



Bardini

The Backside of Beyond

The Bardini Foundation Newsletter

Winter 2007/2008 Issue

We Can't Hold Them Down

This summer, on what has become an annual event, the Bardini Foundation volunteered its mountain guides to teach rock climbing basics to groups of Owens Valley youths.



On July 16th through July 18th, the group sponsored by the **Bishop Salvation Army** under the auspices of **Inyo County's Health & Human Services Department** spent each day at different climbing venues in the Little Lakes valley area and around Mammoth Crest learning basic rock climbing techniques.

On July 24th a youth group organized by the **Bishop Paiute Tribe** was introduced to rock climbing in Rock Creek Canyon...

According to the group leaders, "The kids who participated last year could hardly

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Bardini's 10th Anniversary Bash

The Bardini Foundation celebrated its tenth anniversary on **Saturday, August 4, 2007 at Mill Creek Station**, just 8 miles north of Bishop on Highway 395.



About 100 people attended the event that included **Cowboy Bob Behrendt's** BBQ feast of tri-tip and chicken, a keg of Mammoth ale, and the typical Bishop pot-luck cuisine. Music from the eras we all loved was provided by *Heart Full of Soul. Music*. Dancing began after dinner and a few words from some of the Foundation's directors and friends.

Gary Bard and **Tom Carter** put together about 400 of Allan's 35mm slides and ran a continuous slide show in Mill Creek's media hall throughout the evening.

Mary Lou Long and **Roger Derryberry** were their usual selves - great hosts, always ready and willing to accommodate the Bardini Foundation's functions. Their contributions have been immeasurable and are sincerely appreciated.

wait to get back on the rocks. Now we have newcomers showing the same anticipation for next year." The Bardini Foundation also looks forward to these times with the kids.

It's That Time Again Donation Time

Last year our fund raising drive surpassed our goal of \$4000 and with matching funds from the **DEW Foundation** Bardini was able to not only pay our liability insurance premiums, but we were able to pay off the debt incurred from the previous year's (2006) liability premium.

Now is not the time to sit back and think that you've done your part. Support for the Bardini Foundation is necessary on an annual basis.

The Dale & Edna Walsh (DEW) Foundation has offered to continue matching each dollar received this year during our fund raising drive through March 15, 2008 .

Shai Edberg, the DEW Foundation director, has agreed to make this fund-matching an annual event. Don't miss this opportunity to have your donation count double.

You should check **Page-3** for another way to contribute.

Avalanche Skills Review Clinic

This **one-day clinic** will be spent mostly in the field. We will meet for a refresher on the red flags and the various observation classes. Snow pit analysis and terrain assessment will follow. We will finish the day with a brush up on rescue skills. This clinic is designed for the person that has completed a **3 day avalanche course** and wants to refresh some of those skills already learned.

Price: \$125.00/person (minimum of 2)
Any date can be arranged
Location: Mammoth

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**2007
Contributions
Individuals**

- Benefactor \$1000+**
Anonymous
Paul Rudder
- Angel \$500+**
Wayne Griffin
Peter Hackett
Brian Parks
- Patron \$200+**
Ron Dexter
Michael Frenette
Roger Derryberry /Mary Lou Long
Bruce Russell
Paul Trester
Russell Tucker
David Weston
- Partner \$100+**
Dale Bard
Carol Broberg
Andy Carson
Yvon & Malinda Chouinard
Bill & Sandra Crisafulli
Tom & Kathy Daniels
Michael Graber
Clay Greene
Glenn Hirayama
Jay Jensen
Robert McElroy
Joe McKeown
Jeanne & Dennis Oakeshott
Walt Pachucki
Malcom Swanson
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Charles Grobe
Ken Kerner
John Moynier
Jerry & Barbara Oliver
Frank Pierson
Thomas Rossi
Stan Sanderson
Frank Waldron
Gordon & Meredith Wiltsie
- Sustainer \$25+**
Tani Barbour
Mary Canada
Joe Kelsey
WH & CC Reed
John Rosendahl
Margaret Shasky
Bob Trousdale
Robert Woodward
- Member \$10+**
Richard Knox
Tom & Norma Limp
Kathleen Romer
Arlene Ustin

**2007
Contributions
Organizations**

- Angel \$5000+**
DEW Foundation
- Sustainer \$100+**
TEAM Engineering & Management Inc

Special Thanks

Paul Rudder, the Mammoth attorney who was so generous with his time and expertise back when we were struggling to obtain our commercial guide permit, has been very generous this year.

At the onset of last year's fund raising we received a \$100 donation from Paul—then to our great surprise, we began receiving \$100 checks every month since.

Thanks, Paul, for your continuing support!

From The Bash



Terry Walker, Vern Clevenger, & Gaye Mueller



Dale Bard

Kids On The Rocks



Coming down the up staircase in Rock Creek Canyon



This little girl out climbed everybody in the Paiute group!

