



# TRAIL TALES

HIKING CLUB

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT. . .

My goal as Club President for this year was to improve our working relationships with The Friends of Madera Canyon (FOMC) and the Forest Service with regard to getting our Trail Maintenance activities reinitiated. This past summer we secured a position on the FOMC Board of Directors dedicated to our Hiking Club Representative in order to facilitate communication and cooperation between the two organizations. The Board has assigned this responsibility to our Vice President position and I'm happy to report that Patty Greimann has been most effective in building a strong partnership with FOMC on behalf of the Hiking Club.

Our efforts with the Forest Service, albeit more challenging & somewhat frustrating, have also shown progress. Our Board supported the proposal to divide our Trail Maintenance efforts into three categories and purchase the necessary safety materials for our volunteers. Safety & trail maintenance training was conducted by FS personnel on February 10th for the Upper Trails with Co-Coordinator Jim Jordan & Ken Sink. Safety & trail maintenance training by FS personnel is scheduled for April 2nd for the Madera Canyon Recreation Area with Coordinator Frank Surplus. The third aspect of our Trail Maintenance efforts is trail area clean-up projects with Coordinator Richard Calabro. With a team of willing volunteers they have already represented our Club well by most recently tackling clean up in an area of the Cienega Creek Preserve for which the Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation has expressed their appreciation. Please make yourself known to Jim, Ken, Frank, or Richard if you can volunteer to help on the trails from which we all derive so much pleasure.

Thank you to all our many volunteers who have worked toward continuing the tradition of safe and enjoyable hiking throughout Southern Arizona for members of the Green Valley Recreation Hiking Club.

On behalf of the Hiking Club Board and all our members, I thank you for representing our Club so well with your clean-up day at the Cienega Creek Preserve. We are proud of your volunteer efforts to collect 50-60 bags of "litter". You have set an example for all of us! For all who will visit the Preserve and find the conditions improved because of you, our gratitude!

*Judith LeClair, President*

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## GVR HIKING CLUB MEMBERSHIP as of March 24, 2005. . . .

Current Membership is 446. 66 are new members.

Membership for 2004 was 484.

*Doris Gerganoff, membership*

TREASURERS REPORT: The club's financial records & reported results for fiscal year 2004 were recently audited & approved

*Joe MacIssac, Treasurer*

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**A DUES REMINDER:** Dues must be paid by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> each year & may be paid anytime after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> the previous year. Dues forms may be downloaded from the website.

## Saluting two long time Hike Leaders. . .

### Winnie Kruper. . .

Winnie Shafer and her husband spent the month of December 1988, in their Villa on South La Canada. After her husband's death in February 1989, Winnie decided there was no better place to live than in Green Valley. The following August with her car loaded to capacity she headed West from Ohio, joining the Hiking Club the next week after arriving in Green Valley.

The 1991 Hikemaster Frank Jappel asked Winnie to be a leader. Winnie led her first hike on the Madera Canyon Nature Trail December 26, 1991.

Appointed to fill a Hiking Club Board vacancy in 1992, Winnie served as Secretary and Social Chair during this tenure. Ted Haartz chose her to be his Assistant Hikemaster during 1997/98. She served on the Board as Hikemaster in 1998/99 and as Membership Chair for the years 1999/2001.

July 2, 1993, Winnie and Don Kruper were married, one of the Hiking Club Romances.

Hikemaster Peggy Smith reluctantly accepted Winnie's resignation as a Leader in January 2005.

### Andy Juhasz. . .

Who is that fellow in jacket and hat, always napping at noontime? You'll be surprised! It's Andy Juhasz from Michigan. Andy enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1940, he stayed until he retired in 1969. A pilot for 27 years, he logged 7634 hours in B47s, B52s, T39s, plus 2035 hours in jet aircraft. You might check out Hanger 4 at the Pima Air Museum, on the right side where the 315<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing is pictured. Look for Andy and his crew. They flew all those missions with no heat in the planes – no wonder he is still trying to warm up with jacket and hat on every hike!

Among many postings were Base Commander in Guam, Utah (where his first child was born in 1948), four years in Morocco, and finally at Wright/Patterson Field in Ohio where he retired.

Andy and his wife Beverly first became acquainted with southern Arizona in 1967 while stationed at Wright/Patterson, Andy was sent to Davis/Manthan Air Force Base in Tucson for six months to straighten out a big problem in the storage site.

During the three winters Andy and Beverly spent in Green Valley as snowbirds Andy began hiking with the club. Andy likes hiking because it is relaxing, enjoyable, and not competitive.

After Bob Lund, then Hikemaster, tapped him to be a leader, he led his first hike to Seven Falls February 2, 1990. He and Tracy Ackerman scouted out many new hikes. Lodestar Mine Hike, is a favorite hike Andy led many times. In 2002, the 86 year-old Andy was honored when a hike, "Andy's Overlook," was named for him!

He retired from Leading, but not from hiking in February.

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## ANZA TRAIL. . .

Last October the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona hosted a seven-day event to celebrate the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. Through the efforts of Ken Fleshman and Vickie Matdox, who served as coordinators for the our Hike Club, 56 of our members hiked on various segments of the trail. Six hike club members, Thomas Davies, Lee Huey, Andy Koster, John Koster, Bob Porterfield and Cyndi Summers completed the 75-mile Anza Trail from Nogales to Tucson.

