

“easy,” he says, 12b/c. Finally, Nancy Savickas, Trish Adams, and Dick Doucette met in Switzerland to try the Eiger’s Mittelegi Ridge, but owing to generally foul weather had to be satisfied with a climb of the Monch and later the rainy day amenities over in Chamonix.

WILLIAM C. ATKINSON, *Chair*, and NANCY SAVICKAS, *Vice Chair*

THE MAZAMAS. For The Mazamas of Portland, Oregon, safety is the dominant theme in the club’s numerous mountaineering endeavors. Under the highest standards of safety, the Climbing Committee conducts mountaineering education programs, schedules and supervises a wide variety of climbs, and selects and trains climb leaders. The 2002 summer schedule included 316 ascents on 79 different peaks, with the usual bad weather causing cancellation of some. The four most popular peaks were Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens, and Unicorn Peak (Tatoosh Range), a reflection of a mix of snow and rock climbing within easy driving distance of Portland. However, more peaks than usual with challenging routes in lesser known areas were well represented. Six leaders scheduled 18 winter climbs, but severe weather caused the cancellation of many.

The Basic Climbing Education Program enlisted 286 students in a program that includes indoor lectures, knots and belay practice, and trips to rock and snow climbing areas with groups of nine students. This program draws a majority of non-club members, who then begin Mazama membership with a sound education in safe climbing and mountain etiquette and who are well bonded with a cadre of leaders.

The Intermediate Climbing Program enlisted 45 students. It instructs seasoned beginners in higher levels of rock and snow climbing and develops and screens future climb leaders. A successful spring weekend on Mt. Hood’s White River Glacier brought better conditions than January-February sessions in previous years.

The Advanced Rock Program and Advanced Snow and Ice Program enrolled smaller numbers. The Rock Review Program involved a dozen students on the basaltic walls of Rocky Butte in Portland, bolstering knowledge of knots, belaying, rappelling, and fixed-line travel. John Godino, Mazama administrative assistant, organized this program as well as a summer program, also at Rocky Butte, which took students on routes up to the 5.7 level.

The Leadership Training Program brought in six new leaders. Concerned that the leadership pool is aging, with many people having led for over 20 years, the committee concentrated on adding new leaders. All club leaders have been required to earn a Level 1 Avalanche certification by 2002.

Recipients of Mazama Climbing Awards: 15 members received the Guardian Peaks Award (Hood, St. Helens, Adams), 5 the Oregon Cascades Award (Jefferson, Three-Fingered Jack, Washington, Three Sisters); and 7 the Sixteen Major Peaks Award, for completing all-the-above peaks plus Olympus, Baker, Shuksan, Glacier, Stuart, and Shasta. David Sauerbrey received the 15-point Leadership Award, and Dean Lee the Terry Becker Award for leading the 16 major peaks.

The Outing Committee, chaired by Tracy Waechter, fielded a dozen trips in the Pacific Northwest and also abroad in Scotland and Turkey.

The Expedition Committee, chaired by Peter Aposokalis, granted funds to five expeditions: Robert Lee, Monte Smith, John Vissell, and Dave Jun for Denali’s West Buttress; Robert E. Lee for a solo climb of Aconcagua; Chris LeDoux and Martin Hanson for Mt. Logan’s King

Trench; Josh Wharton and Brian McMahon for The Flame spire in the Karakoram; and Pete Dronkers, Blue Eisele, and Jonas Cabiles for climbing and snowboarding on Ellesmere Island. In March the committee sponsored a slide show for 600 guests by Pete Athans, who had then climbed Mt. Everest six times. In August the committee partnered with Climb Max and Portland Mountain Rescue to sponsor Mark Twight's show on extreme mountaineering.

The Banquet Committee held its annual gala event at Portland's Jantzen Beach Double Tree Hotel, proclaiming "109 Years and Still Climbing!" After the usual award presentations with ex-president Christine Mackert as master of ceremonies, Jim Wickwire showed his slides of Reflections on a Lifetime of Climbing.

On the Executive Council David Sauerbrey succeeded Doug Wilson as President of the Mazamas. Gerry Itken was elected vice president, Brian Holcomb membership secretary, John Youngman recording secretary, and Wendy Carlton treasurer.

JACK GRAUER, *Historian*

THE ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB. The AzMC's membership totaled 483 at year-end 2002. Given the increased popularity of rock climbing and climbing gyms, the AzMC is competing with an increasing number of climbing venues and providers. Rock climbing in Arizona has grown in popularity such that even some new master-planned communities in the Phoenix area offer rock walls as part of their amenity packages.

A core instructional program has been a mainstay of AzMC focus. This year the club graduated 81 students through its Beginning Rock Climbing School, 63 students through its Anchors and Advanced Ropework School, and 36 students through its Lead School. Students who have previously finished the Schools are invited to come back and participate as assistants. Between students and assistants the three schools generated over 1,000 user days of activity.

Snow, ice, and other alpine skills are taught in AzMC-sponsored schools. In 2002 about 70 students and assistants participated in learning and/or practicing mountaineering classes, including Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue, Alpine Rock, and Beginning and Advanced Ice Climbing, and an out-of-state Alpine Outing. Colorado in particular was a popular destination for AzMC ice climbers with about a dozen trips being made to the Durango, Silverton, and Ouray environs. In addition, about 20 students took a land navigation class. In total this amounted to 205 user days.

Public service projects included teaching rock climbing to at-risk kids through the Latino Police Officers Association. The twice-annual Queen Creek clean-up attracted some 70 participants and the annual Grand Canyon Clean-up drew 35 people, for 150 user days.

Much of the state was closed during the summer months owing to severe fire restrictions. The AzMC had 25 official outing leaders at the start of the year, but with the enforcement of club policy stating minimum activity levels, the number of official leaders dropped to 20 by year's end. Even so, the club offered about 20 outings with nearly 200 user days of participation.

Although there were several official club trips to nearby states, there were no outings far afield. Several parties made the inevitable trip to bag Pacific Northwest volcanoes. There were at least four groups of AzMC'ers climbing in Europe with ascents of Monte Rosa and Mont Blanc and attempts on the Matterhorn to their credit.

ERIK FILSINGER, *President*