Support The Foundation

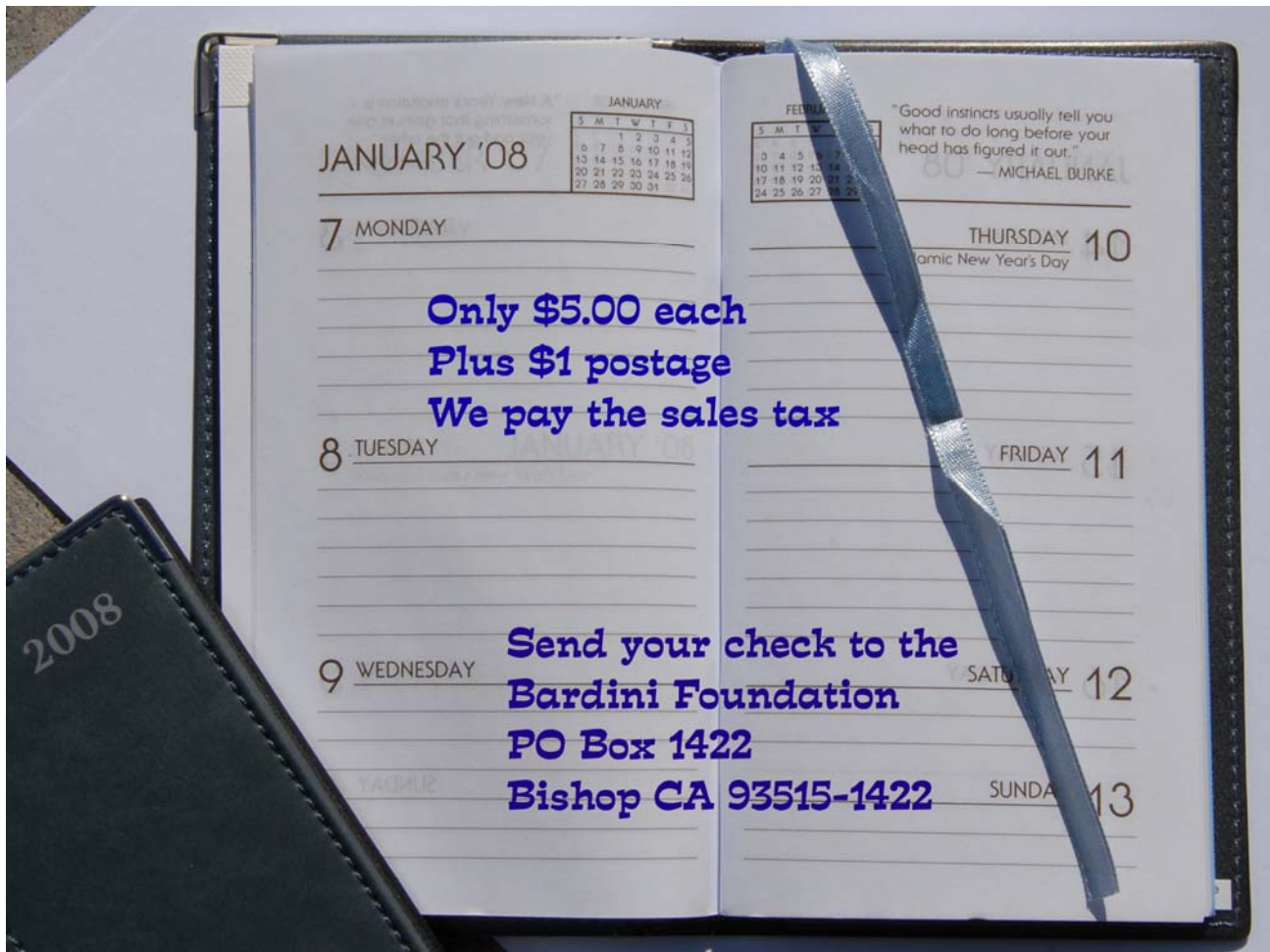
Do Some Christmas Shopping Here Get This Great Stocking Stuffer



The **2008 Bardini Pocket Pal Calendars** are the perfect stocking stuffers for this Christmas. Handsomely bound in **grey and black simulated leather with gold Bardini logo** and metal reinforced corners it comes with a wealth of additional features.

Inside this 3-1/2" x 6" handsomely bound little gem is a 2008 calendar with each month arranged so that every week is presented with Monday through Sunday visible when opened (see below). In addition, it has a ribbon bookmark, pages for listing birthdays, anniversaries, automobile service records, addresses, and phone numbers. There is a weights and measures page, a time zone map, a mileage-between-cities chart, an area codes listing, a complete road map of the United States, and a separate 50-sheet note pad. Best of all, refills can be ordered year after year with no need to replace the durable Bardini cover.

These little booklets weigh **4.5 ounces** each, so 10 of them weigh almost 4 pounds! That's the reason for the **extra \$1/each charge for postage**.



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Photos From The Bash



TM Herbert telling it like it once was



Messicks messin' around



Kim Walker



J Jensen, Tim V, Allan P, and the Daniels



Mary Lou Long being the hostess



BBQ Tri-tip and chicken



Gary Bard and Vern Clevenger

Bardini 2007 Summer Activities

The Foundation activities during the summer of 2007 were limited to a failed attempt on Thunderbolt Peak, a climb of Mount Whitney's Mountaineer's Route, and a simple family trek to Lower Lamarck Lake.

