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Summer Campers At Green Lakes

Summer Camp, originally scheduled for Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National Parks, was at Green Lakes instead. Twenty two persons attended during the two week period. Broken Top and the South Sister were climbed each week, and trips were made to Chambers Lakes, Kidney Lakes and Cayuse Cone. A lot of fishing was done on the side. The big lake, the middle one turned out to be a fine place for a rubber boat.

A list of climbers follows. The figure 1 indicates a climb of the South Sister the first week, 2 Broken Top the first week, 3 South Sister second week, 4 Broken Top second week. An asterisk indicates leading a climb:

Doris Sims 1*, 3
Frank Jones 1, 2*, 3, 4*
Helen Smith 1, 2
Jane Hilt 1, 2
Everett Ow 1, 2, 3, 4
Frances Newsom 1, 2
Jim Kezer 1
Daron Dierks 1
Bob Medill 2, 3, 4
Thelma Watson 2, 3
Ray Sims 3
Clarence Richmond 3
Florence Richmond 3
Art Landry 3

The Richmonds are Sierra Club members from Walnut Creek, Calif.; Art Landry is a member of the Seattle Mountaineers. His home is in Bremerton.

The second Broken Top climb was up the South Ridge. The North Ridge is the summit. Obsidians put a coffee can and book on the South Ridge, too, explaining it is not the summit. But several signers in the summit book had said they had climbed the South Ridge, not knowing it was not the summit.

This 30th annual summer camp was named Camp Sims, in honor of President Ray Sims and conforming to club custom.

Heavy Schedule Remains For the End of Summer

Summer isn't over yet. In some ways it may be said that everything so far has been build-up to the late August and the early September activity schedules.

The weekend of Aug. 23-24 two attempts on the North Sister will be made. Ray Sims will lead the "old-timers' climb" on Saturday, the 23rd. The group will go in to the Sunshine-Scott Camp area Friday, the 22nd, climb on Saturday, and come out on Sunday. It will be Ray's 30th climb of this mountain.

The regular climb, led by Tom Taylor, will be made on Sunday, with the group going in on Saturday afternoon.

Jefferson is on the schedule for the Labor Day Weekend. Lloyd Plaisted will lead that from Hunts' Cove. He scouted it a week or two ago, and reports it will be a dry climb with no snow. As leader, he reserved the right to reject anybody he is unsure of. He will insist that all Jefferson climbers have climbed at least one, and preferably two, major peaks in August, and that they be competent on rock. He prefers they have climbed Jack or Washington and that they have gone to climbing school. Crampons will not be required. But rope sling and the "10 essentials" will be.

Diamond Peak is on the schedule for the next weekend, with Broken Top scheduled the weekend after that, Sept. 13-14. Sept. 20-21 is open for any late season climbs the members ask for, or for re-scheduling any that are weathered out.

Trips late in the summer include Scott Mountain and Tenas Lakes Aug. 24 with the Weisers; the Devils Garden area over Labor Day with Kay Fahy and Dorothy Ruse; and the always popular Obsidian Loop on Sept. 7 with Nellie and Mac McWilliams.

Sign-up sheets are, or will be, at Hendershott's. Sign up early in the week.

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First and Last

The Husband, judging from the summit register, isn't the most climbed peak in Oregon. When the official Obsidian party opened the box August 3 they discovered that nobody had climbed the mountain since the Obsidian party of a year ago, on Sept. 15.

Making the climb were Lorena Shinn, the leader; Doris Shinn, Ron Green, Kayrin Hudson, Harrick Hudson, and Gene Renard.

Camping near Obsidian Camp, the group left at 6:30 a.m. and reached the top at 11 a.m. There were no casualties, save for Doris' feet which suffered blisters from her fancy new climbing boots.

East of the North

Nine Obsidians camped a mile from the end of the Green Lakes Trail Saturday, Aug. 19 and were up and on the trail to the south at 7:15 a.m. Sunday. Ray Harris led the party consisting of Betty Harris, Mildred Ball, Helen Hughes, Margaret Markley, Pat Stahl, Anna Pechanec, and Lorena and Doris Shinn.

