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DPR Skiers Pumping

Up For Winter

by John Kolsrud

As the first snows dust Tahoe, DPR ski enthusiasts are beginning to stretch, squat, run, glide and pump iron, to get ready for winter. Robert Leiterman (Hatfield) has developed varied and unique training methods using a wide range of equipment. In-line skates and tire tube tricep pulls are just a couple ways he varies his long workouts. Janet Carle (Mono Lake), last years most improved DPR nordic racer, believes practice on the skating skis is the best training method. (Wish we all had snow in the backyard!) John Kolsrud (Marin) has found a new gym and is investing time in the Nordic Trak, along with cycling and weight-training. All three racers agree, getting ready for ski season, especially as we don't seem to be getting any younger, is very important!

The key to any skiing success, whether racing or recreational, is having the muscles, lungs, and

Honorary Membership

Do you know of a person who has demonstrated distinguished service devoted to CSPRA's objectives? If you do, you may nominate that person as Honorary Ranger. Simply compose a letter giving the person's background and relate one or more specific accomplishments which you believe qualifies him or her for an Honorary Membership in CSPRA.

Your nomination should meet the following requirements:

I. The individual shall have contributed in an outstanding or extraordinary manner, or to an unusual degree, to the advancement of the State Park concept, the profession of State Park Ranger, public service within the State Parks, or in the field of ecology as it affects the park system or the public use of parks.

II. This service or action is to be beyond that which the individual would normally have accomplished as part of his or her job or responsibility.

III. The recommendation should be made during the person's lifetime.

Your nominee, if approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board, will be honored at the 1997 GEC in Ventura. Please send nominations by January 15, 1996 to:

Mary Wright
Monterey District
2211 Garden Road
Monterey, CA 93940

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President's Message

Another thing that I hate about our yearly budget problems is that I always have to write about them. I'll spare you more in this column if you will all read the recent article that ran in the *Contra Costa Times*. CSPRA is sending several copies to each District Representative, and the Department is sending each District a copy, so it should be easy for everyone to obtain a copy. Read It! Make certain all the park staff gets it! And get it out to friends in the community and to the local media. The article addresses the plight of all parks, county, state and federal, in relation to the money crisis that we all have. Maybe if your local newspaper sees it, they will want to do a localized version.

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We've all been trying to figure out ways to make more money for DPR. Have you heard the commercials on radio lately where various organizations offer to come to your yard and pick up old cars so they can sell them to raise funds for their cause? We should get in on this. We could clear up the roadsides and make some money. The only trouble is that when we picked up the wrecks, we would probably have to fix them ourselves. But it shouldn't cost too much, a few buckets of white paint and a few rollers and brushes.

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CSPRA is getting involved in the mountain lion issue. Our first concern with the new ballot initiative was that it authorized Fish and Game to bring licensed hunters into parks to help them hunt out any dangerous or suspicious lions. This was eliminated from the bill, but it did give an indication of the real thrust of the legislation. It is simply a push by big hunting interests to open up lion "sport" hunting. The issue of sport-hunting mountain lions could not win at the ballot box on its own, so this is an attempt to hide it in the hysteria of the day under the guise of management of the lion. Sport hunting is not management in the case of the mountain lion. So we are working to do our own killing--the verbiage dealing with sport hunting. If this ballot measure isn't killed, you can be certain that we will have to face the hunting in parks issue again before too long. Fish and Game has all the tools it needs already to manage cougars that are perceived to be threats to humans. This bill just simply plays on the emotions generated by the two tragic events when lions did kill humans. On behalf of CSPRA, I signed the ballot argument against Senate Bill 28, and Jill Dampier signed the argument against the rebuttal.

CSPRA also has expressed concern about the Granite Construction project at Wilder Ranch State Park. There are some very positive aspects to the project to build a campground in the old quarry site surrounded by park lands. The campground and the land would be given to parks after about 25 years, and we would not have to develop the coastal terrace campground that is authorized in the General Plan.

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President's Message

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But the intensity and type of development is not in keeping with the integrity of the adjacent park. Swimming pool, restaurant, and clubhouse make it sound more like a residential mobile home park than a state park camping opportunity. And of course, if the development doesn't make it financially, the golf course can always be added later.