The Thunderbolt excursion was aborted due to excessively dangerous conditions in the Southwest Chute No. 1. Back in 1988, I was able to climb this route with a client in a 12 hour day from the car at South Lake. On this 2007 occasion there was no attempt at a one day ascent. After hiking into Dusy Lake Basin and camping on the first day, the second day was spent getting to Chute No.1 and striving to climb some very loose and extremely dangerous talus—nothing like the experience in 1988. The character of the chute had changed dramatically. The safety and mental well-being of the client was of primary concern and we aborted the trip.

The Whitney climb went well even after some liaison problems and miscommunications with the client. The hike to the Bardini high camp went quickly. Ebersbacher Ledges proved no problem for the client on the first day. The summit was reached on the second day, July 7th. A leisurely hike out on the third ended at the Whitney Portal Store over a couple of cold ales.

The trek to Lower Lamarck Lake ended up being the really successful activity of the summer. The De La Garza family, Mark, his wife Amanda, and his son, Francisco (Cisco) were escorted to the lake and camped there overnight. Cisco, age 7, met a cute little 7 year old girl with access to an inflatable kayak. The trip was made!

But there's more. Weeks after trip, the father, Mark DeLaGarza, e-mailed me to ask if I was interested in climbing in Yosemite Valley. In particular, was I interested in doing the Snake Dike on Half Dome. To shorten an extremely long story, we did it—in one day from the car back to the car. Actually, "back to the car" wasn't the end of the day for me. I drove back to Bishop arriving at my doorstep at 3 AM. Long day, great climb, Longest recovery period—ever! I'm getting too old for this.

Statement of Purpose

The Bardini Foundation is a group of friends and relatives who wish to honor and commemorate their friend and brother, the late Allan Bard, fondly known as "The Great Bardini". The Foundation was formed to continue Allan's work and carry out his plans and dreams of exposing people to the total mountain experience. In Allan's memory, the Foundation will strive to provide the common man with Muir's inspiration to "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings".

The Bardini Foundation is providing:

1. Year-round backcountry guide services
2. Sponsorship of courses in avalanche safety, mountain emergency medical practices, mountaineering skills, and wilderness appreciation
3. Continued publication and distribution of Allan's Shooting Star Guides
4. A newsletter to promote mountain ethics, protocol, and safety
5. Publication of Allan's writings and photographs
6. Funds for search and rescue groups, for training and equipment
7. Slide shows and seminars on mountain sports, safety, and photography
8. Funds to train and accredit, in cooperation with the American Mountain Guides Association, mountain guides of Allan's quality
9. Support for environmental and cultural projects of community interest in Bishop, California

Bardini & the Environment

If one is wondering how the Bardini Foundation "fits" into the category of environmental activist, one can go to Patagonia's website grant application guidelines where it is stated that "the battle to save our environment will never be won unless the public is informed."

The Bardini Foundation has three approaches to reach the goal of an informed public:

Recreational through guided treks, ski tours, and peak climbs

Educational through rock climbing and avalanche courses

Conservationist through leave-no-trace classes.

All of our youth activities are conducted gratis. Our guiding and educational service fees are minimal--priced well below the market because we seek no profit and require no growth. We need only meet the immediate expense of the service. Our general operating expenses are covered through donations.

Muir wrote that the Sierra should be explored by everyone with "the right manners of the wilderness". In that vein, we strive to enlist the support and cooperation of our clientele, the common man, in preserving the forests and other natural features of the Sierra Nevada by allowing them to explore and enjoy the Sierra Nevada with specific attention to minimum impact use. Excursions of this sort, properly conducted, do an infinite amount of good toward awakening proper interest in the forests and the other natural features of the Sierra.

Ansel Adams said "the mountains are more to us than a mere proving ground of strength and alert skill. Rock climbing should be con-

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sidered a thrilling means to a more important end." After all, rock climbing has spawned many environmental activists, Yvon Chouinard and David Brower being among the more prominent.

Brower implied that mountain outings are "the best source of the conservation warrior." Muir argued that travelers come back from the wilderness ready to fight for its preservation. The Bardini Foundation is dedicated to creating future warriors for the wilderness.

Support Foundation Efforts



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Bardini Foundation Activities - Winter 2007/2008

Avalanche Courses

The **Bardini Foundation** and **Sierra Mountain Center** are teaming up on these courses. Our Level I course is now 3 days long. Trying to cram 3 days or even 2.5 days worth of info into 2 is not the responsible thing to do. We feel that the course information is more easily absorbed in 3 days instead of the rushed 2-day format. Join us for your avalanche education courses.

Level - I Course

Price: \$350

Dates: Dec 14-16, 2007 and Jan 4-6, 2008

Location: Bishop

Level - II Course

Price: \$495

Dates: March 9-12, 2008

Location: Bishop/Mammoth

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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