



TRAIL NEWS

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Quarterly meeting May 10, 2009 Dues change — Mailing of Trail News.

At the planning meeting held on Sunday May 10, after the hike at San Bruno Mountain, we discussed two issues, the first of which was a proposal to increase the annual dues.

The dues have been steady for many years at \$7.50/\$12.50. Meanwhile expenses such as postage have been steadily increasing. We decided to "round up" the dues to \$10 for regular members and \$15 for a couple at the same address. That is still a bargain.

We also decided to go to a standard year for dues — July 1 to June 30. ALL dues will be owed as of July 1 each year, and anyone who is not paid-up by August 1 will not receive the following (fall) Trail News. This will start now; SCMTA members who are currently paid up through at least December will not owe dues again until July 2010.

Members who are behind in their dues will receive the next (summer) issue of Trail News but if they don't pay that will be their last issue. New hikers joining during the year will have their dues pro-rated.

We also considered the idea of going to an on-line version of the Trail News only, but the hikers present all like getting the hard copy. And we all thank Martin and Judy for getting it out to us each quarter!!!

Next Quarterly Meeting

Please be ready at the next quarterly meeting (August 9 at San Francisco) with hikes for the Fall Quarter. Please also have alternative hikes in case State Parks will be closed this fall.

Support Our Trail Maintenance Groups

If you enjoy hiking our trails, please help maintain them.

Big Basin:	Jul. 11, Aug. 8 and Sep. 12	leader Jeff Bleam -	(831) 338-0774
Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail:	Jul. 11, Aug. 8 and Sep. 12	leader Al Lisin -	(408) 252-8106
Castle Rock:	Jul. 18, Aug. 15 and Sep. 19	leader Martin Donald -	(650) 966-1984

Our web site is <http://www.scmta-trails.org>

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For all hikes: Bring lunch, liquid and clothing appropriate for the season (summer fog, winter rain).
For trail maintenance: Wear long pants, boots, and long sleeved shirt and bring gloves, lunch and liquid.

July 5, Sunday: Big Basin Redwoods State

Park— We will hike the Skyline to the Sea Trail to Berry Creek Falls, then return by the Sunset Trail. This is a moderately strenuous hike of about 11 miles. Meet for carpooling at 8:45 behind La Fondue at Saratoga. Call Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

July 11, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam at park headquarters at 9 AM for some hands-on trail work. This group meets the second Saturday of each month. Call (831) 338-0774.

July 11, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Al Lisin, (408) 252-8106, leads a group that maintains the Skyline to the Sea Trail. This group also meets on the second Saturday of the month. Meet at Saratoga Gap at 9:00.

July 12, Sunday: Forest of Nisene Marks State Park— A loop of 10 miles, up the West Ridge Trail, over to Maple Falls and then back down the Loma Prieta Trail. Meet at George's Picnic Area at 9:30 or carpool from the Municipal Parking Lot at Los Gatos at 8:30. Call Cathy Howard (650) 966-1850.

July 18, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— The third Saturday of every month Martin Donald leads trail work in the Castle Rock area. Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00. Call Martin at (650) 966-1984. Bring boots and gloves, lunch and liquid. Tools are supplied but bring your own favorites if you prefer

July 19, Sunday: El Corte de Madera Open Space Preserve— We will hike the Giant Salamander trail which is now open and the hike will be around 10 miles: promise. Carpool at Hwy 280/PageMill park&ride at 8.45 or meet at Skeggs Point parking lot at 9.30. Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

July 26, Sunday: Big Basin Redwoods State

Park— Waddell Creek to Berry Creek Falls. Meet 9:30 AM at the Waddell Creek entrance (Hwy 1, just south of Año Nuevo, across Hwy from beach) for a 10-mile hike. Carpool from Municipal lot at Los Gatos (Main and University) at 8:30. Leader is Janet McCarron (408) 245-1519.

