



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

January, 1990

Time and Place: 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 1990, in the Montana Power Building at 1903 Russell Street in Missoula.

Program: Jack Tuholske, an outdoorsperson and photographer from Missoula, will present a slide show on three weeks of skiing and climbing that he did last June in the Wind River Range in Wyoming. Come check out this great mountain range - Jack's pictures should be outstanding.

TRIP CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14, Stewart Peak: Ski trip up Stewart Peak in the Rattlesnake Wilderness area. Moderately strenuous, suitable for intermediate backcountry skiers. Call Dan Weinstein at 549-6844 for details.

Sunday, January 21, Daly Peak: Ski trip up Daly Peak, which is northeast of Ovando in the South end of the Scapegoat area. Moderately strenuous exploratory trip; it looks like there should be some good telemarking up there, but we couldn't find it on our last trip because the visibility was only about ten feet. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for details.

Sunday, January 21, Wishard Ridge: Ski trip to Wishard Ridge and Sheep Mountain, which are northeast of Missoula. Good telemarking possibilities, moderately strenuous, suitable for beginning and intermediate backcountry skiers. Call Dan Weinstein at 549-6844 for details.

January 27-28, Homer Young Peak: Overnight ski trip up Homer Young Peak, which is located on the west side of the Big Hole Valley near Jackson. At 10,621 feet, this is the tallest peak in the section of the Bitterroots just south of Lost Trail Pass. The trip involves a fairly long trudge in on a road, and a straightforward climb up the east ridge. The trip could be done in a single day if the road is open or we can organize some snowmobile assistance. Call Peter Dayton at 728-8101 for details.

February 3-4, Little St. Joe Cabin: Overnight ski trip to the Club's picturesquely primitive cabin on Little St. Joe Peak in the Bitterroot Mountains. Good telemarking possibilities, moderately strenuous, suitable for beginning and intermediate backcountry skiers. Call Dan Weinstein at 549-6844 for details.

February, Eighteenmile Peak. Ski trip up Eighteenmile Peak (11,141 feet), which is located on the Montana-Idaho Border west of Lima, on a date to be arranged with those who are interested. We will probably drive down on Friday night and stay in Lima, climb the peak on Saturday, and do something more laid back, such as the Lima Peaks, on Sunday. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, if you are interested.

Late February, March, or April, Hyalite Ridge Trip: Multi-day ski trip down the Hyalite Ridge, a wide, undulating ridge which runs down the crest of the Hyalite Mountains between Bozeman and Gardiner. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, if you are interested.

TRIP REPORTS

Lolo Peak, December 16: On a bright, clear, and cold day, Carol Anderson, Beverly Chin, Peter Dayton, Bret Doucett, Barb Farrell, Art Gidel, Steve Niday, Dave Pengelly, and Martha Yale skied up to Lolo Peak. We approached the peak via Carlton Ridge, which is the ridge that you see from Missoula on the skyline to the left of Lolo Peak. At the saddle we dropped down to scenic Carlton Lake. While everybody else got in some telemarking on the open slopes above the lake, Art, Steve, Bret, Dave, and Peter skied up towards the top of Lolo. Art, Bret, Dave, and Peter dumped their skis at various points below the summit and hiked the rest of the way up to the top, but Steve, eager to test his brand new florescent-green skis, made it all the way to the top on his boards. In a magnificent display of machismo, he then skied all the way down the steep, rock-studded slope below the summit. When the snow became continuous, he was joined by Art, Dave, and Bret, and the group cut some excellent turns down the precipitous slope through difficult snow conditions. Your wimpy editor, however, trudged down to the saddle before clamping on his skis. - Peter Dayton

Warren Peak, Dec. 31-Jan. 1: Jenny Davis, Rick Murney, Steve Niday, and Dave Pengelly ventured into the Anaconda Pintlers over New Years. We entered from the north via Moose Lake, skiing up Carpp Creek into Carpp Lake Basin. The snow cover was marginal at best. According to Jenny, the highlight of the trips in and out was negotiating the stream/log crossings with full pack and skis. "It looked so easy after watching Steve," she said. We camped at Carpp Lake for New Year's Eve, and partied by passing around Rick's can of beer, Dave's brandy, and Steve's whiskey. After the party broke up at 6 p.m. we turned in for the year. On New Year's day Steve and Dave skied up to Warren Pass and then made a short climb on the northeast face of Warren Peak. Steve vowed to return in the summer. We headed out in the early afternoon and met up with Jenny and Rick who skied out that morning. Although the lack of snow was a detriment, overall this is a nice area for ski touring and or climbing. - Dave Pengelly.
[Dave, Steve, and several others climbed Warren via Porter Ridge and its southwest face last winter - Ed.]

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