Lunch at high noon was at one of the lower Chambers Lakes. The group traversed a number of ridges, seeing the upper Chambers Lakes and the camp sites of the "lost" climbers on last year's not-so-successful attempt on the North Sister. Screeing and glissading were tops. Ray went right to a fine lava bomb he had found a year ago. (It weighed 40 or 50 pounds.) At 6:15 the group was back in camp, eating a watermelon which had been cooling in the creek.

Ascent of the Middle
Almost a 'He' Climb

The princesses were billed to lead this year's ascent of the Middle. But only one showed up for the July 20 climb. That was Doris Sims, who was the only woman on the climb. She turned leadership over to Bob Frazier who took the lead with the understanding he'd get to be a Princess.

Making the climb from Camp Scott were the following members:

Bob Frazier, Frank Jones, Tom Bricher, Art Johnson, Kent Gill, Doris Sims, Ron Green, Bob Green, Joe Frazier, Jim Sims, and Doug Appel.

The following non-members went along:

Hollis Oxley, Jim Richardson, E.L. Harkness, Stan Darling, Jr., Mike Lutz, Don Tucker, Dennis Van Sant, John Dotson, Larry Ball and Lynn Endicott.

The 21 made a moderately fast climb — five hours, after tangling with an unexpectedly slick snow field. Summit was achieved at 10 a.m. Descent was fast, under two hours for some who took advantage of long snow fields and Renfrew Glacier for fast glissades, not all of them on the feet.

The peak was first climbed this year on June 22 by Hood River Crag Rats. Last to go up last year was a Gene L. Hebert, who climbed Sept. 22.

In the Obsidian party this year were 8 who had never climbed a mountain before. Also on hand were 12 teen-age boys who were interested in the teen-age Bend girls who were camped at Sunshine. Some of the boys visited Sunshine where the girls had made a pie, a real pie, and where one had a portable radio. Probably never before in the history of the Three Sisters region has there been a rock & roll session in front of Sunshine.

Sunday morning the girls reached the top of the mountain first. But they left an hour earlier, too.

It was a third of the Three Sisters for Jim Richardson.

Twelve Climb Southmost Of Our 'Ten Peaks'

August 10 saw 12 start and 12 finish the climb of Mt. McLoughlin, southernmost of the Oregon Cascade snow peaks. Weather was warm for the fast ascent. The group left camp at 6 a.m. and the first ones were on top at 10:15, with the last ones arriving half an hour later.

Making the climb, led by Jim Jeppesen, were Stan Darling, Jr., Bob Green, Tom Hawn, Helen Hughes, Elsie Dotson, Jim Dotson, Loy Lonberg, Bob Nicholson, Mary Callis, Dowell Callis, James Plymell.

Shasta and surrounding country were visible all day, although smoke and haze obscured visibility somewhat.

Dolores Jeppesen's Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jeppesen invite all Obsidian friends, and especially the Princesses, to the wedding of their daughter Dolores to Daniel Haddad, at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel at Central Presbyterian Church, at 15th and Ferry, September 28, and the reception following.

Rummage Sale Coming Up

Obsidian Princesses will sponsor a rummage sale September 27 at the rummage center, 31 West 7th Ave. Members are asked to collect their excess belongings and make them available. Call Nellie McWilliams, DI 5-1422 if you have anything to be picked up.

A Boy for the Banks

Jean and Walt Banks are parents of a son, Alan Lewis, born July 7. That's a fourth for them. Weight was 9 pounds, 5 ounces. They live in Fresno, California; address is 3697 North Sierra Vista, which is certainly a becoming address for Jean and Walt.

Princesses Will Meet

at Helen Hughes' home, September 15, 8 PM.

Mt. Washington Is Getting More Popular

When seven Obsidians climbed Mt. Washington August 17, they were far from alone on the peak that only 35 years ago was still regarded as unclimbable. Three other parties were there, too, bringing the total that day to 21. Because the Obsidian party was last up, it had to be last down, which meant a four-hour wait on the pinnacle.