August 2, Sunday: Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve— An 8 mile hike to the Ancient Oaks Trail and part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. We'll eat on Borel Hill where there are fabulous views of the bay area. Also, there is an opportunity to expand the hike for those wishing to add more miles. We can arrange separate carpooling if this is the case. Meet at Page Mill Park and Ride at 9 AM or at the park entrance (intersection of Page Mill and Skyline at 9:30. Judy Holmes (408) 379-3756.

August 8, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Join Jeff Bleam again for some more enjoyable trail maintenance at Big Basin. *See July 11 entry for details.*

August 8, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin at (408) 252-8106 for more information.

August 9, Sunday: San Francisco— Ten-mile hike from Sutro Baths to Chrissy Field along Coastal Trail and returning through the Presidio. Spectacular views. Meet at Sutro Baths parking lot at 9:30 or carpool from Page Mill & 280 at 8:30. Contact Cathy Howard (650) 966-1850. *This hike will include a planning meeting for the Fall Quarter hikes, so please bring ideas for hikes in Oct-Nov-Dec along with you.*

August 15, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See July 18 entry.*

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August 16, Sunday: Windy Hill Open Space Preserve— Hike a 9-mile loop up Razorback Ridge and down Hamm's Gulch. Carpool from Page Mill Road & 280 at 9:15 or meet at the lower parking lot for Windy Hill on Portola Road, at 9:30. Leader: Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

August 23, Sunday: Butano State Park— This is a moderate 9-mile loop up Jackson Flats & Canyon Trails to the BLLS. Meet at park entrance kiosk at 9:30 or Page Mill & 280 Park & Ride at 8:15. Call Vivian (408) 238-3388. Don't forget that there's artichoke garlic herb bread at the Pescadero Market afterwards.

August 30, Sunday: Portola Redwoods State Park and Pescadero Creek County Park— An 11-mile hike along the Coyote Ridge, Tarwater, Canyon, Bear Ridge and Pomponio Trails. Meet at Portola Redwoods SP headquarters at 9:30 or Hwy 280 and Page Mill Park and Ride at 8:45. Leader is Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

September 6, Sunday: Pt. Reyes— Labor Day Weekend 10 mile out and back at Pierce Point. We will see many Elk and Raptors...Some winners and many losers. Let me know if you want to overnight at the Hostel on Sat and/or Sunday. Car pool at Page Mill/280 at 7:45 AM. Todd Patterson (831) 239-6618.

September 12, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam (831) 338-0774 at park headquarters at 9 AM. *See July 11 entry.*

September 12, Saturday: Trail Maintenance -

Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin (408) 252-8106 for more information.

September 13, Sunday: Saratoga Gap to Waterman Gap— Meet at Saratoga Gap at 9:15 to position cars. The first part of this hike is a short hike from Waterman Gap to Saratoga Gap of six miles up the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. End of hike for short hikers. Lunch at Saratoga Gap and then the long hikers return to Waterman gap via the Toll Road for another eight miles and a total of fourteen moderate miles. No host carpool behind La Fondue in Saratoga at 8:50. Robert Spicher (408) 238-9821.

September 19, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See July 18 entry.*

September 20, Sunday: Tennessee Valley— Carpool at Page Mill/280 at 8:15 and meet at Tennessee Valley parking lot at 9:30. It will be about a 10 mile moderate hike. Mark Bowden (408) 735-8736.

September 27, Sunday: Henry Cowell State Park— A moderate 9-mile hike with lots of up and down hills. Bring sneakers or some kind of booties for wading across the San Lorenzo River. Meet at 8:15 at Page Mill & 280 Park & Ride or 8:45 in the Los Gatos municipal lot (formally VTA lot). Call Martin Donald for details (650) 966-1984.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular member	\$10.00	_____	_____
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FIRST CLASS

The current calendar date indicates when your dues need to be paid. If the date listed is December 2009 or BEFORE that date, this will be your last issue unless you renew by the end of August. Thank you!

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2009