I didn't tell the truth when I said I wouldn't discuss park finances in this president's message. Our needs in relation to the total state budget are so minuscule that it makes it frustrating when we see the budget of other state agencies. Corrections for instance. The cost for housing 1000 inmates in state prison is very conservatively estimated at \$25 million. That's our deficit. We keep a lot more than 1000 kids a year out of trouble by getting them hooked on the out-of-doors, history, and recreational activities.

The recent recruitment letter that Adrian Itaya and Susan Grove developed has led to a number of new memberships already. Keep them coming. One aspect that you may not have thought about is that supervisors and managers can be reimbursed up to \$100/year for membership in professional organizations. So employees in those categories can actually have the perk of being members of CSPRA without cost. We need more members to enhance the effectiveness of the organization, and we need all our members to be active members.

DPR Skiers

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stamina to get through the day. The better conditioned skier gets in more skiing, sees more country, and is less prone to overdo it. So whether your a potential racer or recreational skier (nordic or alpine), and have nagging questions about training, equipment, clothing, or ski wax, just contact the racers mentioned above. We would love to help more DPR staff have fun in the winter sun.

Oh, almost forgot, in my haste to transfer, I didn't get last winters race results out for the 1995 International Police Winter Games held February 28 - March 6 at Tahoe.

RESULT

Nordic

Nordic Biathlon 4km (AM race) Robert Leiterman was just two target misses from a first place time, he took 3rd overall! (A time of 20:12 was under a minute from the top spot). Jan Carle, skiing in the 2nd heat, greatly improved her climbing, skating and had a solid shooting round for a Bronze medal (Masters). John Kolsrud started strong shooting (going 5 for 6 standing) but the icy hills of the 1st heat, sapped his energy and he finished 4th, 5 minutes behind Jan Carle's solid performance. (Continued on page 4)

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Nordic 5 km (PM race)

Similar results occurred, as Robert Leiterman flew around the Kirkwood oval track in a (Veterans) Gold Medal time of 19:04! Using a strong glide and smart use of wax, on a softening course, Leiterman was 3rd overall. Jan Carle and John Kolsrud raced again in the toughest (Masters) division, against top racers Tom Wickman (Boulder PD) and Charlie Locke (San Joaquin S.O.). 22:09 time, (just 3 minutes behind Locke) for her second Bronze Medal. Kolsrud used his glide and skate technique on his track skis to take 4th place.

Nordic 8 km (Squaw Creek Resort)

On a marvelous partly cloudy day, Leiterman powered through the early steep hills, then used endurance to make it through the rapidly softening snow, for another Gold Medal.

John Kolsrud had a rough start as the track making machine died after just 300 yards of work. Tracking skiing without a track forced Kolsrud to skate the course with heavier and longer skis than most. He gutted it out for a 4th place finish as he wouldn't let the valley slush stop his skis.

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Retirements**BILL BEAT, SUPERINTENDENT
NORTH COAST DISTRICT**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1996
EUREKA INN, 518 7TH STREET
EUREKA, CA

NO-HOST COCKTAILS 5:30 P.M.
DINNER 7:00 P.M.

CONTACT: CHRIS BLOMSTROM
NORTH COAST REDWOODS DISTRICT
600-A WEST CLARK STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 445-6547

**JIM PEAT, SUPERINTENDENT
SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1996
RAMADA INN, 324 EAST SHAW
FRESNO, CA

NO-HOST COCKTAILS 6:00 P.M.
DINNER 7:00 P.M.

CONTACT: DELORES @ (209) 822-2332

**CSPRA
Membership**

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) has been dedicated to protecting and preserving features of the California State Park System for almost three decades.

Membership is open to all current and retired employees of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

CSPRA was organized in 1964 by California park professionals as a non-profit, tax-exempt, professional society to encourage quality interpretation, resource management, public protection, maintenance and management of the State Park System.

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CSPRA Members Call To Action

The CSPRA Board of Directors urges you to get involved and help us out with this simple request: Convince your local Chamber of Commerce to write a letter to the governor in support of State Parks.

A letter from a C of C is "worth" about 200 letters from individuals. Many of you already have a great working relationship with your Chamber. If you don't, now is the time to introduce yourself and ask their assistance on this very worthwhile letter-writing campaign.

