find something and have a GPS, take a waypoint and immediately leave the area. Report it to the Hikemaster who has the Forest Service contact numbers to call.

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN FLORENCE GADO reported that the Nov. 3, 2002 potluck, chaired by Seija Suter and Patty Greiman, was attended by 156 members and guests. Tom DiMaggio of Purple Mt. Packers gave a slide show of his hiking tours where he uses goats. Martha McMahon and Sue Walsh chaired the February 2, 2003, event with about 250 people enjoying David Yetman of "The Desert Speaks." Barb Schild and Carol Wilhens are in charge April 6. Green Valley Squares will entertain the group. Many thanks to all for offering their services. 12-16 people helping at each event, make the potlucks so successful.

3003 Club Directories are available from Leaders on Thursdays. A number of years ago when Helen Zaukas decided the club should have a directory, it wasn't included in the budget so there was a charge. Now your dues pays for them. Thanks, Helen, for doing the Directory year after year.

A year ago the Club created the position of Librarian to maintain the resource material for the Club. Until then the Assistant Hikemaster took care of the information along with other duties. A new file numbering system was established for general hike information material, and a complete index of all material was provided to the hike leaders. Currently 85 folders contain about 270 documents. In time much of this will be in the "Club Library Website" accessible to the leaders and club members.

Trail Tales published biannually. Lillian Monson, Editor

TREASURER DAN SCHROEDER: In addition to regular expenses of copying costs, patches, website, and supplies, other expenses for the year were for "up-to-date" software to handle all Club records, CPR training for Leaders, and a Leader Breakfast in 2002. Club finances are in good shape as confirmed by auditor D. D. Brockhaus, C. P. A. Retired.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR DORIS GERGANOFF: As of March 18, 2003, paid members numbered 451. Of these there were 380 renewals and 62 new members. Last year at the same time there were 449 members.

Commonly asked questions concerning Membership:

Is a Receipt given? NO. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Are Members notified each year about paying dues? NO.

Dues are ALWAYS due BY January 1 each year.

A NEW Membership form is filled out EVERY YEAR for your updated information, and for your signature on the Waiver on the back of the form.

Dues are payable anytime after November 1. Forms are available from Leaders on hike days and may be printed from the Club Website.

IF YOU ARE A RETURNING MEMBER AND HAVE NOT PAID THE CURRENT DUES: You are to join again before hiking.

Forms and checks are to be MAILED to the address on the Membership form.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE HIKING CLUB NOTICES VIA EMAIL, list your email address exactly as your server records it. If you are not interested in receiving the notices please don't list your email address. If your Email address changes anytime during the year, please send your new address to gvhcmal@yahoo.com This is important for you to do.

The MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM has been very well accepted. Please add your Tetanus shot information if possible. If you haven't received a form and plastic holder, contact Doris Gerganoff. (She is the gal with the basket over her arm during the sign-ins on Thursdays.)

TRAIL MAINTENANCE CHAIR ACE CHAMBERLAIN reported that the past year has been quiet. Directional signs at the Amphitheatre were upgraded. Vandalized wooden signs were replaced with metal signs set in concrete.

Define normal trail trash as opposed to artifacts. Then read the following agreement our Club accepted for permission 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." Hikers leave everything as it is found. Some of it is "old trash from MANY years ago" and is to be left where it is. "Carry out" trash means recent cans, beer bottles, torn plastic bags, etc. Taking any of the things mentioned in the agreement could cause a loss of hiking places. And sometimes it can cause a Leader to make a return trip to the area to return items that were carried off. IF YOU HIKE WITH THE GVR HIKING CLUB PLEASE OBSERVE THIS RULE.

Notify the Records Chairman if your GVR number changes.