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The General Meeting is at Tomboyz Café 214 Arenas Rd. Palm Springs. 760 322-9915. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month 7 January from 7:00-8:00 PM for social hour and the meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM. 10% discount to members at the Café.

This month’s raffle will be a 50/50 money split and a NIKWAX care kit for cleaning and maintaining waterproof/breathable garments compliments of REI sporting goods store. Retail price $20.00. The wet weather is here.

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Welcome New Members
Robert Boucher
David Baker John Babcock
Tom Bechard Walter Mandell

We would like to recognize Tim Carey for renewing his membership as Friends of Great Outdoors.

SKIERS WANTED
Gene Levy would like to hear from members interested in mid-week ski trips to Big Bear. Contact Gene at 320-3761 for further information.

Happy New Year!!
All hikes. Bring plenty of water and a snack/lunch.

**South Lykken Trail - Sunday, 5 January at 9:00 am**
The trail travels the San Jacinto Mountains overlooking the Coachella Valley providing awesome views of Palm Springs and vicinity. Big Horn Sheep have been sited off the trail on past hikes.
Length: 4 miles
Hiking Time: 3 hours
Elevation Gain: 800 feet
Difficulty: Moderate
Return at 3:00 pm. Meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. at 9:00 am. Trip Leader: Dwayne Hannon 416-2312.

**Horsethief Creek via Cactus Spring Trail - Saturday, 18 January at 9:15 am**
This hike is located in the Santa Rosa Mountain Wilderness area. The hike offers spectacular views of the Santa Rosa (8000-ft. high) and Toro peaks (8700-ft. high) as well as the San Jacinto and San Gorgonio Mountains. The trail winds through pinyon pine, yucca agave and manzanita, passing an abandoned dolomite (a brittle mineral form of calcium magnesium carbonate) mine before reaching Horsethief Creek.
Length: 4 miles
Hiking Time: 4 hours
Elevation Gain: 900 ft.
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate
Meet in front of the Big 5 Sporting Goods store in Palm Desert (SE corner of Hwy 111 and 74) at 9:15 am for carpooling and purchasing a National Forest Adventure Pass $5.00 per vehicle. Trip leader: Doug Quigley 202-4936.

**Lower Red Canyon - Thursday, 23 January at 9:00 am**
This hike is located in the Orocopia Mountain Wilderness, an area similar to the red rock country area of Moab, Utah. The trail leads into the canyon, where (depending on winter rains) there may be flowers. Desert Tortoise have been seen in the canyon.
Length: 4-6 miles
Hiking Time: 3-4 hours
Elevation Gain: 0 feet
Difficulty: Easy
Return at 3:30 pm. Meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. at 9:00 am. Trip Leader: Tim Carey: 416-3102.

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**Game Night**
Monday, 6 January 
at 6:30 pm
Jim & Gene's house
Date Palm Country Club
36-200 Date Palm Drive
Cathedral City
Due to entrance gate rules, no one will be allowed into the complex after 7:00 pm so please arrive on time. BYOE (Bring Your Own Eats) and beverages. Ice is available. Contact Gene or Jim at 760 328-4812 for further information.

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**BOWLING**
Palm Springs Lanes
(Ramon at Landau)
Monday, 27 Jan.
From 2:00-4:00 pm.
Contact Doug Quigley at 202-4936

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**MOON LIGHT HIKE**
Windmills—Indian Ave. & I 10
Sunday, 19 January at 7:00 pm
We will hike up the hill and then see and listen to the eerie windmills. Afterwards we will have a snack/dinner at one of the fast food restaurants. Meet at Tomboyz café at 7:00 pm for carpooling arrangements.
Trip leader: Craig Courtright 318-8957

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**AIDS WALK**
Sunday, 30 March at 9:30 am
Mark your calendar if you are interested in walking with the Great Outdoors. More detailed information in next month's newsletter.
SAN DIEGO & PALM SPRINGS CHAPTERS
SPONSORED CAMPING TRIP
Borrego Palm Canyon
17-20 January

This is one of the best camps in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park with two excellent hikes available. The short hike into Borrego Palm Canyon is like being transported to another world, from the desert to the tropics, complete with a small waterfall, a rare sight in these parts. The Panorama Outlook Trail also starts here. An excellent visitor center is available, offering an array of exhibits and a slide show. The elevation is 760 feet.

Campsite Facilities:
Picnic table and fire grills are provided. Restrooms, drinking water, flush toilets, and showers are available. Leashed pets are permitted.

Directions:
From Borrego Springs, drive 2.5 miles west on County Road S22 and Palm Canyon Drive to the campground entrance.

Members $20 Non-Members $25
Reservations or further information contact Craig Courtright at 318-8957 or gpsgocraig@aol.com
Registration forms also available at the General Meeting.

Los Angeles and Palm Springs Chapters
Are Sponsoring an RV & Tent Camping Adventure
21-26 January. Quartzsite, Arizona

Great Outdoors will hold one of the most unusual camping opportunities of the year. We will camp near the world’s largest Rock, Gem Flea Market and Sports Show in the country held at Quartzsite, Arizona. This will be one of the highlights of the new year. We will set up a wilderness camp on BLM land just a couple of miles from this huge event. The BLM office charges you at entry to camp area There is a charge of $25.00 per car with up to 5 people for a 14 day pass or pay $5.00 per day if you only want to spend a few nights. Because of the large desert area we will be able to encircle a main bonfire in the center with tents, RV’s and Conestoga wagons. This is dry camping with only some vault toilets. There are dump stations and water stations a mile from our desert location. Showers can be taken in town for a minimum charge. During the day time you may attend and shop the massive sport show, flea market, RV and gem/rock show. It could take about three days to cover all the venues. There are camping supplies, antiques, auto supplies, tents, belts, Indian artifacts, jewelry, statuary, all kinds of craft supplies and tools. Just about anything you would want will be there somewhere. There are also terrific food stalls throughout all venues. There will be a Saturday potluck dinner.

Cost: Members $5.00 Nonmembers $10.00 (plus entrance fee)
Contact Lou at: two.shea@att.net or Craig at gpsgocraig@aol.com for reservation forms also available at the General Meeting.
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☐ I am not ready to join Great Outdoors but would like additional information.
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☐ $25 Regular
☐ $20 Senior (60 years or older)
☐ $45 Couple ($40 for Seniors)
☐ $100 FRIENDS OF GREAT OUTDOORS includes T-shirt and two free outings

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By joining Great Outdoors and/or attending the club's events, I acknowledge that in order for Great Outdoors to assume full legal responsibility it would have to charge higher fees than it does now. I waive the right to ever lay claim for injuries I might suffer before, during or after any Great Outdoors event. My guests will agree to these principles in writing before attending events.

Signature Date

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