

with the publication of *Ghosts of Everest: The Search for Mallory and Irvine*. On May 1, when we learned of the discovery of Mallory's body, we had no manuscript. On September 25, we printed 55,000 copies of a 200-page, full-color book. Typically it takes an author several years to complete a manuscript and at least nine months for us to edit, design and produce a book. In addition, Mountaineers Books has now completed two reprints for a current total of 85,000 copies in print (see reviews of the above titles beginning on page 397).

DONNA PRICE, *Trustee*

The Mazamas. The Climbing Committee, chaired by Gerald Itkin, scheduled 266 climbs, including 16 in winter. The Basic Climbing Committee, headed by Dave Sauerbrey, enrolled participants into groups of nine with about four instructors for each group. In addition to rock and snow training, the groups were required to make several day hikes into difficult terrain. Basic Climbing School suffered a serious setback, however, when the previous requirement for a mountain climb was canceled. The elimination of a "graduation" climb was forced by the efforts of the U.S. Forest Service to classify mountaineering clubs as guide services.

The Intermediate Climbing Program (ICP) was conducted by Richard Caldwell. This program develops and screens future climb leaders and provides instruction of higher levels of rock and snow climbing. The fatal avalanche in a Basic School climb in May, 1998, prompted a further tightening of safety procedures and a restructuring of the ICP in 1999. Intermediate students were routed through a series of instruction stations, each designated to teach a particular skill in rock and snow climbing sessions. Group coordinators were responsible for each station teacher as they covered the required curriculum.

The Advanced Rock Program enrolled 23 students under the lead of Don Erickson. The sessions were held at local rock gyms and local crags. A study group reviewed the course and made changes to improve safety and teaching techniques. Outdoor sessions were held at Horsethief Butte and Smith Rock. Field trips went to Yosemite, City of Rocks National Reserve in Idaho and Squamish in British Columbia.

The Advanced Snow and Ice Program had evolved into a program of vertical ice climbing. However, John Youngman led a study group in 1999 to redirect the training toward steep snow and crevasse terrain, the type of climbing that Club members actually do.

The Leadership Training Program further tightened requirements. Ten experienced leaders must evaluate the knowledge and leadership skill of each candidate. By October 1, the end of the 1998-1999 fiscal year, there were 16 leadership development candidates and five new provisional leaders. Now in its third year, a new Leadership Continuing Education Committee, chaired by David Wedge, was requiring further training, such as avalanche awareness and rescue, for established leaders.

Recipients of Mazama Climbing Awards were: Guardian Peaks (Hood, St. Helens, Adams): Anita Bieker, Richard Busing, Keith Childers, Christy Crandall, Steve Hallock, Skip Smith, Lee Wilson, Joan Zuber. Oregon Cascades (Jefferson, Three-Fingered Jack, Washington, Three Sisters): Elly Branch, Joan Zuber. Sixteen Major Peaks (all of the above plus Olympus, Baker, Shuksan, Glacier, Stuart, Shasta): Eric Hoem, Dean Odenthal. Fifteen-Point Leadership: Terry Cone.

The Outing Committee, chaired by Joe Boyce, sponsored several outings: backpacks in Guatemala and in Oregon's Wallowas and Steens Mountain and hiking trips to Maui, the Tetons, Peru, Ecuador, the Dolomites and Tuscany. The Trail Trips Committee, chaired by Richard Getgen, sponsored hikes with a total of 4,190 participant days. Street Rambles in Portland parks and streets continued as popular events on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The Trail Tenders subcommittee continued a program of weekend trail improvement by volunteers wielding picks, shovels, axes and pruning shears to maintain trails at Mount Hood and the Columbia Gorge.

The Expedition Committee granted funds to three projects: climbing in Ecuador by John Youngman and Lloyd Athearn; exploration of the Cordon del Plata region of Argentina by Bill Brownlee and Tammee Stump; and an expedition to Mount Walsh in Canada's Yukon Territory by Jim Anderson and Mark Simmons. On the Executive Council, President Christine Mackert was re-elected. Joe Whittington was elected treasurer on October 1, and Susan Pyle Erickson, Josh Lockerby and Doug Wilson were elected council members.

Major William D. Hackett, U.S. Army Retired, died August 9, 1999, at age 81. Bill joined The Mazamas in 1933. An obituary can be found on page 436.

JACK GRAUER, *Historian*

California Mountaineering Club. The California Mountaineering Club is now ten years old. We have nearly 300 members, mostly from southern California but with a growing number from all regions of the state and many from other states. We climb mostly in the Sierra Nevada, but have scheduled climbs of Mount Rainier, other Cascade peaks, desert peaks, and the Mexican volcanoes.

In 1999, R. J. Secor led a Club outing to explore some of the more obscure approaches to Pico de Orizaba and Iztaccihuatl in Mexico. The Club had several ice climbing outings at June Lake and Lee Vining. It continues its monthly rock climbing outings at Joshua Tree and Tahquitz and held several well-attended training and practice sessions. The Club has a monthly newsletter. Interested mountaineers are invited to visit our web site at www.californiamountaineer.com.

JACK MILLER, *President*

Arizona Mountaineering Club. The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) increased its membership in 1999 to more than 500 and added new programs for its members. The Club meets the fourth Monday of each month in Phoenix. Speakers at these meetings included nationally known climbers as well as Club members who added their own exciting adventures to the programs.

AMC involvement in access-related issues has kept members busy. We continue to help with trail building at Pinnacle Peak. Trails for both recreational use and climbing are being developed with the guidance of the City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Department. Parking and restroom facilities are in the planning stage. This climbing area, very popular in past years, has been closed since about 1995 because of development. With the peak about to become an official park and ownership of the land soon to be in the hands of Scottsdale, we look forward to climbing (perhaps) sometime late in 2001. The McDowell Mountains and the Little Granite Mountain area, bordering Scottsdale to the north and east, are also under intense threat from development. Thanks to voter approval, the City of Scottsdale is working on the purchase of right-of-access to these areas through taxes. We continue to be an active partner in The Access Fund through strong fiscal support and membership drives. Wayne Schroeter, access chairman, monitors and leads the activism on access-related issues.

Strong membership interest has led to the formation of a committee to explore offering alpine and mountaineering outings, the risks involved, and the criteria for approving leaders for such outings. Snow skills seminars were conducted on Humphreys Peak, where students learned ice axe arrest, crampon use, simulated glacier travel and simulated crevasse rescue systems. We also arranged for a professional company to provide ice climbing weekend seminars in Durango, Colorado.

The AMC's basic, anchors and lead rock climbing classes continue to be a great success. Each is held twice a year, and all are always sold out. A number of annual outings, such as Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree National Monument and spring in Lower Devils Canyon, bring large turnouts. The "Over The Rim" at the south rim of the Grand Canyon, when we rappel over the rim and clean up trash for the NPS, results in a fun weekend of cleanup, barbeque and climbing for members. Twice a year we do highway cleanup on U.S. 60 east of Superior for our Adopt-A-Mile conservation project.