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FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday

February 19, 7:30 pm

First United Methodist Church

9th & G Streets

Next to the Phillips Building

(you may use marked parking after hours...)

Downtown Anchorage

Program: TBA

HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Feb 05 Peeking Peak

Come explore the Eagle River area and the Falling Water Drainage by climbing a peak named Peeking just under 7000. It's summit is actually 6925. This is a long day of hiking and climbing. Elevation gain at least 5500'. Class D. You must have some basic climbing knowledge. Please bring: food, warm clothes, headlamp, ice axe, crampons and some mountain savvy.

Leader: Richard Baranow 694-1500

12 Pleasant Peak

Climb another one of the Eagle River peaks via the Ram Valley access. Pleasant Peak tops out at 6,425'. Expect a long, challenging day of hiking and climbing. Elevation gain will be at least 5,000'. Class D. Some climbing skills required. Please bring: food, drink, warm clothes, headlamp, ice axe, crampons and some mountain savvy.

Leader: Richard Baranow 694-1500

Feb 13 South Fork of Eagle River

Afternoon ski up Eagle River from South Fork confluence. This is a class "A" trip. See how far you can get up the river with Stu and other club members. Total distance is 8 miles. Terrain is extremely flat.

Leader: Stu Grenier 337-5127

15 Mt. Gordon Lyon, Six Mile Trail

This is a mountain ski trip, skin up and ski down. Please bring tele or a randonee ski set-up, skins and avalanche gear. Conditions are thin so be prepared for challenging conditions. Elevation gain 4000'. Leave a car at the bottom of Arctic Valley Rd. and one at the top. Class A.

Leader: Stu Grenier 337-5127

27 Ship Creek Valley

Ski up Ship Creek Valley from Nike Site turn off/ Ship Creek trailhead. We will go in and up as far as we can. The primary intention is to scout conditions for the Arctic to Indian Ski Traverse. Bring nordic type skis w/ metal edges, skins and some skiing ability. Total mileage will be around 10 miles and expect at least an elevation gain/loss of 1,400'. Class C.

Leader: Stu Grenier 337-5127

Mar 02 Arctic to Indian

This is a full, one day ski traverse of Ship Creek Valley and the Indian area. This is a 26 mile ski traverse, requiring some ski ability, metal edge skis, skins, avalanche gear and emergency survival gear. Class C.

Leader: Stu Grenier 337-5127

08 - 09 Russian Lakes

Class B. Ski, snowshoe, or maybe hike depending on conditions, into the cabin at Russian Lakes. Overnight stay in the cabin as the days here become almost 12 hours long. This trip is tentative as yet, depending on cabin availability.

Matt Nedom 278-3648

13 Eklutna Lake Ski

This is a full day of skiing from the parking lot to the hut at Serenity Falls and back. Round trip mileage is 25 miles. The skiing is pretty flat most of the way. Skijorers are welcome. Class C.

Leader: Stu Grenier 337-5127

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Feb 04 Avalanche Lecture Part I

Meet at 7:30 PM at a location to be announced to learn basic avalanche awareness and how to travel in the backcountry safely. This is part one of a two part lecture series and a weekend field outing.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

06 Avalanche Lecture Part II

Meet at 7:30 PM for the second half of the lecture series on avalanche awareness and backcountry travel techniques.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

8 - 9 Avalanche Field Outing

Come join us after attending the avalanche lecture series to practice snow science and search techniques.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

13 Snow Travel Techniques Lecture

Come join us to learn snow travel/climbing techniques.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

15 Snow Travel Techniques Field Outing

Actually practice those techniques you learned at the lecture in the real world.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

Feb 20 Ice Climbing Lecture

If you missed our annual ice climbing festival in September this is your second chance. Talk about gear and clothing, in preparation for a weekend outing.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

22 - 23 Ice Climbing Weekend

After having participate in the lecture class go out to a local climbing area and actually test your skills with help from experienced climbers.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

27 Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue Lecture

Meet at 7:30 PM at a location to be announced, if you want to know more about glacier travel and crevasse rescue attend this lecture and the weekend outing.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

Mar 1- 2 Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue Outing

After taking the lecture class come out and participate in mock rescue scenarios to refine your techniques and to learn proper navigation of those pesky crevasses.

