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ORACLE STATE PARK-TRAIL MAINTENANCE UPDATE by Jon Chase

Many of you have volunteered to participate in this program during the past year and wondered, "what happened?" We are finally getting the program underway and will conduct the initial training for crew chiefs in the next two to three weeks. Following that, we will call on all volunteers to join us at Oracle State Park for a day (or more) of hiking and trail maintenance. Eventually, these outings may become regularly scheduled in our newsletter. I have the names of those who volunteered last year. If you are new to the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and would like to participate as a volunteer and/or crew chief, please contact me at 818-1115 or jon.chase@prodigy.net. This is a worthy project—remember that Oracle State Park opens to the public for the first time later this year—let's help them get ready! Watch for future updates.

HIKING GUIDES CORNER WITH GARY

by Gary Gouveau

Spur of the Moment Hikes. This spring, I am introducing "spur of the moment hikes". The purpose of these hikes is to take advantage of what I expect will be one of the best springtime blooms in southern Arizona. Since no one can be sure of the timing of the blooming of desert plants and wildflowers, I want to be able to go hiking when blooming conditions are at their peak. Here is how it will work (I hope): If you are interested in going on a hike in an area where spring flowering is occurring, call me at 825-3868 and tell me to put you on my list for a "spur of the moment hike." When blooming conditions are peaking, I will call you and

tell you that I am leading a hike in a certain area at a certain date and would you like to go. My call may come only a few days before the date of the hike. If you can't make it, that's fine - there will probably be other hikes I will call you about.

I will probably not limit these hikes to flowering events alone. If there are other interesting conditions occurring out there, such as lots of clouds (for photo shoots) or water falls at high flows, I may set up a hike for these events as well.

This is somewhat of an experiment, so bear with me while I work out the details.

By the Numbers As of January 18, 2001, our Club has put together 287 hikes and 372 hikers have participated. 46 hikers have ten hikes under their belt; 16 have 25 hikes, 8 have 50 hikes and 5 have 70 hikes. Congratulations. Thanks to Bob Wynne for the stats.

More Place Names In the last Newsletter I gave you a very brief description of some familiar Arizona place names taken from the book by Will C. Barnes entitled "Arizona Place Names." Here are some more:

ARIZONA: Arizona was named after some springs near Banera, 8 miles south of the border and about 85 miles south of Tucson. These springs are called "Aleh-zon" by the Papago meaning "small spring."

TORTOLITA MOUNTAINS: Tortolita means "doves" or "little doves" in Spanish. It is used to describe the location where two men (Miller and Tappan) were ambushed and

killed by Indians.

SABINO CANYON: Names after Sabino Otero of Tucson, a well-known merchant in the early days. He had a cattle ranch in this canyon.

PIMA COUNTY: Named after the Pima Indians. When the Indians were questioned by the Spanish, they often said "pia" or "pimatc," "I do not know" or "I don't understand." The Spanish took this to be their name and so used it.

HUACHUCA MOUNTAINS: Chiracahua Indian word meaning "thunder". Early spelling "Wachuka".

Hope to see you out there on the trail.

HIKING SADDLEBROOKE

Kay White leads a hike every Tuesday and Thursday in and all around SaddleBrooke. The hikes can be on the local side streets, golf course cart-paths, and even occasionally on some of the little side dirt roads and trails in the adjacent area. The Tuesday hikers meet at the Mountain View Club parking lot to the east of the tennis courts and the Thursday hikers meet at the parking lot to the east of the tennis courts at SaddleBrooke. The meeting time is presently 7:00 AM but will start earlier as the sun comes up earlier. The hikes are "D" rated, ranging from 3 to 4 miles with little elevation change except for what is found on the streets of SaddleBrooke. The hikes last from 1 to 1½ hours. Give Kay a call at 818-9482 and get ready for a good morning hike with some bits of social conversation.

PATCHES FOR HIKING CLUB MEMBERS

At the last board meeting, Barb Leightenheimer presented a thoroughly researched proposal to offer patches to all hiking club members and to give special recognition "rockers" for completion of hiking milestones. The board wholeheartedly approved her proposal and you will hopefully see the newly designed patches on our members.

HIKING CLUB SHIRTS

The club plans on ordering a few dozen short sleeved hiking tee-shirts in a light neutral color to have on hand for new members. However, if you want a special color or long sleeve, we can also throw in your order with ours. Call Barb at 818-1953 or e-mail barbbill@azstarnet.com.

SPRING PICNIC

March 31st is the date for our spring picnic at Catalina State Park. Bette Hollman, our new social committee chairperson,

has arranged for a catered barbecue this year. The menu, which includes baby back pork ribs, BBQ chicken and beef, tossed salad, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and soft drinks, will cost \$9.00 per person and will be served at noon. You can purchase tickets at the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse March 12 and 19 between 9:00 and 11:00 AM.

Three morning hikes are being planned for that day—

1. **Romero Pools.** Rating: C. 5.6 miles. 900 foot elevation climb (2700 to 3600). Leave Catalina Park trailhead at 8:00 AM. Pace moderate. 2. **Canyon Loop Trail.** Rating: D. 2.3 miles. Near level. Leave Catalina Park trailhead at 9:00 AM. Pace slow. 3. **Canyon Loop to Sutherland Trail.** Rating: C. 5.2 miles. 700 elevation climb. Pace slow. Leave Catalina Park trailhead at 8:00 AM.

The wild flowers should be spectacular at this time so come and enjoy. For additional information call Bette Hollman at 818-9173.

HEY! ALL YOU HIKERS!

