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Local Climbing Clean-Up Outing and Slide Show

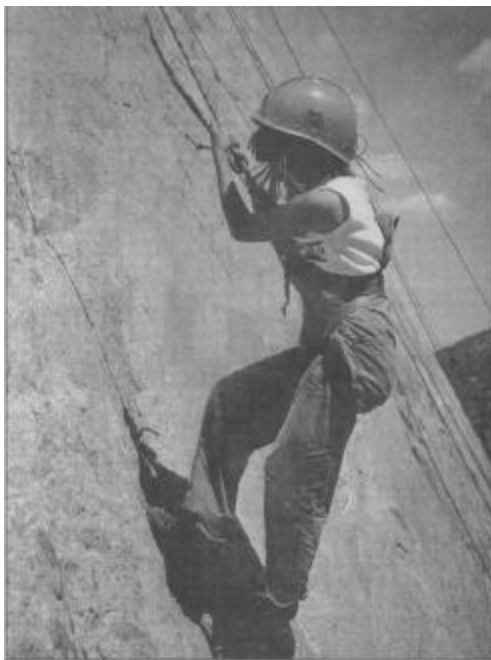
On the weekend of October 16-17, access work was conducted at the Owens River Gorge, the Buttermilks, the new free BLM campground, and the Happy Boulders. The maintenance work was organized by the Access Fund, C.R.A.G., Wilson's Outdoor Sports, Bishop Union High School Outdoor Club, the Bardini Foundation, the Rubber Room, and Rock and Fax Guidebooks in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

An outdoor slideshow was held the evening of the 16th on Bishop's Climber's Row. The slide show featured the antiquated Yosemite big-wall climbing slides of Tom Frost and Don Lauria. Despite their age, the slides, not the presenters, seemed to have retained some of their entertaining qualities. Approximately 100 people attended and door prizes donated by Wilson's Eastside Sports were awarded. A pancake breakfast was hosted by the BUHS Outdoor Club on the morning of the 17th.

Proceeds from the slide show and pancake breakfast were donated to the Bardini Foundation, C.R.A.G., and the BUHS Outdoor Club.

Tribal Youth Go Climbing

The Bardini Foundation loaned its climbing guides to the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council Youth Sports to conduct rock climbing classes for groups of elementary and high school students during a two week period in August. The kids were trained in basic rock climbing technique, the use of ropes, and environmental responsibility. Approximately



thirty youths participated and each was awarded a "no more development" Yosemite t-shirt and other gifts donated by Patagonia, Black Diamond, and Ab-Com.

Avalanche Beacons to Search & Rescue

On November 10th, the Bardini Foundation will present four brand new Ortovox F1 Focus avalanche beacons to the Inyo County Search and Rescue Team. Included with the donation, the team will receive training in avalanche beacon rescue from Tim Villanueva, Bardini's principal mountain guide. The Foundation will continue to supply equipment and training to the local volunteer rescue teams as their needs arise and as the Foundation funds will

What's Nice About Boulderers?

In the summer issue of **The Backside of Beyond** somehow the last line of the item on the **Bishop Bouldering Boom** was shoved off into cyberspace and more than one curious readers called to ask what was the nice thing about boulderers. The last line as published read: "Nice thing about boulderers, though, is ...". Some thought that this was an intentional omission ... that in fact, there's *nothing* nice about boulderers, but this was not the case. The last line should have read:

"The nice thing about boulderers, though, is ... they bring their own

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Yosemite Camp 4 Celebration

The word was out and they came by the hundreds. Climbers from South Africa, Hawaii, from all over the map. They came to celebrate the success of Tom Frost's Sisyphean effort to save **Sunnyside Campground**, known otherwise by all Yosemite climbers as **Camp 4**, from the intended intrusion by Park Service construction.

The August 25th event was initiated with a Camp 4 photo shoot attended by just about every significant historic climbing legend still capable of finding his or her way to the Valley. Being aware of the disreputable behavior capabilities of these "livid legends", the Park Service made their presence known with mounted police at the ready.

Immediately following, the "intimidating" hordes moved on to the Lower River Amphitheater for the dinner and formal presentation to the Park Service of a replica of the original Camp 4 sign.

Two surprises: The arrival of David Brower and his brief but eloquent words, and the announcement that brought the house down, Sunnyside Campground will be renamed. Once again and forever it will be known as

Camp 4.

3rd Annual Bard Memorial Ski Race

Mammoth Mountain's cross country center at Tamarack Lodge & Resort will hold **The Allan Bard Memorial Relay** on March 5, 2000. Last year's Bunbuster 20K Freestyle Race was hampered by weather and only 14 hardy racers participated. With normal conditions we hope all interested locals show for this year's relay.