Contact: Steve Parry 248-8710

TRIP REPORTS

Indian to Arctic 2002

by Stu Grenier



It was 6 AM March 2, when we finally arrived at the Indian Valley trailhead. The team included Cathy Stills, Eryn Boone, Tom Dolan, Rick Hagen, Dev Gangadee, and myself. As we left the parking lot a car head light quickly flashed from behind us. "Good, more people." I thought to myself.

Most of the team told me that they had never skied 24 miles in one day before, let alone over unbroken trails. Tom Dolan had done the traverse several times before but never in a day. Rick was more of a skijorer. Eryn had just gotten into skiing. Cathy was on track skis, and Dev was in koflaks and rondonees. "Just go slow" I told everyone. "Let's try to get to the pass by 10:30."

At the road house ruins we stopped for lunch. We watched as people packed areas down with their skis and then took their skis off think-

ing it was safe to stand only to find that they still sank up to their crotches.

Staying on the Temptation Peak side of the creek until well after the eroding bank which is also on that side of the creek, we managed to skip the worst of the alders. Then out of nowhere there were two people who had come over from Arctic Valley. I was relieved because this meant that we could use their track rather than have to break trail over the trail that we had been clearing in the fall. The problem is that people get off the trail and then make a trail that goes through thick bushes. The winter trail between Indian and Arctic Valley is one of the clubs oldest traditions. Let's hope we have enough snow this year.

A Peek at Pipit

by Tom Choate



First there were six, which became three who voluntarily humped heavy packs over mountaintops on their way to the Pipit Glacier Independence Day "weekend." Wednesday morning Steve Gruhn, Dwight Iverson, and I carried our loads over the Winner Creek Trail and up the Sno-Cat trail to Sunnyside Peak (el. 3156, T10N, R2E, S1). I held them up by needing to use the rest-step on all steep parts. The footbath was refreshing where we had to cross the stream halfway up and it was a good spot for lunch. There were good views of all the Berry Peaks and Kenai Mountains, but to the east, clouds covered all summits.

We continued on around toward A1 (el. 4950 ± 50, T11N, R3E, S32) and soon found ourselves in a cloud. Steve and I had been here in March, so some places looked familiar, but as visibility dropped under 100 yards, we soon became confused. Stumbling along, trying to follow the ridge upward, it took two hours before we reached the first helicopter-landing place on A1 not far from the summit. There was an adequate tent place here and it was dinnertime, but Steve talked me into climbing further. It promptly began raining and the terrain grew steep and rough. We were thoroughly wet when we checked in at the summit cairn and helicopter landing markers on top, and I couldn't see Steve 100 feet away. Working down the north ridge wasn't difficult and we found a rocky campsite near the col before mystery mountain (el. 5350 ±

50, T11N, R3E, S29) where we built a small wall to help shelter from the wet easterly wind.

During the night the rain stopped and we awoke to a tent warming in the sun. What a view! Eventually, most things were dry and we trekked onward up mystery mountain, leaving our packs where the map suggests you can contour the east face. Shortly we reached the summit with helicopter landing markers and two highpoints, each with a cairn. I couldn't find the register I left on the MCA trip that supplied the name, but a very wet orange drink bottle contained a map from the "three mountain gnomers" - Tim Kelley, Bill Spencer, and Tim Miller - who placed it there in 1993 and a 1995 sign-in from Jim Saylor. No information from the speed circuit group, including Kelley, Spencer, and Jim Renkert, that passed by in 2000. We left a new vitamin bottle register. Substantial cliffs that appeared to drop to the Twentymile River Valley caused us to return for the packs and hump them over the summit and down the rough ridge toward the "5" Glacier. Loafing in the sun on a patch of tundra for lunch we admired the tough cushion plants like sandworts that survived this cold, windy place. The ridge looked safer than the glacier, so we toiled over the "5" Point (el. 5050 ± 50, T11N, R3E, S28) and down the next col, and then up the ridge to Point 5550 ± 50 (T11N, R3E, S20), which was covered in loose rubble. The hollows on its north side were searched for a campsite and we discovered a fine source of water that plunged over the edge to the east. No more melting snow! A few hundred yards further I found a hollow with a 6-foot by 6-foot patch of rock and moss that we could barely fit the tent on with the vestibule over an edge. But what a view from the tent door - Carmen Lake to Mount Muir. We were only 500 feet below Pipit Peak (el. 6050 ± 50, T11N, R3E, S20), and it was before 8 PM. on a beautiful evening, but we chose to watch the alpenglow on all the snowy summits to the east instead.