Is this your year to help out our great hiking club? Your nominating committee would like you to consider running for an office. We need a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and chief Hiking Guide. Job descriptions are available and current officers are more than willing to discuss their duties.

Our club has had phenomenal growth and participation. Please help it improve even more by your involvement.

Questions, maybes, YES, I'LL SERVE! – please call or e-mail Mary Richling, 825-5238 (john.maryrichling@gateway.net) by Feb 20th. Thanks for considering!

Your Nominating Committee
George Brunder, Mary Croft, Mary Richling

ANNUAL HIKING CLUB MEETING

The annual Hiking Club meeting will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 14th upstairs on the dance floor of the SaddleBrooke Country Club. Election of officers will be the agenda of the meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Hiking Club Treasurer, Bob White, would like to remind those hikers who joined the club in March and April of 2000, that now would be a good time to renew their memberships. If you joined in March or April, 2000, the renewal fee will be \$4.00 per person. That will keep your membership current

until Sept 30, 2001. This is a pro-rated fee to allow all membership renewals to come due on the same date each year. Send your fee to Bob White, 38122 S Granite Crest Dr, SaddleBrooke AZ 85739.

THE TORCH HAS BEEN PASSED

After two long and very successful years, Bev and Dave Caldwell have retired as communication chairpersons of the SaddleBrooke Hikers Newsletter. The communications committee is now composed of Jim Conklin, Andrea Gray, and Linda Bechky. If you have any information, notices or hiking stories (stories should be 400 words or less) that you would like included in the Newsletter, e-mail those items to ajewel699@aol.com or snail mail them to Andrea Gray, 63670 E. Desert Highland Drive. Deadline is the 15th of the even numbered months.

STUDY BACKS USE OF HIKING POLES

A study published in the American College of Sports Medicine journal, *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, found that when using poles, hikers took slightly longer strides, their knees bent slightly less and their ratings of the strain of walking were a bit lower. Poles seemed to be especially valuable as balance-preservers on long, tiring trips. Dr. Robert P. Nirschl, an orthopedic surgeon in Arlington, Virginia was quoted as saying, that in a sense, healthy hikers using poles are learning something that people with arthritis have always known. "It's the same concept as the cane." When people walk they swing one foot back while moving the arm on the opposite side forward. The weight, however, is on the foot. A hiking pole unloads weight from the foot to the opposite-side arm, redistributing part of the load. By helping hikers to stay balanced, poles conserve the energy that hikers need to keep going.

SUMMIT HUT OFFERINGS at 5045 I Speedway, Tucson (325-1554)

Sunday, February 25th from 11 AM. to 3 PM. Outdoor Gear Swap Meet. Summit Hut supplies the tables. you supply the gear, and you can sell, trade or buy used gear.

March 18 at 7 PM. --Banff International Film Festival Best of the Fest tour. An excellent series of short films on Mountain Culture and outdoors adventure. The location is the International Arts Center 516 N 5th Avenue at 6th Street. Tickets are \$8 each and are only available at the Summit Hut.
March 22 at 7 PM. --packing demonstration class. The focus is on tips for travel and luggage packing, and will be taught by the Summit Hut staff.

April 6 at 8 PM.-- Royal Robbins' slide show at the Summit Hut. Royal is almost legendary in the hiking and rock climbing worlds and will share photos and stories from 40

years of adventure. This event will also be a benefit for the Sky Island Alliance.

For more information check out the Summit Hut web page, www.summithut.com.

REMINDERS

The next **Hiking Guides Meeting** to schedule May-June hikes will be on Wednesday, April 4th at 4:00 PM, in the Javelina Room, SB clubhouse. If you can think of a walk or a hike you wish to offer other club members, please come to the meeting. Even if you have no idea of what you may want to do, come anyway just to see how the scheduling gets done. All club members are encouraged to lead walks or hikes and are welcome to come to the meeting.

GENERAL HIKING INFORMATION

Call the guide to make a reservation for the hike and to get the latest information. Hiking groups meet at and depart from the Mountain View Clubhouse parking lot. (As you look at the clubhouse we will be on the left side out by Mountain View Blvd. just east of the tennis courts.) The time listed is the **departure time**. It is important to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before departure time. Always bring ample water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate headgear & footwear. Check with the guide as to whether or not to bring a lunch. Always bring some sort of ID with you. Bring medications for your own conditions.

The driver donation is a suggested amount and is noted for each individual hike. Due to automobile insurance coverage considerations, it is recommended that any payment to the driver be made at the end of the drive, back at SaddleBrooke. The amount sometimes includes user fees for the Mt. Lemmon Highway and for Catalina State Park. Passengers are to pay any other user fees and share any parking fees. (Hikers, please let the guide know if you intend to drive and whether or not you have applicable passes.)

GUEST POLICY

Please note: a guest is a person who is not a SaddleBrooke resident whether year-round or part-time. A SaddleBrooke resident must be a club member in order to join a hike. On hikes with limited participants, members have priority over guests. Members must accompany their guest(s), and all guests will be required to sign a Release Form prior to hiking. If the guest is younger than 16 years old, the member must notify the hiking guide who has sole discretion whether or not to allow minors on his/her hike. Guests under age 18 must have a Release Form signed by their parent or legal guardian to present to the guide prior to hiking.

HIKE RATINGS AND PACE

A Hikes >16 miles or >3500 feet climb

B Hikes 8 to 16 miles or 1500 to 3500 feet climb

C Hikes 4 to 8 miles or 500 to 1500 feet climb

D Hikes <4 miles or < 500 feet climb

Slow Pace -- Less than 1.5 MPH with frequent stops.