## RULES TO HIKE BY...

1. Definition – a New Member is someone who has never belonged to the club before.
2. A person who may become a new member has two perks that can be used only once. First, that person can hike twice without having to join the club and pay dues. Second, that person can join the club in November or December and receive membership privileges through the following calendar year.
3. Definition – a guest is a person whose principal residence is 20 miles or more from Green Valley and who does not have GVR membership.
4. Hikers, regardless of status, must wear hiking boots.
5. Hikers who are not guests must take Orientation before hiking with the club.
6. Definition – a continuing member is someone who is applying for an annual membership and who was a member in the year preceding that.
7. Definition – a returning member is someone who is applying for an annual membership and who had been a member sometime before the year preceding that.
8. A returning member, regardless of length of absence, does not get new member perks, except that Orientation is not required.
9. Dues are assessed for the calendar year, and are not prorated for a partial year.
10. A continuing member is in arrears for dues if not paid before his first hike in the new membership year.
11. A returning member is in arrears for dues if not paid before his first hike upon returning.
12. Hikers who are current members may sponsor guests provided that they accompany those guests on a hike (see 3. and 4. above).

## INCOMING HIKE MASTER. . .

I have completed one year of training as Assistant Hike Master and am about to become your Hike Master for the next year of hiking. I have learned a lot from Peggy and plan to continue with much of her methods of planning your hikes. With the Round-up parking open in Madera Canyon and hopefully, the complete re-opening of the Catalina Highway, we will have more high elevation hikes in the hot weather. I'm pleased to announce that Barry Murdock will be my Assistant Hike Master. He brings a lot of experience not only on the trail but also in the area of computer records. For those hikers who leave in the summer, have an enjoyable respite from the desert. We will be ready for you when you return in the fall. For those who stay, we will have a complete schedule of hikes for your enjoyment. I look forward to a safe year of hiking.

*Merle Batty, Assistant Hike Master*

## TAKE A BOW - VOLUNTEERS. . .

### Potluck - November 11, 2004. . .

Anne Alberts, Gayle Burkhart, Barbara Clark\*, Marilyn & Herb Geist, Doris Gerganoff\*, Sallye Huey\*, Martys Johnson, Cyndy Nickerson, Barbara Powell\*, Vee St. John, Diann Shively, Frank Surpress, Peggy Smith, Sue Walsh\*

### Potluck - February 13, 2005. . .

Jeanne Campbell, Marian Fjare, Flo Gado, Kaye & Phil Gray, Patty Greimann, Ferne Hampel, Pat Mahan, Wayne Mosier, Harriet Paral, Jean Ross, Margaret & Cyndi Summers

*\*Helped for both potlucks*

Our thanks & appreciation to Carol & Larry Lim and Winnie Kruper, this year's **Nominating Committee**. The proposed nominees - Jim Doherty, Bob Porterfield, & Nancy Chandler were elected March 16 and will replace retiring board members, Lee Huey, Doris Gerganoff and Tom Johnson in May.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Frank Jappel** - An active hiker, who served as Assistant Hikemaster, Hikemaster, President and board member for 2 terms, and trail maintenance officer.

**Joanne Bosma** - An avid hiker for ten years with the hiking club, who participated in trail maintenance.

## Orientation. . .

In 2004, 198 people interested in the hiking club took the required orientation...Of those, 52 joined in '04 and another 75 have joined since Jan. '05. The orientation gives folks the opportunity to know what they can expect of us and what we expect of them...We talk about equipment, what to bring such as water and snacks, and the process involved when signing up for a hike on a crowded, busy Thursday A.M....It has been a most successful introduction to the hiking club...The great committee who give up their time on Monday AMs at East Center are Phil Gray, Maryann Jordan, Barry Murdoch, Bob Porterfield, and Walt Prue...Many thanks to them....

*Lee Kuiken, Chair*

## GVR Hiking Club Logo. . .

**Discount Embroidery**, 3504 E. Grant St., Tucson, will machine embroider the club logo on an item of clothing that you bring to the store, i.e. sweatshirt, jacket, vest, etc. The cost is \$5 and the turn around is about 2 weeks.

**Creative Coyote**, in Tubac, has the hiking club design available, (\$4) for application, while you wait, on select colors of tee shirts or sweatshirts that can be purchased at this store.

## WHAT MAKES IT ALL HAPPEN ON THURSDAY. . .

It has been a glorious hiking year with weather that almost always cooperates and hikers well prepared by Orientation and eager to discover the wonders of southern Arizona.

Where would we be without these leaders who devote huge chunks of their time to assure great days of hiking for all of us? They commit far in advance and then scout their hikes--sometimes more than once because of changing conditions such as roaring streams or cows who thoughtlessly move our trails around. They commit their driving miles for the scout and the hike. They must love it or we would be out trying to convince pool monitors to lead hikes! Because they love the Hiking club as well as their leading jobs, most of them carry out other responsibilities as well. They help with pot luck dinners, keep records, manage our websites, plan and lead orientation sessions, serve on the Board, document our history and wrangle our growing library. Thank you, Leaders, for ALL you do!

How about the drivers? Where would we be? Home watching soaps is where. Even lost beats that!!! These drivers volunteer because they wish to get where our hikes are going and they are willing to take us along. Certainly it is not for the donation that really doesn't cover the gas, the risk or the inevitable car wash. Drivers, your passengers appreciate your generosity. Thank you!

What an amazing group of people—all of us—hiking buddies!

*Peggy Smith, Hikemaster*

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