It was clear above on Friday morning, but the valleys were full of clouds, which started rising around us as we left at 8:50 AM. The Pipit Peak summit came 30 minutes later, along with fabulous views of the Pipit Glacier and many other "bird name" peaks such as Sparrow Peak (el. 6635, T11N, R3E, S9), Yudi Peak (el. 6540, T11N, R3E, S17,18), and Golden Crown (el. 6650 ± 50, T11N, R3E, S4). The clouds were closing in quickly as we searched our third summit for the film can I left there on a 1993 brushbash when I gave the name. No luck, so we left another vitamin bottle register in an improved cairn. I memorized the

appearance of the upper Pipit Glacier as we descended the north ridge and it was a good thing. By the time we put on rope and crampons, visibility dropped to 100 yards. After a gradual descent to the north, we followed the rock walls around to an icefall from Yudi Peak, then took a compass course northeast until we hit the icefall from Sparrow Peak. Climbing up and left along the base of exposed ice led us to a big pit between the rock rib of the pass and the glacier coming down from Sparrow Peak. Using this rock wall as a guide, I led through a pattern of crevasses to about 5500 feet where we stopped for lunch as a patch of sun broke through. Thank God! The glimpse of the rest of the route to Sparrow Peak saved the day, as we never got another good view for two days! The bergschrund was complex, one below the head, another at the head, and a third one 300 feet up the face to the right toward the summit. This last one forced us onto a steep icy ridge section, which turned to soft goo on a 55 degree slope 150 feet below the top, nearly turning us back. A tedious traverse of the north face put us on the summit about 4:30 PM, a 10-second glimpse of the Sparrow Glacier was very tantalizing, but never happened again. I left a cairn and a register 30 feet away in the nearest rock and then began retracing our many steps.

All went smoothly in the fog, even a compass shortcut down from the main pass. This gave foolish confidence, so that when we arrived back at the Pipit-Yudi Pass (el. 5550 ± 50), I thought I could find my way around the base of Pipit Peak to camp between the 5500- and 5600-foot contours. We reached the west ridge easily, but got caught in a lot of steep snow with crevasses and ice cliffs on four tries to get the last 1/6-mile. After two hours of frustration in fog where sometimes it was hard to see Steve at the other end of the rope, we turned back and followed our tracks back to the pass. Off went the rope and up the steep junk rock we went to the summit snow patches of Pipit Peak (should we count this as today's third peak?). Down the rocky east ridge we scrambled, nearly missing the right turn down to the south and camp at last. Finding it after 14 hours of zero visibility was a joy.

For better or worse, Saturday was continuous zero visibility. We needed the rest, but oh those many peaks still awaiting investigation preyed on our minds! Of course, Sunday it cleared on our way out and we made quick work of the re-traverse of mystery mountain and A1,

did a little bit of glissading, and lay in the flowery tundra near Sunnyside Peak. Again we were treated to the sight of dozens of mountain goats, an appropriate treat, considering what we had been trying to accomplish!

Items Submitted Late

Additional Hikes and Climbs

February 18th

DISHWATER DRAINAGE EXPLORATION

Come gaze up the impressive 2500' west face of Mt. Kiliak (7450') from the head of Dishwater Drainage. 14 miles RT and 4500' elevation gain. Class D. Mode of travel dependent on conditions. Limited to 10 participants. Party to follow activity at trip leader's house. Call Richard Baranow at 694-1500.

March 1st

ICICLE CREEK ICE CLIMBING

Chop some ice in this infrequently visited drainage 6 miles up the trail behind the Eagle River Nature Center. Waterfall Ice grades 3-6. Mode of travel dependent on the conditions. Early start time to ensure plenty of time on the ice. Limited to 6 qualified participants, (find your own partner). Technical/5th class trip. Call Richard Baranow at 694-1500.