Moderate Pace -- 1.5 to 2.5 MPH, fewer stops.

Fast Pace -- Greater than 2.5 MPH.

Pace is also governed by trail conditions and the terrain to be covered. Ask your guide for clarification when you sign up.

NOTE: Sometimes a hike is harder or easier than it's rating indicates. In an attempt at pinpoint accuracy, "minus" and "plus" signs have been added to some ratings. Hikes are much more difficult than a walk around SaddleBrooke. Be sure to ask the guide for details when signing up for a hike.

ORIENTATION HIKES

Orientation Hikes (OH) are encouraged for all "beginner" hikers and are intended for sharing information and for personal assessment of current physical fitness. The following are scheduled.

Tuesday, March 6th, Canyon Loop, Birding Trail, Nature Trail

Tuesday, March 27th, Honey Bee Canyon

Tuesday, April 3rd, Honey Bee Canyon

Thursday, April 19th, Honey Bee Canyon - 2

Summary of Hikes by Rating and Date:

A Hikes – Apr 16, 23, & 28

B Hikes – Mar 10, 12, 13, 19, 21, 22, 23 & 24
Apr 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, & 30

C Hikes -- Mar 2, 5, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20, 26, 27, & 31
Apr 1, 2, 4, 19, & 30

D Hikes – Mar 1, 6, 8, 16, 19, 22, 26, 27, 29, & 31
Apr 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, & 26

SCHEDULED HIKES

NOTE: Hikes marked by a double asterisk ** are new additions to our club database.

March 1st -- Thursday. Fitness Walk. Rating D. Maintain your fitness or get into better shape by joining us for a morning fitness walk. We'll begin and end with proper stretching techniques, learn power-walking techniques, and have some fun. Wear comfortable walking/athletic shoes. Remember the sunscreen, a hat, & bring a quart of water. The sessions will last about one hour and are suitable for walkers of all ability levels. Meet at Mountain View clubhouse parking lot, 8:00 AM; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

March 2nd -- Friday. Rams Creek Basin. Rating C+. We start from a little park in the Ramsfield subdivision near the Oracle Road crossing of the Canada del Oro. We will hike up an abandoned 4-wheel drive road to some great viewpoints of Vistoso, the Tortolitas, SaddleBrooke and the Biosphere. We then take a short side trail into the basin where we will have lunch, perhaps explore other trails for a short distance and then back to the parking lot. Hike 4 miles; starting elevation 2700 feet, elevation change 800 feet; leave 10:00 AM; bring lunch & water, sunscreen, hat; driver donation \$1.00; Jan & Dean Wilson, 818-0299.

March 5th -- Monday. Peralta Trail. Rating C. Peralta Trail to Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains may be the area's most beautiful canyon. Legend has it that a loner named Jacob Waltz (The Dutchman) found a fortune in gold somewhere within the Superstition Mountains. Dominating the legends and the landscape is Weaver's Needle. The canyon bottom is a jumble of huge, thought-provoking boulders that have tumbled from the cliffs above. It's a steep, rocky trail most of the way. Slow pace. Bring a lunch and at least 2 quarts of water. Hike 5 miles; climb 1360 feet; altitude at the start 2500 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$8.00; Gary Gouvea; 825-3868.

March 5th -- Monday. Deer Camp from the 50-Year Trail. Rating C. Hike through beautiful rock formations with many saguaros to a camp at the base of Mt. Samaniego. Limit 12 hikers; hike 8 miles; 600 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 8:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bill Leightenheimer; 818-1953.

March 6th -- Tuesday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

**** March 6th -- Tuesday.** Canyon Loop (Montrose Pool), Birding Trail, and the Nature Trail. Rating D. Start up Romero Trail in Catalina State Park to Canyon Loop Trail. Come back on the Sutherland Trail. Following this, we will hike the Birding Trail. Pace will be slow. Hike 3.5 miles; 400 foot elevation change; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave 8:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle; 818-0563.

March 8th -- Thursday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

**** March 9th -- Friday.** Sutherland Trail to Cargodero Canyon. Rating C. We will start at the trailhead at the end of the road in Catalina State Park. Hiking about 2 miles to Cargodero Canyon. We will continue about another mile or so to where the jeep road (up the Trico powerline to the summit) starts. We will lunch in this area. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 500 feet; starting elevation 2950 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Dave Caldwell; 825-3071.

March 10th -- Saturday. Blackett's Ridge. Rating B. A relatively short hike between Sabino and Bear Canyons with

spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons. We follow the dirt road from Sabino Canyon Visitors Center parking lot. The first part of the trail is somewhat steep, and then it changes to a gradual, persistent climb. The pace will be slow but steady. Hike 6 miles; climb 1700 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:15 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Jim Strickler; 825-8735.

**** March 12th -- Monday.** Lost Apache Canyon. Rating B. We start from the park in the Ramsfield subdivision just south of Catalina State Park. We will hike up an abandoned 4-wheel drive road to a trail that proceeds to cross state land to US forest land. Where the trail ends, we will do a difficult bushwhack up into the canyon on the right. Wear long pants and gloves and bring a hiking stick. Hike 7 miles; limit 10 hikers; starting elevation 2700 feet; elevation change about 1500 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Walt Faleschini; 818-6644.

March 12th -- Monday. Fifty Year Trail (North End). Rating C. We will start at the end of the paved part of Golder Ranch Road, go north on the 50-Year Trail and then loop back. Beautiful saguaros and rock formations. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at 9:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Ron Noton; 825-7374.

