



Bardini

The Backside of Beyond

The Bardini Foundation Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2006 Issue

Bardini's 10th Anniversary Bash

Do you believe it? It has been **ten years** and the flame is still lit! We intend to celebrate. Bardini lives!

The Bardini Foundation will celebrate it's tenth anniversary on **Saturday, August 4, 2007 at Mill Creek Station**, 8 miles north of downtown Bishop on Highway 395.

This will be a party you won't want to miss. There will be beer, wine, and pot-luck food. **Roger Derryberry** at Mill Creek has finished his new indoor media theater and says there will be music, slides, videos, and other wonderful stuff we haven't even figured out yet!

Don't miss this opportunity to see people you haven't seen in ages and enjoy a Bardini party like the ones we used to have on Sierra Street. Mark your calendar.

Only Four Pages In This Issue!

This issue of the Backside of Beyond does not have the usual six pages in order to get it in your hands before the new year. We did not have the usual page-3 article ready for publication and needed to get the announcement of our winter activities out to the public before the end of the year.

There will be another newsletter forthcoming, hopefully in the six page format, sometime in March to let you know if we reached the **fund goal of \$4000** and to give you more information regarding the **Bardini Foundation Tenth Anniversary Bash**.

You Can't Keep These Kids Down

Once again during the last week of July, the Bardini Foundation **volunteered its mountain guides**, Tim Villanueva and Don Lauria, to teach rock climbing technique to a group of Owens Valley boys.

The youth ranging in age from 9 to 17, were sponsored by the Bishop Salvation Army under the auspices of Inyo County's Health and Human Services Department.



The boys spent all day in Rock Creek Canyon honing their rock climbing skills and reviewing the **tenets of environmental responsibility and leave-no-trace tactics**. We intend that this experience will become an annual outing for this group.

SOLVED: Liability Insurance Problem

Thanks to your **generous donations** (see page-2) and the great work done by our long-time friend and fellow climber, **David Huntsman**, the Bardini Foundation was able to obtain **liability insurance coverage** for the year 2006.

The **Huntsman Insurance Agency** found liability coverage for us at a rate adequately covered by the donations received after our last desperate plea for help.

The liability coverage was obtained at a substantially lower rate than we were forced to pay in 2005. Needless to say, our future insurance needs will be handled by David and Peter Huntsman.

DONATION TIME Our Goal: \$4000

At the end of March 2007, we will again be **in dire need of insurance money**—not nearly as much as previously required. We have set our goal at \$4000 to cover both liability and workman's compensation.

Last season your contributions exceeded this goal so the foundation feels confident that our faithful donors will come through again and get us over the top this year.

Please don't hesitate, dig into your pockets, open your checkbooks, and send your deductible donation to:

**Bardini Foundation
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2006 Contributions

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The Bardini Foundation appreciates donations in any amount. All 2006 donors are listed here. The next listing will include only 2007 donations.

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Organizations

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Angel \$5000+
Partner \$2000+
Contributor \$1000+
Sustainer \$100+
20-20 Wine Company
Mammoth Mountaineering Supply



On the slopes below Bear Creek Spire
See page-4

Notes to the Editor

I always had more fun with Allan in the backcountry than is legally allowed. I hope this helps.

Dan Blackburn

I love the work you're doing! Best.

Cameron Burns

Bardini lives! Thanks for all you do!!

Kathleen & Michael Farrell

As Allan sternly told me as I was contemplating a 50-foot screamer "DO NOT LET GO!"

Claude Fiddler

My thanks to you two for keeping the Bardini Foundation going.

Ken Kerner

You folks are giving much more than I am, so as long as you keep working at it, I'll probably keep doing my small part.

Armando Menocal

My belief in the purpose of the Bardini Foundation and my support for your efforts is as strong as it ever was.

Walt Pachucki

Please take this donation to help keep a good dream and spirit alive.