March 10th - March 11th

HURDY GURDY ICE CLIMBING

Snowshoe 2500' up and overnight in the Hurdy Gurdy drainage, on the north side of Eagle Peak, below pristine waterfall ice..."The Cake Climbs". Waterfall Ice grades 2-5. 8 miles RT. Limited to 8 qualified participants, (find your own partner). Technical/5th class trip. Call Richard Baranow at 694-1500.

March 15th - March 16th

TWIN FALLS ICE CLIMBING

Hike/Ski 8 miles up the north fork of Eagle River and climb 300' Twin Falls, Waterfall Ice grade 4, and whatever else seems enticing!! Limited to 4 qualified participants. Technical/5th class trip. Call Richard Baranow 694-1500.

March 18th

SOUTH FORK TO NORTH FORK - EAGLE RIVER TRAVERSE

Beginning at the end of Hiland Drive, we will hike/snowshoe up and over Harp Mountain (5001'), down the SE ridge to the Eagle River Overlook (point 5130') and down the NE flank to my home and awaiting refreshments. Beautiful mountain vistas, full moon and a great quad workout - come prepared to move fast and light. Distance: 7 miles, 3500' elevation gain and 5600' elevation drop. Class C trip. Limited to 12 participants. Car shuttling required. Call Richard Baranow at 694-1500.

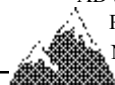
Slide Shows

CLIMBING IN THE WESTERN CHUGACH

Richard Baranow at *Title Wave Bookstore*, in the mall next to REI; Tuesday, February 25th at 7 PM. Highlights will include ascents of Rosy, Bunting, Yukla, Bounty, South Baleful and many others.

ADVENTURES AND CLIMBING IN THE EAGLE RIVER VALLEY

Richard Baranow, Saturday, March 8 at 3:30 PM at the Eagle River Nature Center. A potluck party will follow at Richard and Jayme's house.



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska (MCA) was formed in 1958 to promote the enjoyment of hiking and climbing in Alaska and the exploration of its mountains. We welcome all who wish to become members.

Participate and Learn: The MCA conducts scheduled hikes and climbs led by experienced club members, technical mountaineering and climbing courses, and other instruction throughout the year. The club maintains eight mountain huts in the nearby Chugach and Talkeetna mountains. The MCA's Vin Hoeman Library, located upstairs in Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking at 2633 Spenard Road, contains hundreds of books, numerous periodicals, bound volumes of the **SCREE**, and a 'Peak File' with information on local climbs. The club also loans climbing gear to members, including ice axes, helmets, crampons, snowshoes, and avalanche beacons.

Stay Informed: The MCA publishes a monthly newsletter, **SCREE**, and sends it to all members. The **SCREE** contains announcements of upcoming events, the hiking and climbing trip schedule, and trip reports written by club members. A monthly meeting and slide show are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 725 West Ninth Avenue (corner of Ninth & G Streets, downtown Anchorage). Special events or changes to the meeting will be noted in the **SCREE**. Be sure to visit our website at: www.mcak.org

- ? **Complete both sides of this form. Write neatly!** To participate in club-sponsored trips, every member must read and complete the Release of Liability Agreement on the back of this application.
- ? Please make checks payable to **Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc.**
- ? Annual dues are \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a family (includes electronic **SCREE** subscription – either **delivered** to your e-mail address or **downloaded** from the MCA webpage).
- ? Mailed **SCREE** subscriptions are \$10 per year and are non-refundable (one **SCREE** per family).
- ? Annual membership is for one calendar year, through the 31st of December.
- ? Two-year, non-refundable, memberships are available for double the annual dues.
- ? Memberships paid after October 1st are good through December 31 of the following year.
- ? If applying by mail, please include a self-addressed, **stamped** envelope for your membership card. Otherwise, you may pick it up at the next monthly meeting.
- Our address is: **P.O. Box 102037, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-2037** www.mcak.org

NEW	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<input type="text"/>
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Note that two-year membership dues are double the annual dues and subscription fee.

How do you want your **SCREE** delivered? (check one or both)

ELECTRONIC (Free) ☐ E-mail attachment or notify when available for downloading (circle one).