March 13th -- Tuesday. Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap. Rating B. Starting from Lago Del Oro and the new extension of Charouleau Gap Road we will hike on the jeep road to the gap which overlooks SaddleBrooke to the west. The hike will be through desert area and then a steep climb with switchbacks to the gap. Return on the same road. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; altitude at the start 3200 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$0; John Rendall; 825-9395.

March 15th -- Thursday. Saguaro Park East & Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for lunch. Rating C-. Start from the eastern end of Speedway at Douglas Spring Trailhead. Follow along the foot of the Rincon Mountains with a 1.5 mile loop into the foothills then back to the desert floor. Hike 4.2 miles, 400 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 8 AM; limit 20; \$12.00 for a superb gourmet luncheon buffet at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch after hike - payable to Bev by 3/7/01; driver donation \$4.00; Bev Caldwell; 825-3071.

March 16th -- Friday. Big Wash. Rating D. We will drive to the parking lot at Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church. We will descend a hill into Big Wash. We'll hike north approximately 1½ miles in the wash (distance can vary depending on the group), then return the same way. Big wash is a "braided river", meaning it has many channels to it, so you can walk up one channel and return via another. Deer, jackrabbit, and cows may be seen. Bring water, snack (optional), sunscreen and hiking stick (optional). Hike 3

miles; limit 15 hikers; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Jan & Dean Wilson; 818-0299.

March 19th -- Monday. Cochise Stronghold to the Saddle. Rating C-. This is a beautiful hike through the area (Dragoon Mountains) that Cochise hid in during the Indian wars. He is buried in this area in a hidden location. There is an extension of this hike that expands it to 10 miles for the more advanced hiker. Distance 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation about 4500 feet; pace slow; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$9.00; Gary Gouvea; 825-3868.

March 19th -- Monday. Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating D. We follow the Sutherland Trail to the wilderness sign. The hike then veers to the right and follows a small canyon where there is a beautiful waterfall (depending on recent rains). Much of this part of the trail is sandy with several water crossings. After entering the wilderness area the trail is somewhat rocky. An old abandoned mine is visible to the left of the canyon. Hike 4 miles; limit 10 hikers; elevation at start 2700 feet; elevation change 500 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Mary Croft; 825-3804.

SPUR OF THE MOMENT HIKES

See Hiking Corner with Gary article for more information about "spur of the moment hikes."

March 19th -- Monday. Pontatoc Ridge. Rating B-. Sometimes called the "Old Spanish Mine Trail," this trail goes up the north side of Pontatoc Ridge to just below some old mines. There are great views of Tucson and the surrounding area on this hike. Hike starts at north end of Alvernon Way. Limited to 12 hikers. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1450 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; John Rendall; 825-9395.

March 20th -- Tuesday. Pontatoc Canyon to the Amphitheater. Rating C. Hike in 2.5 miles from the trailhead at the end of Alvernon Way. Good views of the city and Finger Rock. Hike 5 miles; climb 1200 feet; altitude at trailhead 3100 feet; leave, 8:30 AM; bring lunch & water, sunscreen, hat, camera (optional); driver donation \$1.00; Jan & Dean Wilson; 818-0299.

March 21st -- Wednesday. Wasson Peak/Hugh Norris Trail. Rating B. We will take the Hugh Norris trail in both directions. This is the longest trail to Wasson peak (incredible views at the top) but the climb is gradual and the trail is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. Hike 10 miles climb 2100 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Bob Wynne; 825-4056.

March 22nd -- Thursday. Picacho Peak. Rating B. From

Barret Loop trailhead hike up to a saddle then down to Sunset Vista Trail then to the top of Picacho Peak using the permanently installed guide cables to get to the top. Bring cotton or leather gloves for holding on to cables. Return requires a climb down Sunset Vista Trail then up the Hunter Trail again to the saddle. This is a short, strenuous, 'acrophobic' hike & a favorite among hikers. \$5.00 park entrance fee or a pass (car with up to 4 people); hike 4 miles; climb 2100 feet; elevation at start 1500 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Walt Faleschini; 818-6644.

March 22nd -- Thursday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

March 23rd -- Friday. Romero Pools (Upper). Rating B. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows the Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Initially the trail crosses open desert then there is a steep climb until it reaches the canyon area where several pools are located. The upper pools are about 1/2 mile beyond the lower pools. Hike 7 miles; climb 1600 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bernice Christian; 818-1620.

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March 24th -- Saturday. Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap. Rating B. Starting from Lago Del Oro and the new extension of Charouleau Gap Road we will hike on the jeep road to the gap which overlooks SaddleBrooke to the west. The hike will be through desert area and then a steep climb with switchbacks to the gap. Return on the same road. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; altitude at the start 3200 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Jim Strickler; 825-8735.

March 26th -- Monday. Sutherland Trail from Catalina State Park. Rating C. A nice trail ending in a very scenic, flat, rocky area, with views of the valley and SaddleBrooke. We start at the Catalina State Park Trailhead. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; John Rendall. 825-9395.

**** March 26th -- Monday.** Downtown Tucson History Hike & Gourmet Lunch at the Historic Manning House. Rating D. This hike is co-led by the Sun City Hiking Club history buff, Bob Cratty (Ajo born and raised). A partial list of people and events that Bob will discuss include: Father Keno, Pancho Vila, Presidio attacks, Camp Grant massacre, Gadsden purchase, Old County Court House, Hiram Stevens, Ed Fish, the Handy-Haney fight, the Stork House, Mormon Battalion, Fox Theater, Wyatt Earp, The Pioneer & Santa Rita Hotels, and much more. Alternative plan if bad weather. Walk 3 miles; no elevation change; Limit 30 hikers; meet in Mt. View parking lot NO LATER THAN 7:45 AM, leave 8:00 AM;

driver donation \$2.00. \$17.50 per person to Bev Caldwell by 3/16/01 for gourmet lunch at the historic Manning House; Bev Caldwell; 825-3071.

