



Friday January 21 • General Meeting • Seaman's Lodge, Pioneer Park, Nevada City

Aspects of a Grecian spring

Archaeology project veteran June Rice will bring tales from her spring 2004 trip to Greece, sharing topics of particular interest to Sierra Club members. She'll describe the pre-Olympic restoration of the Parthenon, the Cycladic Islands, the environment and industry of Paros, ruins and wildflowers galore of Delos, geology, volcanic eruption, people, crops, weather and stunning beauty of Santorini, and history, environment, culture and yet more ruins of Crete.

June, a retired consultant for the California State Department of Education, is a grad of UC Berkeley in Anthropology and Geography. She has participated in archaeology projects in Ithaca, Greece (two years), Sardinia, Kazakstan, Belize (two years), Peru and in other projects in Morocco and Fiji.

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Clair Tappaan Lodge: history & future



In 1934, a hearty group of Sierra Club volunteers built Clair Tappaan Lodge as a rustic retreat for hikers, skiers, and mountain climbers. Nestled in a pocket of the mountains near Donner Summit at an elevation of 7000 feet, the lodge continues to be a great base for year-round recreation, and offers a variety of programs (see <http://ctl.sierraclub.org/>) that support sustainable practices and the Sierra Club's mission to "explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the Earth."

Peter Lehmkuhl, lodge manager, brings us slides, stories, and historical perspectives, and discusses the possible futures of Clair Tappaan Lodge, including a recent, alarming threat to sell the property. Since the lodge is in Nevada County, one of the three counties served by the SNG, and closely accessible via Hiway 80, SNGers can feel a particular responsibility toward it.

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Barbara Rivenes

Chair chat



Greetings and happy thoughts for the New Year! It looks as though 2005 is shaping up to be another interesting time in Nevada County.

Land use planning

Our last general meeting featured discussion of a proposed housing and mixed use development and its annexation into Grass Valley. There was a lot of interest in the Loma Rica presentation and

I hope that continues. The Sierra Nevada Group more than welcomes your input in these times of change and the shaping our community.

Support for general meetings

We do provide events of a little lesser magnitude almost each month—our general meetings at Seaman Lodge in Nevada City—good speakers, interesting topics.

We are struggling, however, to find a steady cadre of volunteers whose responsibility it is to help set-up and close down the meetings. One of the reasons we have reduced the number of traditional potlucks is because of the burden of set-up and clean-up on essentially the same volunteers year after year. Dessert only potlucks have been substituted and are less work, but are not quite as satisfactory.

Have you suggestions or ideas on re-organization? Will you volunteer to help? Please call me at 478-0117.

Election 2004

Votes have been counted (and recounted)! You've elected Gregg Olson, Peter Elias and Trudy Roegner to join continuing members, Charlie Chisholm and myself as our elected Management Team. I welcome them and thank them for throwing caution to the winds and their hats in the ring.

Gorgeous Sierra Club calendars

These are still available by calling Phyllis Porteous at 265-9041. The two calendars for sale are the large format Wilderness calendar and the smaller Engagement calendar. These sales do benefit the local Group and we thank Phyllis for her generous donation of time and energy to this endeavor.

Run Through The Colors was very special this year, its 13th year, because it was NOT clear and sunny. We had had steady rain the day before the event, yet every volunteer turned up bright and cheery early Sunday morning. All were a little apprehensive that

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we might not have participants (all that food, all those calendars, all that work), but runners and walkers are a hearty bunch! We did have a somewhat reduced numbers, but no rain and lots of fun as always. Check the SNG web page at <www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/sierranevada> for a slide show of the event .

The Thomas family, Richard, Theresa and Celia, contribute time and energy all year long to make this happen. We can't thank them enough for their dedication to our Group (it's our major fundraiser) and to the whole community for providing an event that brings us together with joy each year.

Thanks to these local businesses

Our thanks also go to the fine businesses who are so generous with their contributions in support of Run Through the Colors.

Please continue to support them and let them know you appreciate their support of the Sierra Nevada Group.