Climbers, led by Mike Stahl, were Helen Hughes, Tom Ericher, Joe Frazier, Bob Frazier, Ron Green, and Alan Reid.

Also on the mountain that day were Jim Harrang, Jan Onsrud and J.G. Kaarhus who guided a group of Dominican Brothers to the top.

When the Obsidians signed the register about 10:30 that morning, the year's total on the summit reached 70. Last year, the register showed, 99 climbed it. And that is the mountain that was not climbed at all until 1923!

First climbers on the summit this year were Ray, Bob and Ron Snyder who signed but did not give addresses. Last party up in 1957 was a group of four from Reed College who climbed Nov. 9 and who noted that it looked like about the end of the climbing season.

A few days before the regular Obsidian party climbed, a smaller Obsidian group made the top. The book was signed by Ray Harris, leader; Betty Harris, assistant leader, and Pat Stahl, rear guard.

Going Our Way?

Jim Jeppesen has a supply of arrows for marking the way to Obsidian base camps. They are of medium weight cardboard and bear the name Obsidians. He has a supply of arrows pointing right and of arrows pointing left.

Sometimes, especially in crowded base camp areas, such as Diamond Lake, late arrivals have trouble finding the club camp. Leaders can get the arrows from Jim before a climb or trip.

Entertainment Schedule

August 27 - Wednesday -- There will be a Wiener Roast by Moonlight atop Spencer Butte - Meet on top at 7 P.M. -- Bring your own wieners and buns and stick to roast them on - Committee will furnish coffee and mustard, ketchup, etc. Follow signs.

Another potluck picnic will be held in September, with a hobo breakfast on the fire (no pun intended) for October. Details in September Bulletin.

(Note: A covered aluminum loaf pan was left at the Medill picnic - is it yours?)

Trip Called Off

The trip to Shevlin Park with Phil Brogan, scheduled for Sept. 13-14, has been called off, because Phil will be away on his vacation then. He has suggested October for the trip. The weekend of the 13-14 Obsidians will visit Honeyman Park on the coast instead. Some can camp overnight, others make a one-day trip of it.

An Overnighter

The Sept. 28 trip to Waldo Lake from Gold Lake will be an overnight trip for those wishing to do it this way. Mary Cavagnaro, leader, will lead a group in on Saturday afternoon. A Sunday leader will bring in those who want to make just a Sunday trip of it.

This may be a last chance for this trip for many of us. A road will go in this way in the near future.

Please Call Up

Bob Frazier has moved to 1342 Alder St. His telephone number at home is DI 5-6000 and most every night he sits by the phone hoping some Obsidian will call him up to report on a trip or to drop a squib for the bulletin.

If these reports are not made, the news just doesn't get into the paper. That's why there is no report this time on the July 27 climb of Thielsen. Hopefully, it will be covered in next month's bulletin.

Bob can also be reached at work, at DI 5-1551. Please call up.

New Trails

Travelers to the Sunshine Shelter and Obsidian Camp area have been pleased to note a great deal of trail building activity the past few weeks. Last year the trail from Frog to White Branch was relocated. This year a great deal of work has been done on the trail over the hump from White Branch to Camp Riley and Obsidian Camp. The hill stretch has been moved eastward. It is also understood that a lot of work has been done on the main Skyline Trail in the Linton Meadows area. East of the Sisters, the Green Lakes trail has been relocated on both ends, south from Pole Creek and north from the Sparks Lake area.

Leaving Soon

Obsidians in the next summer or two will have to get along without the company of two of the better young climbers, both of whom are going into the Air Force. Tom Bricher, who graduated from University of Portland this spring, leaves in December. Ron Green, who graduated from Eugene High, will go in sooner than that -- "after the climbing season," he says.

Back In Town

Alvin and Helen Lynch are back in town, after living for several years in Alaska, then last year in Hillsboro. They are living at 355 E. 19th, with their daughters Joanne and Betty. Alvin will be at the University this fall.

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