March 27th -- Tuesday. Alamo Canyon (Upper), Catalina State Park. Rating C. We will hike up the Birding Trail to a cutoff that intercepts Alamo Canyon. From there, we will hike up to the canyon ridge with views of Alamo rock formations and of the valley below. Hike 6 miles; starting elevation 2700 feet, change in elevation 1,000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Walt Faleschini; 818-6644.

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March 29th -- Thursday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

March 31st -- Saturday. Picnic Hikes – Catalina State Park See "Spring Picnic" article above.

April 1st -- Sunday. Seven Falls. Rating C+. Starting at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center, hike from the parking lot to lower Bear Canyon; then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. Falls may be dry depending on spring rains. Hike 8 miles; climb 900 feet; starting altitude 2800 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Larry Gray; 818-0337.

**** April 2nd -- Monday.** Brown Canyon – Ramsey Canyon Loop. Rating C+. In the Huachuaca Mountains, we hike up Brown Canyon Box trail to a ridge where we drop down into Ramsey Canyon and back to the Visitor Center. This is a great hike. In Brown Canyon, we see mining artifacts and two gravesites. Ramsey Canyon is always a delight with some of the largest Arizona Sycamore trees in Southern Arizona. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 5000 feet; pace slow; Leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$10; Gary Gouvea; 825-3868.

**** April 3rd -- Tuesday.** Panther Peak. Rating B. The hike begins near Saguaro West National Park, with the first mile on old mining roads. Then, a steep, difficult climb begins and you may need to use your hands to climb the trail. The use of gloves, long pants, and a hiking stick is recommended. Enjoy outstanding views from the top, all the way to Picacho Peak. We will return by the same route. This is a short but strenuous hike. Hike limited to 10 hikers. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 1135 feet; starting elevation 2300 feet;

leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Ron Noton; 825-7374.

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April 5th -- Thursday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

April 7th -- Saturday. Finger Rock Trail to Linda Vista Saddle. Rating B. This hike starts on level ground for about 1 mile then sharply climbs 2500 feet. Scrambling is necessary at some points, & coming down is just as difficult. The pace is very slow with lots of rest stops to enjoy the beautiful vistas as they spread out below and into the distance. Hike 5.8 miles; 2500 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Jim Strickler; 825-8735.

April 8th -- Sunday. Wasson Peak/King Canyon. Rating B. We start at the trailhead near the Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum and go up the King Canyon Trail. We pass the Mam-A-Gah Picnic area and continue to the saddle where we meet the Sweetwater Trail. Then for the next mile or so it's a steep climb to the junction of the Hugh Norris Trail. From there is a short uphill climb to the summit. From the top you can see all of Tucson to the east, south through Green Valley, north to Picacho Peak and west to Sells. Hike 8 miles; climb 1900 feet; altitude at start 2800 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Larry Gray; 818-0337.

April 9th -- Monday. Tortolita Mountains/Dove Mountain. Rating B. We will leave from the cattle guard / windmill on the Rail-X Road and ascend to the top of a 4620-foot Dove Mountain. From there we will make our way along an up and down ridge line north with views of Ruelas, Cochise, and Wild Burro Canyons, eventually reaching a path and jeep road which returns to the parking spot. Views are

outstanding and feral horses might be sighted. This is a rough, steep, and scratchy bushwhack making long pants and sleeves, gloves and hiking sticks desirable. Hike 6 miles; climb 1900 feet; starting elevation 3600 feet; leave 8:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bill Leightenheimer; 818-1953.

April 10th -- Tuesday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

April 11th -- Wednesday. Atascosa Lookout. Rating B. We hike to the fire lookout station in the Tumacacori mountains, near Rio Rico, with the famous outhouse (yes, outhouse) ready for use. This is considered a most scenic trail with views over 75 miles in all directions. Kodak moments will be taken on the return if you haven't used up all your film on the summit. Limit 14 hikers. Hike 5 miles; climb 1600 feet; altitude at trailhead 4700 feet; pace slow; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Bob Wynne; 825-4056.

SPUR OF THE MOMENT HIKES

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April 12th -- Thursday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

April 16th -- Monday. Window Rock. Rating A. The most direct route is up Ventana Canyon. This is a difficult and steep hike. We start at the parking lot past the employees' parking lot and take the trail until it intersects with the Esperero Trail then follow that trail to the Window. Hike 13 miles; climb 4200 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; trail is steep; leave 6:30 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Bill Leightenheimer; 818-1953.

April 16th -- Monday. Cochise Stronghold to end of trail. Rating B. Hike through spine of granite where the legendary Apache war chief, Cochise, held off his many enemies. Beautiful rock formations. Speculate on location of Cochise grave. Optional activity after hike – visit Singing Wind Bookstore in Benson. Hike 10 to 11 miles; climb 1500 feet; starting elevation 4900 feet; leave 6:30 AM; driver donation \$8.00; Mary Croft; 825-3804.

April 16th -- Monday. Romero Pools (Upper). Rating B. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows the Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Initially the trail crosses open desert then there is a steep climb until it reaches the canyon area where several pools are located. The upper pools are about 1/2 mile beyond the lower pools. Hike 7 miles; climb 1600 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Walt Faleschini; 818-6644.