PAPER (\$10/yr.) ☐ Postal Service – please include \$15/year if outside the U.S.

STREET or P.O. BOX

CITY / STATE / ZIP

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

I am interested in joining a committee (Circle which ones: Programs, Hiking & Climbing, Huts, Geographic Names, Parks Advisory, Equipment, Honorary, Membership, Training, or ad hoc committees). _____ I am interested in leading a trip. ____

Do not write below this line:

Pd: ☐\$10 ☐\$15 ☐\$20 ☐\$30 ☐\$10 for paper **SCREE** ☐\$20 for 2 years of paper **SCREE** Membership Card Issued for Yr: _____
on Date: ____/____/____ ☐ Cash or Check Number: _____ Address Added to Mailing List ☐

RELEASE OF LIABILITY—READ CAREFULLY

I, _____ (print name), am aware that mountaineering sports (including hiking; backpacking; rock, snow, and ice climbing; mountaineering; skiing; and ski mountaineering) are hazardous activities. I wish to participate and/or receive instruction in these activities with the Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc. ("MCA") I recognize that these activities involve numerous risks, which include, by way of example only, falling while hiking, climbing, skiing or crossing rivers or glaciers; failure of a belay; being struck by climbing equipment or falling rock, ice or snow; avalanches; lightning; fire; hypothermia; frostbite; defective or malfunctioning equipment; and attack by insects or animals. I further recognize that the remoteness of the activities may preclude prompt medical care. I further recognize that risk of injury or death may be caused or enhanced by mistakes or negligence on the part of either my fellow participants or MCA officers, directors, guides, instructors, or trip leaders. I nevertheless agree to accept all risks of injury, death, or property damage that may occur in connection with any MCA activity, including use of MCA furnished equipment and MCA backcountry huts.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

GIVING UP MY LEGAL RIGHTS

By signing this Agreement, I agree to give up for myself and for my heirs all legal rights I may have against the MCA and my fellow participants in MCA activities (except to the extent that insurance coverage for any claim is provided by an automobile insurance policy or related excess insurance policies). **I give up these legal rights regardless of whether the injury, death, or property damage results from mistakes or negligence on the part of either my fellow participants or the MCA.** (As used in this agreement, MCA means the Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc., and all of its officers, directors, guides, instructors and trip leaders.) I understand this agreement shall remain in effect until such time as I provide signed written notice of its revocation to the MCA.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

MY PROMISE NOT TO SUE

I agree that I will not sue, or otherwise make any claim against, the MCA or my fellow participants in MCA activities for injury, death, or property damage which occurs in the course of my participation or instruction in mountaineering sports. Any lawsuit relating to MCA activities or this release shall only be filed in the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Third Judicial District., Anchorage, Alaska. The provisions of this release are severable and if any part of this release is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

MY RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I also agree to release and discharge the MCA and my fellow participants in MCA activities from all actions, claims, or demands, both for myself and for my heirs, dependents, and/or personal representative, for injury, death, or property damage occurring in the course of my participation or instruction in mountaineering sports.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

MY PROMISE TO INDEMNIFY

I agree to pay all expenses, including attorney's fees and court costs, that the MCA or my fellow participants in MCA activities may incur as a consequence of any legal action arising out of injury, death, or property damage suffered by me.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

MY CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

I consent to any hospital care or medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment which may be necessary as a result of my participation in activities with the MCA. I also understand and agree that I am solely responsible for all applicable charges for such medical treatment, including evacuation and/or rescue cost.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A BINDING, LEGAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ME AND THE MCA.

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 19): _____

MCA Trip Classifications

The classifications below do not take into account individual trip hazards such as river crossings, scree slopes, snow fields, bears, etc. Trip leaders are required to inform the trip participants of any such hazards either verbally, on the sign-up sheet, or in the trip description. Leader approval is required for participation on all trips.

NON-TECHNICAL: Following are a few standards used to classify non-technical trips. The classification is made in terms of hiking distance and altitude gain. Many trips are not on established trails.

CLASS A: Easy hikes with a maximum distance of 8 miles for day trips or 4 miles per day for overnight trips. Altitude gain up to 1200 feet.