Brian Parks

I still think of Allan all the times I go to the hill - the land above 10,000 ft. (no rules). Skiing. Hiking. All good! AB's out there-keeping an eye on us.

Steve Vaughn

Enclosed is a little bit to help your labor of love.

Dave Weaver

I trust your encounters with the higher reaches of The Range of Light remain plentiful and joyous.

David Weston

Bardini Spring and Summer Activities

The spring of 2006 kept our chief ski guide, **Tim Villanueva**, very busy teaching beacon clinics hosted by Mammoth Mountaineering Supply, teaching **level-I avalanche courses** hosted by Sea & Summit, the Bardini Foundation, and Sierra Mountain Center.

When not serving as an avalanche forecaster at Tioga Pass Resort (TPR), Tim was guiding **ski descents** of Mt. Dana, Mt. Gaylor, Pointless Peak, Little Morrison, Wahoo Gullies, Punta Bardini, and Witcher Canyon.

Tim assisted **Don Sharaf** in presenting a Bardini Foundation **level-III avalanche course** at TPR.

The summer of 2006 found **Don Lauria**, the ancient Bardini climbing guide, assisting three Bishop women to the summit of **Bear Creek Spire**. On the second day of a two-day excursion, **Jeanne Walter, Carol Broberg, and Rosalie Herrera** donned their crampons and ascended the snow fields above Dade Lake (see photo on Page-2) to the northern flank of the Spire. On the last 40 feet of rock leading to the sharp ridge of the summit the dauntless trio accepted the security of a belay. The disappointment of finding no pencil or pen in the summit register was soon forgotten after the champagne bottle was opened (see photo to the right).

A week later, Don was leading **Todd and Alisa Lembke** on a four day trek into **Mt. Whitney** to attempt the **Mountaineer's Route**. A leisurely two-day stroll (not counting the ominous **Ebersbacher Ledges**) up the north fork of Lone Pine Creek left them camped at 12,000 feet eagerly looking forward to the next morning's ascent.



Carol, Rosalie, and Jeanne celebrating on the summit of Bear Creek Spire at 13,720 ft.

At about 2 A.M. on the morning of the "ascent", a **freezing wind** came up and began gusting at 30-40 mph. It was decided to wait out the wind to see if it might abate. At what should have been sunrise, the view to the east no longer existed. The sun was invisible behind darkening storm clouds. The wind, still present, but significantly abated, brought the "storm clouds" up the canyon to the base of Whitney. These "clouds" were actually clouds of smoke from the **Castaic wildfire** still burning 150 miles south of Lone Pine and now filling the Owens Valley.

The late start due to the wind and the unbreathable smoke-filled air resulted in an aborted attempt on the route and retreat to Lower Boy Scout Lake. The next day at Whitney Portal Store, while enjoying a couple of bottles of micro brew, Todd and Alisa reserved a date in 2007 for a fearless traverse of the Ebersbachers and successful ascent of Mt. Whitney.

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Bardini Foundation Activities - Winter/Spring 2007

Bardini Avalanche School

January 6- 8, 2007 and February 23- 25, 2007 Level-I Avalanche Courses

Tioga Pass Resort

\$165/person

March 10- 14, 2007 Eastern Sierra Ski Mountaineering Camp

The Eastern Sierra offers some of this country's best and most accessible big mountain skiing. You will learn techniques for safe travel in the mountains. The first day will be spent at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and the following four days at Tioga Pass Resort Pass Resort.

\$990.00/person (Minimum 4 skiers) (2/1 student/instructor ratio)

Come join us for a learning adventure!

The Bardini Foundation offers guide services year-round.
Treks, climbs, and ski tours can be contracted throughout the year.

The Bardini Foundation is in partnership with the Inyo National Forest

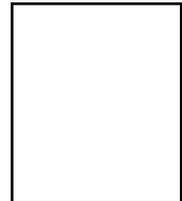
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