April 17th -- Tuesday. Thimble Peak. Rating B. We start at Prison Camp Road (now Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site), 7 miles up the Catalina Highway, and take the beautiful Sycamore Reservoir Trail down to the abandoned reservoir.

We connect to the Bear Canyon Trail on the way to Thimble Flat then follow a faint trail to the base of Thimble Peak. Bring gloves to do the fairly easy scramble to the top of the east summit. Enjoy outstanding views from this prominent landmark. We will return by the same route. Hike 11 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; starting elevation 4850 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Ron Noton; 825-7374.

April 17th -- Tuesday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

April 18th -- Wednesday. Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West. Rating B-. This is a wilderness area, no trails, and no signs. Expect stream wading and numerous stream crossings, i.e., wet feet. Good water traction important. Wear shoes that can stand water and hiking. This is a beautiful, scenic canyon, a favorite for all who have been there. We hike in about 4 miles then come out the same way. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks). Bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items). Hiking stick recommended. Limit 10. \$5.00 fee per person at entrance. Have exact amount. Hike 7 to 8 miles; starting elevation 2600 feet; elevation change 200 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; John Rendall; 825-9395.

April 19th -- Thursday. Pima Canyon. Rating C. The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. It then enters a beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again in the open. Can be quite cool. We will hike to a rocky open area in the canyon beyond a small dam near Indian grinding holes and then return to the trailhead. Hike 6 miles; climb 800 feet; altitude at start 2900 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Dave & Bev Caldwell; 825-3071.

April 19th -- Thursday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

**** April 19th -- Thursday.** Honey Bee Canyon - 2. Rating D. We will hike South (opposite of the other Honey Bee Canyon hike). We will explore the canyon, identify some of the vegetation, look for petroglyphs, find a large hole in a rock, look for animals and animal tracks. Bring water, snack, sunscreen, hat, (camera optional). Hike 3-4 miles; 100 foot elevation gain; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave 8:00 AM; back by noon; driver donation \$1.00; Jan & Dean Wilson; 818-0299.

April 21st -- Saturday. Miller Peak. Rating B+. Miller Peak is the highest point in the Huachuca Mountains. There is a 100-mile view from the top. The hike starts at the Coronado National Memorial, located within Montezuma Canyon and we take the Crest Trail. Hike 12.5 miles; elevation change 3400 feet; starting elevation 5800 feet; leave 6:30 AM; driver

donation \$10.00; Jim Strickler; 825-8735.

April 22nd -- Sunday. Blackett's Ridge. Rating B. This is a relatively short hike between Sabino and Bear Canyons with spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons. We follow the dirt road from Sabino Canyon Visitors Center parking lot. The first part of the trail is somewhat steep, and then it changes to a gradual, persistent climb. The pace will be slow but steady. Hike 6 miles; climb 1700 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Larry Gray; 818-0337.

SPUR OF THE MOMENT HIKES

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April 23rd -- Monday. Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park via Romero Pass. Rating A. We start at the top of Mt. Lemmon and follow the Mt. Lemmon Trail to Romero Pass then take the Romero Canyon Trail to the trailhead in Catalina State Park. Most of this hike is downhill but is difficult in places with some short but rigorous uphill sections. We will be driven to the top (by "support crew") and spot cars in CSP. Hike 14 miles; descent 6300 feet; altitude at start 9100 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Bill Leightenheimer; 818-1953.

April 24th -- Tuesday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

April 25th -- Wednesday. American Flag Trail. Rating B. This hike begins on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. We take the American Flag Trail to Oracle Ridge where we have interesting views to the west. We then hike south to a saddle below Apache Peak where we will have lunch and then return. Hike 9 miles; altitude change 1300 feet; altitude at start 4400 feet; pace slow; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; John Rendall; 825-9395.

April 26th -- Thursday. Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West. Rating B-. This is a wilderness area, no trails, and no signs. Expect stream wading and numerous stream crossings, i.e., wet feet. Good water traction important. Wear shoes that can stand water and hiking. This is a beautiful, scenic canyon, a favorite for all who have been there. We hike in about 4 miles then come out the same way. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks). Bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items). Hiking stick recommended. Limit 10. \$5.00 fee per person at the entrance. Have exact amount. Hike 7 to 8 miles; starting elevation 2600 feet; elevation change 200 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Dave Caldwell; 825-3071.

April 26th -- Thursday. Fitness Walk. See March 1st.

**** April 28th -- Saturday.** Pima Canyon to Mt. Kimball and return by Finger Rock Canyon. Rating A. The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. It then enters a beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again in the open. We will hike past several small dams to a spring. At this point we will climb 350 feet in .4 of a mile to the saddle to give a superb view of the entire Montrose and Romero Canyon drainage, the most inaccessible region of the entire Catalina Mountains. We then proceed 1.3 miles to Kimball Peak, climbing several rocky ridges with great views of tremendous rock spire cliffs. The view from the peak is superb of the Windows, Cathedral Rock, and Montrose Canyon. We will return by way of Finger Rock Trail. We need two cars for this hike. This hike will be very strenuous. 12 miles; climb 4355 feet; altitude at start 2900 feet; leave 6:45 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Norm Kyle; 818-0563.

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April 30th -- Monday. Josephine Peak. Rating B+. We will hike the Super Trail in Madera Canyon of the Santa Ritas, up to Josephine Saddle, and beyond, to Josephine Peak, and back. We leave the trail to reach Josephine Peak. This peak sits in the shadow of Mt. Wrightson. On return we may take Old Baldy Trail down from Josephine Saddle. Hike 12 miles; climb 3000 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave 6:30 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Bill Leightenheimer; 818-1953.

