

MCCALL HIKING CLUB
“EVERY TRAIL HAS A PERSONALITY”

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“It is hard to believe that our summer is rapidly coming to an end. We are already planning our end-of-the-season social as well as the September hiking schedule. We have some new hikes planned as well as some old favorites. Hopefully we won’t be further affected by the wildfires in the area. Hope to see all of you on the trail or at least at the last social! Thanks so much for being such a great group of people!” - ReNae

END-OF-THE-SEASON SOCIAL

The end-of-the season social has been scheduled for Sunday, September 10th, at 4:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in The Woodlands. Susan and Charles Waters and Tom and Dee Stilinovich will be our hosts. Please bring a side dish or dessert, the beverage of your choice and a lawn chair. The club will provide the main dish and table setting. The entertainment will once again be the fabulous “End of the Trail Dancers”. Please RSVP Peggy Derieg at tomderieg@frontiernet.net or 634-9781

Tom Derieg has accepted the position as president of the hiking club for the 2007 season. Joan Apodaca has accepted the position of vice-president. I know that they will do an awesome job! Tom will introduce his officers at the social. Many, many thanks to my officers for the past two years. I couldn’t have done the job without you!

We will be selecting our “Hiker of the Season” at the social and presenting him or her with our “Trail Trash” trophy. Please think about who you think deserves the award. It should go to the person who inspires you the most on the hikes, not necessarily the best hiker. Past winners have been Bill Starowicz, Bud Keys, and Max Brinkman. We will also vote on our favorite hike of the year. If you are not going to be at the social and would like to vote, please send your vote to ReNae Bradfield, P.O. Box 841, McCall, ID 83638. Write vote on the outside of the envelope and we will make sure that it is counted at the social.

RECAP OF JULY AND AUGUST ACTIVITIES

The boat social was once again a tremendous success! We had approximately 30 hikers transported by four boats and approximately 15 more hikers meeting us at North Beach for appetizers. Award winners included: Marlin Jones – a pair of

matching socks so he won't be embarrassed again during a hike; Ron Hines, Nancy Holmes, Janis Seufert and Anita Blanchard – pails for playing in the dirt if they decide to sit down during a hike again; Bill Starowicz and Roberta Thompson – kiddie sunglasses in case they decide to lose or destroy a pair again; Tom Derieg and Roberta Thompson – large disks with “GPS” on one side and “map” on the other side in case they need to flip a coin again regarding hiking directions; Peggy Derieg and Janis Seufert – rubber snake to remind them of why they were running out of the bushes during a hike; Hugh Handley – a rubber ducky for playing in the water if he wishes to sit down in a stream again; ReNae Bradfield and Joan Apodaca – a plastic egg representing not quite a rubber ducky but getting pretty close to being one; Susan Waters – a fan on a necklace to keep her cool on those hot hiking days; and finally for Tom Derieg – a goat for being one of the hikers to consistently hurry up the steepest slopes seemingly without a trail (although he does have a GPS). Roberta Thompson also gave Bill Starowicz an energy drink since he seems to have such a lack of energy on the hikes. We were going to award those hikers of the season who have drawn blood on the trail a bandaid, but there were so many it would have broke the club treasury to do so. Bill Starowicz was awarded his 300-mile pin, Joan Apodaca her 200-mile pin, and Nancy Holmes with her 100-mile pin.

Our community project this year was to provide a basket with an approximate value of \$100 for the McPaws animal shelter fundraiser. The club donated various items relating to dogs. This year the hiking club provided a basket filled with dog goodies and a gift certificate for two free memberships in the McCall Hiking Club. (We did include a disclaimer that while we love dogs, we do not allow them on the hikes with us under ordinary circumstances.) Thanks to Susan Waters and Helmi Schade for their work in putting the basket together.

Congratulations to our 100-mile pin recipients. We have given pins to the following people: Marlin Jones, Nancy Holmes, Janis Seufert, Tom Derieg, Bruce Hovey, Susan Waters, Bud Keys, Al Apodaca, Ron Hines, Peggy Derieg and Gary Newby received 100 mile pins. Joan Apodaca has received two 100-mile pins. Bill Starowicz and ReNae Bradfield have received three 100-mile pins. The mileage has accumulated from the beginning of last season. We have several more people who will receive pins after two or three more hikes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pam Houseman is calling for photos of all of hikes held this season. Please look through your collections and select some of your favorite photos from the hikes or the socials. Pam is our historian and keeps a scrapbook/photo album of all our hiking activities for the year. She can be reached at 634-5053.

Hal Wiking is looking for anything of interest found on the trail for our “Trail Trash” award given to our hiker of the season at our last social of the year. If you find any bones, metal objects, unusual flowers, bottles, etc., please contact Hal at 634-3709. Anything can be a treasure.

Finally, several people have approached me with the idea of starting a walking/easy hiking group. It would focus on easier hikes/walks with shorter distances. The goal of the group would be to transition into more strenuous hikes with the main group. If you are interested in planning these hikes or walks, or would be interested in joining this type of a group, please let me know at dreamer@ctcweb.net and we will open up a discussion with the club members. Also, please let me know how often you would like to walk/hike with a group of this type.