

*Sierra Club.* Again in 1964 Sierra Club mountaineers climbed throughout the world. They spent long nights swinging in hammocks off El Capitan and huddling in crevasses in the Andes. They climbed in Club-organized outings and in small parties. The difficulty of their ventures ranged from trail walks to fourteen class-six pitches on a single climb.

The Sierra Club itself is continuing its efforts through the climbing sections of local Club chapters to train beginners, provide opportunities for experts, and make available to all the safe enjoyment of the hills. As the number of people going into the mountains dramatically increases and problems develop faster than solutions, the Club must spend more and more effort furnishing the necessary leadership. This it will continue to do.

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*Spokane Mountaineers.* Experiments during 1964 led to a thorough ski-mountaineering course in the fall, followed by experience climbs on skis. The attrition in attendance from classroom to snow-cave living was predictably high. Spokaneites will initiate an intermediate or leaders course in April, 1965.

We found climbing variety in many ranges again last year. Peaks climbed included Snowshoe, Apex in the Cabinets, He-Devil above Hell's Canyon, Shuksan, and Glacier Peak via Milk Creek cirque. A summit climb on Mount Rainier was included in a four-day ski traverse from Paradise to White Horse. In Oregon separate parties climbed Middle and South Sisters. Bad weather hampered the summer outing at Lake O'Hara. An attempt on Odayay preceded a retreat east for a consolation climb of Mount Hector. This 11,135-foot peak offers a magnificent sweep of the central Canadian Rockies. Back in our favorite Southern Selkirks we found an easy-access area in White water Basin. In June Terry Bech and I made first ascents of "Portal Peak" (8300 feet) and Mount Brennan (9514 feet). A week later Bill Boulton led a group up Mount Whitewater (9075 feet) for the third known ascent.

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*Stanford Alpine Club.* During the year the Stanford Alpine Club continued its program of informal instruction for beginning and intermediate climbers. Practice climbs were held almost every Sunday of the academic year, while instruction and supervised practice in dynamic belay, rappelling, and rescue techniques were presented at least once each quarter. Many new members acquired the skill and confidence to second the easier class 5 climbs in Yosemite Valley and the Sierra. A few of the better experienced climbers did some of the more difficult standard climbs