- **Albertson's**
- **Briarpatch**
- **Bubba's Bagels**
- **Cliff Bars**
- **Flour Garden**
- **Grocery Outlet**
- **Hollywood Sweets**
- **K-Mart**
- **Nevada Irrigation District**
- **Ralph's**
- **Raley's**
- **Rebecca's Muffins**
- **Safeway**
- **SPD**

Karen Cox

Conservation Report



Scotch Broom

A recent sunny Saturday morning found a group of local Sierra Club

members gathered just off Lake Vera Road to confront a large amount of unwanted Scotch Broom. We joined members of the local Audubon chapter on the 40 acre Burton property, owned by the Nevada County Land Trust. After a short welcome by Cheryl Belcher, of the Land Trust, we attacked the Scotch Broom. Even with a long break to discuss the previous evening's program on Loma Rica, we managed to accomplish a great deal. There is a certain satisfaction in observing very large piles of Scotch Broom transformed from vertical to horizontal.

I encourage you to join us on our next service project. It's actually more fun than writing comment letters.

Framework

Last month, Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth denied the appeals of well over 6000 people by affirming the revisions to the Sierra Nevada Framework. The original Framework was adopted in January 2001 but was never implemented. In January 2004 the Forest Service revised the Framework to triple the amount of logging and weaken protections for forests, water and wildlife. California Attorney General Bill Lockyer announced that he will sue to block the federal government from proceeding if the plan is not changed. Lockyer said "With this action, the Bush administration maintains its full-speed retreat from environmental protection."

How green is our gov?

Governor Schwarzenegger in a letter to the Bush administration signaled his support for a plan to drop protections in roadless areas. The Bush proposal will create a system that relies on individual state Governors to decide how to manage our national forests. Millions of Americans submitted comments 4 years ago in favor of keeping roads out of Roadless areas. If you favor protecting our roadless areas, phone the Governor at 916-445-4633 and let him know your opinion on the subject. ■

And thanks from the Thomases

We'd like to send out a huge thank you to all who helped make the 13th annual Run Through the Colors another success! Please see the list of business donors on this page. And so many individuals were involved that we won't try to name them all, but special mention goes to Carol Wright (course), Wendy Thibeault (food), Chris Krugler (brochure and map), Bob Goar (shelter), Celia Thomas (results), Rachael Hillerman (mailing), Donna McKenna (certificates), and Edith Lufkin, GB Tucker, and Donna Foote (publicity). We will run a 14th annual race on October 23, 2005.

Thank you all,

Theresa and Richard Thomas

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Friday evenings

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February 18, 2005

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Peter Lehmkuhl:

Clair Tappaan Lodge

March 18, 2005

Meeting will be in Marysville

Chet Dunbar:

Gems of Alaska

April 15, 2005

**Erin Casey, Daniella
Hirschfeld, Dakota Casserly:
The Tahoe Rim Trail**

May 20, 2005

program not yet determined

July 15, 2005

Annual SNG Picnic

Sierra Club calendars

Two calendars are available:

- ◆ \$11 large format Wilderness
 - ◆ \$12 smaller engagement style
- Call Phyllis Porteous at 265-9041.

T-shirts from past

Run Through the Colors

Low, low price of \$5 each.

- ◆ 2001 (white with lamppost and maple leaf, X-large only)
 - ◆ 2002 (ash with race logo, large and X-large),
 - ◆ 2003 (black with *Run Through the Colors*, medium and X-large).
- Contact the Thomas family at 265-2666.

Regular Committee Meetings

■ Conservation & Management Committee

Meets every 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the SYRCL office, 216 Main St, Nevada City.

■ Newsletter Mailing Party

Join like-minded Sierra Clubbers to get out the mailing of *Sierra Uplift*. Celebration occurs on the last Saturday of even-numbered months. Contact Rachel Hillemann at 274-9477.

Local Outings

- If you have interest in Winter Sports such as Snow Shoeing, XCountry Skiing or Alpine Skiing and would like to be put on a call or e-mail list to be notified as outings are scheduled, advise GB Tucker at 265-2432 or <gbtu@infostations.com> with the event you have interest in, the day of week you can be available, and the level of skill i.e. beginner, intermediate or expert.
- A group meets Wed and Sat mornings at 9:00 am (note the later, winter time) on Sutton Way just up from the Coldwell Banker office. They decide that morning where they are going and their hikes are easy to moderate (5-7 miles). Contact Clarence Motter at 274-3697 or Helen Kelly at 273-7309 for more information.
- Another group whose hikes are longer and more strenuous (6 to 12 miles) meets on Tues and Fri at 8:45am on Sutton Way just up from the Coldwell Banker office. They also decide that morning where they are going to hike, Contact Vicky Anthony at 274-3863.
- And there is also the **Nevada County Hiking Club**. See <www.ncws.com/akh/hike/>