April 30th -- Monday. Seven Falls. Rating C+. Starting at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center hike from the parking lot to lower Bear Canyon. Then, hike along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. Falls may be dry depending on spring rains. Hike 8 miles; pace slow; climb 900 feet; starting altitude 2800 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Gary Gouvea; 825-3868.

April 30th -- Monday. Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West (short version). This replaces a canceled hike from last Fall and is CURRENTLY FULL. However, there may be cancellations so, if interested, please call. Bev Caldwell; 825-3071.

(Rating C-. Wilderness hiking by special permit. Stream wading, numerous stream crossings (up to knee deep), dense riparian brush. This is a very special canyon, pristine & natural. No facilities; wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks); bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items); hiking stick recommended; hike 4-5 miles

roundtrip; 200 foot elevation change; pace slow/moderate; limit 10; \$5 per person to BLM at trailhead. Have exact amount. Leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00).

HIKE SCHEDULE SUMMARIES

On the following pages, the two tables present a summary of the March and April 2001 hikes, respectively. Those hike descriptions shown in **Bold** type are new hikes. Those hike descriptions shown in *Italic* type are orientation hikes.



SaddleBrooke Hiking Club March 2001 Hikes

Date	Day	Time (am)	Rating	Description	Driver Donation (\$s)	Hike Length (mi)	Elevation Start/Change (1000ft)	Hiking Guide	Phone No.
1	Th	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
2	F	10:00	C+	Rams Creek Basin	1	4	2.7/1.8	Jan & Dean Wilson	818-0299
5	M	7:00	C	Peralta Trail	8	5+	2.5/1.36	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
5	M	8:30	C	Deer Camp from the 50-Year Trail	1	8	3/1.6	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
6	T	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
6	T	8:30	D	Canyon Loop, Birding Trail, & Nature Trail	1			Norm Kyle	818-0563
8	Th	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
9	F	8:00	C	Sutherland Trail to Cargodero Canyon	1	6	2.95/1.5	Dave Caldwell	825-3071
10	S	7:15	B	Blackett's Ridge	2	6	2.7/1.7	Jim Strickler	825-8735
12	M	7:00	B	Lost Apache Canyon	1	7	2.7/1.5	Walt Faleschini	818-6644
12	M	9:00	C	Fifty Year Trail (North End)	1	7	3.2/1.8	Ron Noton	825-7374
13	T	8:00	B	Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap	0	10	3.2/2	John Rendall	825-9395
15	Th	8:00	C-	Saguaro Park East & Tanque Verde Ranch	4+12lunch	4.2	3/4	Bev Caldwell	825-3071
16	F	8:00	D	Big Wash	1	3	3.1/	Jan & Dean Wilson	818-0299
19	M	7:00	C-	Cochise Stronghold to the Saddle	9	6	4.5/1+	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
19	M	8:00	D	Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail	1	4	2.7/1.5	Mary Croft	825-3804
19	M	8:00	B-	Pontatoc Ridge	1	5	3/1.45	John Rendall	825-9395
20	T	8:30	C	Pontatoc Canyon to the Amphitheater	1	5	3.1/1.2	Jan & Dean Wilson	818-0299
21	W	7:30	B	Wasson Peak / Hugh Norris Trail	3	10	2.8/2.1	Bob Wynne	825-4056
22	Th	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
22	Th	7:00	B	Picacho Peak	5+park fee	4	1.5/2.1	Walt Faleschini	818-6644
23	F	8:00	B	Romero Pools (Upper)	1+park fee	7	2.7/1.6	Bernice Christian	818-1620
24	S	7:30	B	Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap	1	10	3.2/2	Jim Strickler	825-8735
26	M	8:00	C	Sutherland Trail from Catalina State Park	1	6	2.7/1	John Rendall	825-9395
26	M	8:00	D	Downtown Tucson History Hike & Lunch	2+17.5lunch	3	N/A	Bev Caldwell	825-3071
27	T	7:00	C	Alamo Canyon (Upper)	1	6	2.7/1	Walt Faleschini	818-6644
27	T	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
27	T	8:00	D	<i>Honey Bee Canyon</i>	1	2	2.7 / .1	Barb Leightenheimer	818-1953
29	Th	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
31	S	8:00	C	Picnic Hike - Romero Pools	0	5.6	2.7/1.9	TBA at picnic	
31	S	9:00	D	Picnic Hike - Canyon Loop Trail	0	2.3	Near level	TBA at picnic	
31	S	8:00	C	Picnic Hike - Canyon Loop to Sutherland Trail	0	5.2	2.7/1.7	TBA at picnic	

