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At Base Camp

Besides climbing, the Mountaineering Section is involved in matters which concern future opportunities -- and problems -- as we have pointed out in previous UP ROPE issues. At the first general meeting on September 12 after having returned home from an active climbing summer, MS members considered several proposals and discussed the problem of dual PATC-Section membership and an MS rescue training policy. The latter will be the subject of editorial consideration in a forthcoming UP ROPE issue. (We are getting this slim issue out in a hurry to present the new climbing schedule. Ed.)

New Membership Applications

The nominees should be present at the next meeting:

Harold C. Bailey, sponsored by Bill Pepper and John Birch
Ralph Erickson, sponsored by Marjorie Prochaska and John Birch
Nancy Lee Moran, sponsored by Tom McCrumm and Joe Jensen
Arthur Pergam, sponsored by John Christian and Joe Wagner
Mary Ann Manglitz, sponsored by Joe Jensen and Bill Thomas

PATC-Section Membership

Following are excerpts from a letter by MS member John Bonine on our pending proposal to do away with an independent MS membership. In order to promote more discussion on this subject here are some of John's views:

"The proposal that MS members join PATC is a reasonable one, and would arouse little controversy if it were a voluntary measure. But we should ask whether the proposed terms for mandatory joint membership actually meet the needs of MS and, if not, whether consolidation is so important that we should settle for undesirable terms... it may become more difficult to attract young climbers into MS because of PATC's dues structure and membership conditions. Many believe that ...particularly young climbers and beginners should be encouraged to climb with MS to speak with a stronger voice for the Washington climbing community...

"Perhaps MS should ask its own executive committee to return to the PATC Council with one or more counter-proposals to keep the logistical barriers to new MS membership as low as possible... MS should promote certain standards of climbing, and there may be reason not to invite everyone who owns a rope into the Section. But the PATC membership policy and dues structure screens out prospective members on grounds other than skill, safety and attitude -- among other things, on financial grounds -- which in many cases becomes an automatic screening against young climbers..." S/John Bonine MS/PATC.

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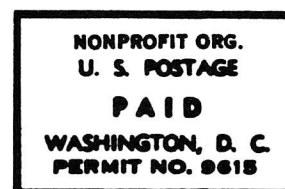
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Climber's Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader</u>
September 22-23	*Seneca Rocks (rock climbing)	John Christian (B: 963-6708)
September 30	Little Stony Man (rock climbing)	Joe Wagner (966-6379)
October 6-8	*Shawangunks (rock climbing)	Tim Mervine (527-7804)
October 7-8	**Intermediate Rock Climbing Class	Joe Jensen (301) 768-3431
October 10	Meeting, PATC Hq, 8 pm Program: to be announced	
October 13-14	*Seneca Rocks (rock climbing)	Neil Arsenault (681-6187)
October 14	Sugarloaf (rock climbing)	Bill Thomas (536-7948)
October 20-22	*Shawangunks (rock climbing)	Joe Jensen (301) 768-3431
October 20-22	Annapolis Rocks (rock climbing)	Bill Pepper (530-7454)
October 27-28	Devil's Garden (rock climbing)	John Christian (B:963-6708)
October 28	Bull Run Mountain (rock climbing)	John Anderson (836-1692)
November 4	Wolf Rock (rock climbing)	Jon Larson (273-8517)
November 11	Annapolis Rocks (rock climbing)	Tom McCrumm (525-6272)
November 11	**Intermediate Rock Climbing Class	Joe Jensen (301) 768-3431
November 14	Meeting, PATC Hq, 8 pm	

* Lead climbers and experienced seconds only. You should arrange for climbing partners before arriving at destination. ** Limited class depending on available instructors. Advance registration with trip leader is mandatory. Volunteer instructors needed!

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