CLASS B: Trips involving a maximum distance of up to 12 miles for a day trip or 6 miles per day for an overnight trip. Altitude gain of 1200 to 2500 feet.

CLASS C: Trips up to 15 miles for a day hike or 8 miles per day for an overnight trip. Altitude gain up to 3500 feet. Scree, steep grass or other rough terrain problems may be encountered.

CLASS D: Hikes and climbs with an altitude gain of over 3500 feet or a distance of greater than 15 miles for a day-hike or greater than 8 miles a day for an overnight trip. Peaks in this classification may require minimal climbing skills.

CLASS E: Hazardous climbing conditions or stream-crossing conditions may be encountered. A basic mountaineering course may be required.

TECHNICAL: Technical trips are open to all qualified climbers. However, the registration on any particular trip must be restricted to a safe and manageable number of climbers. Registration is made directly with the leader, who determines the qualifications needed for the trip.

GLACIER TRAVEL: Trips requiring roped travel over glaciers. Knowledge of crevasse rescue, and ice axe and crampon skills are required. Basic understanding of ice and snow anchors also required.

FIFTH CLASS: Trips which involve fifth class climbing. A Basic Mountaineering course or equivalent is required. Knowledge of belay and rappel techniques and placing anchors is required. Climbing difficulty varies widely with each trip.

TRIP PARTICIPANTS have the obligation to acquaint themselves with the nature of the trip and to verify that it is within their capability and experience. Anyone wishing to participate in any trip above CLASS A must have completed one or more trips of the next lower classification, or the equivalent.

Approved: MCA Board, February 15, 2000

General Rules for MCA Sanctioned Trips

1. Proper equipment is available from the trip leader.
2. No dogs. (Among the reasons are bear problems.)
3. The trip leader can require special equipment and refuse participation to any person that is ill-prepared (e.g. inappropriate clothing/gear).
4. The leader's suggestions are to be followed. Do not go off alone, return or rush ahead without his (her) permission, and don't ford a stream before the leader assesses the situation. Remember, this is a club trip and the leader must know where all participants are. Anyone separating from the group without the leader's approval is no longer considered a participant the MCA Sanctioned trip.
5. The trip leader has the authority to split the group (fast and slow), dependent upon current conditions. However, he/she must appoint a qualified co-leader to lead the second group using the guidelines specified in the current Trip Leader Responsibilities.
6. Trip participants who, in the leader's opinion, put themselves or other members of the group in danger by disregarding the leader's suggestions, shall be subject to sanction by the club. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, reprimand at general meeting, exclusion from future trips, termination of annual membership, or lifetime exclusion from the club.
7. You must sign up on a trip roster (club meetings) or contact the leader, and you must have signed the club waiver to be on a club trip.
8. If you find you cannot participate after signing up on the roster, please let the leader know, both for transportation and gear-planning and so someone else can go. If you are the leader, help find a replacement.
9. Total number of people on club trips:
Minimum: 4 (for safety reasons)
Maximum: Leader option, depends upon the trail and campsite conditions, but generally limited to 12 in trail-less areas or State/ National Parks
10. Firearms are not encouraged, and please let the leader know if you want to carry one - it will be leader's option. Aerosol bear repellent is preferred.

Approved: MCA Board, February 15, 2000



Mountaineering Club of Alaska

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Annual membership dues: Single \$10.00 Family \$15.00 (one *Scree* per family)

Dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the treasurer at the MCA address below. If you want a membership card, please fill out a club waiver and mail it with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you fail to receive the newsletter, or have questions about your membership, contact the club treasurer. The post office does not forward the newsletter.

SCREE is a monthly publication of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska. Articles and notes submitted for publication and other communication related to the newsletter should be mailed to Scree Editor Box 102037 Anchorage, AK 99510, or e-mailed to jaymack@alaska.net. Articles should be received by Jan 31st to be included in the February issue. Sorry, no exceptions.

Paid ads may be submitted to the attention of the Vice-President at the club address and should be "camera ready" and pre-paid. Your cooperation will be appreciated... Robert Baker, Editor, 357-2946.

Missing your MCA membership card? If so, stop by one of our monthly meetings to pick it up or send us a self-addressed stamped envelope and we'll mail it to you.

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