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club April 2001 Hikes

Date	Day	Time (am)	Rating	Description	Driver Donation (\$s)	Hike Length (mi)	Elevation Start/Change (1000ft)	Hiking Guide	Phone No.
1	Su	7:00	C+	Seven Falls	2	8	2.8/0.9	Larry Gray	818-0337
2	M	7:00	C+	Brown Canyon - Ramsey Canyon Loop	10	8	5/1.8	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
3	T	8:00	B	Panther Peak	3	4	2.3/1.135	Ron Noton	825-7374
3	T	8:00	D	<i>Honey Bee Canyon</i>	1	2	2.7/1.1	Jan & Dean Wilson	818-0299
4	W	7:30	C	Peralta Trial	8	5	2.5/1.36	Bob Wynne	825-4056
5	Th	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
7	S	7:00	B	Finger Rock Trail to Linda Vista Saddle	2	5.8	3.1/2.5	Jim Strickler	825-8735
8	Su	7:00	B	Wasson Peak / King Canyon	3	8	2.8/1.9	Larry Gray	818-0337
9	M	8:30	B	Tortolita Mountains / Dove Mountain	1	6	3.6/1.9	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
10	T	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
11	W	7:30	B	Atascosa Lookout	6	5	4.7/1.6	Bob Wynne	825-4056
12	Th	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
16	M	6:30	A	Window Rock	2	13	3.1/4.2	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
16	M	6:30	B	Cochise Stronghold to End of Trail	8	10 to 11	4.9/1.5	Mary Croft	825-3804
16	M	7:00	B	Romero Pools (Upper)	1	7	2.7/1.6	Walt Faleschini	818-6644
17	T	7:00	B	Thimble Peak	3	11	4.85/1.5	Ron Noton	825-7374
17	T	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
18	W	7:30	B-	Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West	3+5 entry	7 to 8	2.6/2	John Rendall	825-9395
19	Th	7:30	C	Pima Canyon	1	6	2.9/8	Dave & Bev Caldwell	825-3071
19	Th	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
19	Th	8:00	D	Honey Bee Canyon - 2	1	3 to 4	2.7/1.1	Jan & Dean Wilson	818-0299
21	S	6:30	B+	Miller Peak	10	12.5	5.8/3.4	Jim Strickler	825-8735
22	Su	7:00	B	Blackett's Ridge	2	6	2.7/1.7	Larry Gray	818-0337
23	M	7:30	A	Mt Lemmon/Catalina Park via Romero Pass	5	14	9.1/-6.3	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
24	T	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
25	W	7:30	B	American Flag Trail (Extended)	3	9	4.4/1.3	John Rendall	825-9395
26	Th	7:30	B-	Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West	3	7 to 8	2.6/2	Dave Caldwell	825-3071
26	Th	8:00	D	Fitness Walk	0			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
28	S	6:45	A	Pima Cyn to Mt Kimball rtn Finger Rock Cyn	2	12	2.9/4.355	Norm Kyle	818-0563
30	M	6:30	B+	Josephine Peak	6	12	5.4/3	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
30	M	7:00	C+	Seven Falls	2	8	2.8/0.9	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
30	M	7:30	C-	Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West (short)	3+5 entry	4 to 5	2.6/2	Bev Caldwell	825-3071

SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RELEASE

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ SEX: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Your name, phone number and e-mail address will be listed in the membership directory. Do you want your address listed in the directory: Y/N
\$5.00 Annual Dues must accompany this Application.
The release below must be read and signed by all members.

Mail To: Bob White, 38122 S. Granite Crest, Tucson, AZ 85739

UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS (SaddleBrooke Hiking Club)

1. The undersigned individual ("Hiker") states his/her intention to participate in hikes organized or sponsored by the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club ("Club").
2. Hiker acknowledges and agrees that the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club does not maintain any liability, medical, property or other insurance for the benefit of Hiker in connection with the hikes and he/she assumes all responsibility and risk of injury or illness in connection with or participation in the hikes.
- 3 - Hiker does hereby and unconditionally release, remise, and forever discharge, waive and acquit the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and all of its members, directors, officers, hiking guides, employees and agents (collectively, Released Parties), and any other person, firm, corporation or entity which may be liable or responsible for the Released Parties, with respect to the Trips, including, but not limited to SaddleBrooke Homeowners Associations #1 and #2.
4. Hiker represents and warrants that no representations have been made to him/her by or on behalf of any of the Released Parties to influence or induce the execution of this Release other than contained herein, and that he/she has fully read this Release and has executed the same upon independent advice and counsel of his her own choosing, agreeing to release the Released Parties as provided herein.
5. Hiker acknowledges that he/she is capable of participating in and completing a hike of beginning/intermediate /advanced difficulty as defined by the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club ratings system which Hiker acknowledges having read and understood and further acknowledges that he/she has no known medical or other condition which could be damaged or aggravated in any way by participation in such level of difficulty. Hiker assumes the responsibility of informing the leadership of the Club in writing of any change in his/her hiking ability or of any incipient medical condition which would in any way limit or endanger participation in such hikes. Hiker acknowledges sole responsibility for insuring he/she does not attempt hikes which difficulty level exceeds that asserted in this Release.
6. This Release contains the full and complete understanding and agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior understandings or agreements whether oral or in writing, relating to the subject matter contained herein
7. In the event legal proceedings are commenced between the parties to this agreement for the matters contained herein then each party in such action shall be responsible for and pay its own expenses and attorneys' fees. In the event of any dispute, venue shall be the courts of Pinal County Arizona and this Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona.
8. This Release shall be continuing and shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled at will by either party upon proper written notice to the other. Notice posted by the U. S. Mail to the Hiker at his/her residence address in SaddleBrooke shall be deemed completed notice to him/her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Hiker has executed this Release effective as of (date) _____, for the benefit of the Released Parties.

(SIGNATURE OF HIKER)

(PRINT NAME)

SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB SPRING BBQ

Catalina State Park

Sat. March 31 12:00 noon

Catered by BAR B Q Ranch

Menu

Grilled Chicken, Baby back pork ribs, B B Q Beef

or veggie burgers by request

salads, beans, rolls, drinks, dessert

\$9.00 per person

plates, napkins, utensils provided

Purchase tickets at SaddleBrooke Club

March 12 and 19 between 9 and 11 am

or call Bette Hollman at 818- 9173