Many businesses who belong to the Chamber of Commerce benefit greatly from their neighboring State Park and will probably be very agreeable to sending a letter on our behalf. Placerville and Auburn benefit from Marshall Gold Discovery SHP, Lee Vining benefits from Mono Lake Tufa SR, Arnold benefits from Calaveras Big Trees SP, and Borrego Springs benefits from Anza Borrego Desert SP, just to name a few.

Does your State Park Unit draw visitors to the area who then patronize the local businesses? If so, please call, or better yet visit, your nearby Chamber of Commerce and provide them with the sample letter printed here. Urge them to send a simi-

lar letter to Governor Wilson asking for his support of our parks.

CSPRA would appreciate it if you could send a copy of the letter to us, too, so we know how successful we were in getting letters written. Call Susan Grove at (619) 742-3830 or (619) 742-2379 with questions. THANKS in advance. We know you're going to pitch in!

Sample Letter

Governor Pete Wilson
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Wilson:

Your support of the California State Park System in the past has been much appreciated by the communities that depend on tourist dollars for their viability.

The City of _____ benefits from the close-by parks: _____ State Park and _____ State Historic Park. Any closures or reduction of open hours would have an adverse economic impact on the businesses in our community. Our local school children also utilize the parks for school study trips and would miss these enrichment trips if staffing cuts or shorter open hours were the result of budget cuts.

Please continue to give parks a high priority in your budget considerations. We feel that dollars invested in parks are one of the best uses of our tax dollars and contribute not only to our economy but also to the quality of life of our citizens.

C S P R A

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Phil Van Deusen

Phil Van Deusen, retired State Park Ranger passed away on November 20th from pneumonia. Phil began his career as a Deputy Ranger at Carpinteria State Beach in 1948. He was the first ranger at Joshua Trees State Park in 1959 and retired from Will Rogers State Park in 1973 after 25 years with the state parks. Phil was a professional ranger, ready to help with any task and interpret the parks' features for the visitors. He was also a charter member of CSPRA. His wife resides at 135 Calle De AndaLucia, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Shirley L. Ray

The wife of retired ranger Clyde Ray died on Thursday, November 9, 1995. She was an active bowler and seamstress and was a member of the American Bowling Congress.

CSPRA Membership

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CSPRA actively promotes advancement of the ideals and philosophy for which state parks were originally founded.

For membership information write: CSPRA, P O Box 292010, Sacramento, CA 95829-2010. (800) 558-3734.

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Alpine

John Kolsrud was again the Lone Ranger from DPR. He was told he could not medal in Slalom unless he drove 70 miles between two Nordic races to seed for Slalom. On vacation, Kolsrud opted to pass racing on his new Rossignols in his best event. With his first ever use of Giant Slalom skis he attacked the course on Heavenly Valley's Canyon run. Finding the course flags straight as an arrow after the top 3 turns, Kolsrud parred 4+seconds off of his first run time. The result was Kolsrud's first ever GS Gold Medal.

Super G

Heavy snow fell all morning on the World Cup course at the base of the Tram building at Heavenly. The Super G was cancelled and will be added to this winters' event.

Again DPR had a strong showing. We racers want to emphasis to you couch potatoes that racing is based on ability level, so you compete with those with similar skill. (The "Closed" Alpine racing division is the slowest of the slow . . . but everybody can win!) See you on the slopes.

Scholarship Request Form

Instructions: Please send completed form to Frederick Jee, Education and Training Committee, in sufficient time to receive your grant prior to training.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

CSPRA member? _____ (Scholarships are provided to members only.)

Description of Training _____

How will it benefit your job, career or profession? _____

Tuition \$ _____ Materials \$ _____ Travel \$ _____

Lodging \$ _____ Total Requested \$ _____

How much will the Department or others pay? \$ _____

Please attach a copy of your returned DPR 392 and a course announcement. Send to:

Frederick Jee
Education and Training Committee
P O Box 483
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

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**CSPRA
Calendar**

**Deadline for
Honorary Member
Nominations**

1/15/96

**California
Parks
Conference
Ventura**

3/11-14/96

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committees use CSPRA address.**

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