This is the third consecutive year that Tamarack's directors, **Mike and Courtney McGrale**, have held a race in Allan's memory. We thank them again for keeping his spirit alive.

Allan Bard Edge Stone at the American Mountain Center

The American Alpine Club and the Colorado Mountain Club are now renovating the Golden High School building in Golden, Colorado. When complete the historic landmark will become The American Mountain Center, a multi-use facility dedicated to the mountain environment.



As part of our continuing efforts to expose people to the "mountain experience", the Bardini Foundation has contributed to this renovation and a commemorative 6x10 sandstone "edger" will be installed in the Mountain Center's terrace. The stone will be engraved with:

**Allan Bard 1952-1997
Bardini Foundation**

The construction of the terrace should be completed sometime next spring. The city of Golden is now the home of this hemisphere's largest mountain-related library, a beautiful auditorium, and the Clubs' offices. A mountaineering museum, a climbing gym, and conference facilities will soon be constructed.

When you visit, make sure you see Allan's memorial stone.

New Owners at Jackson Hole Mountain Guides

Allan Bard worked for ten years in the Inyo National Forest, the Wind River Range in Wyoming, and Grand Teton National Park under the use permits held by his long time friend Andy Carson at JHMG (Jackson Hole Mountain Guides). JHMG had been owned and operated by Andy Carson and Paul Horton for many years. The business is currently being sold to a new set of partners: Rob and Kathryn Hess, Jim Ratz and Phil Powers. Andy and Paul will remain involved during the transition and into the future.

The Bardini Foundation is continuing to work with JHMG and will continue to provide guiding services to all of Allan's climbing and skiing clientele.

Hostel Notes

The long anticipated new carpet and the permanent "boat house" roofing are now in place at the hostel. On October 12th the new high-low Golden Harvest carpet was installed in the livingroom and on October 23rd, Ed Cereda and Don Lauria put the finishing touches on a roofing structure to cover the boat house section of the hostel patio deck.

Still on our improvement agenda is the fireproofing of the wall behind the wood stove and improved overhead lighting in the livingroom.

From the Hostel Log Book:

"Although my stay here was very limited, I find the need and desire to thank you on my behalf and for those you'll serve in the future. I wasn't prepared for this. This place was prepared for me. Although I didn't know Allan, the efforts you've put forth to maintain this hostel speaks volumes of his character. I'm certain you've made this place mirror his soul as best you knew and felt. The visitor can see more deeply what Allan meant to his friends and loved ones. In this place, beyond the hospitality, I see respect ... and love."

signed Algin Amores

We intend that each issue of The Backside of Beyond will present something by Allan ... either his writing or his photography.

Behind The Ranges By Allan Bard

Why ski in the wild outback? In this age, when it's tough enough to survive the hurried hustle of day to day life, why would you want to subject yourself to the rigors of skiing in the backcountry when it's so much easier to take a few runs at the local hill or catch a few quick K's on the tracks and just relax?



Even though I love skiing in the backcountry, I sometimes ask myself this question. Freezing my butt off skiing in the high arctic pulling a 250 pound sled, sucking big O's at 20,000 feet, or lugging a massive pack through my home range, the Sierra, my mind struggles to make sense of my own self-inflicted quest to ski where few do.

If I had just stayed on the groomed snow like most cross country skiers, maybe I wouldn't have such bad backcountry technique habits. I would still have a toenail on my big toe. I wouldn't have a curve in my back that only looks normal when a pack resides on it. I might be the director of a major touring center or at least be more accepted by my alpine brethren at Mammoth. I might be a respected member of the skiing community instead of some three-pinning backcountry bumpkin. But then again, because of backcountry skiing, my life has been landscaped with wild places, well-rooted friendships, and fruitful thoughts planted in a lush luxurious bed of poverty. This kind of indigence allows the leisure time needed to loose the seeds of creativity and grow a colorful life. I am a bum. I admit it.

One need not be a bum to be a backcountry skier. But without the vagabonding spirit, so common to us backcountry types, I would not have stridden across the North Pole, seen the Southern Cross on a crystalline New Zealand eve, heard the deep quiet of an

Alaskan day in flawless weather, or stood on the top of a peak, miles from anything, breathing rarefied air, and preparing to ski perfect snow in my own private powder park. Nah, I wouldn't give that up for anything. I am often reminded, while sitting around some campfire swapping a few tales, that my life is rich.

The backcountry holds this wealth for anyone with the gumption to just get out and away. It needn't be to some exotic land. It might just be sneaking around the woods out back of the house and catching a glimpse of a moose or an elk, hearing the rush of a winter breeze that makes the ice encrusted birch trees sing like wind chimes, or entering the deep silence of the snow cloaked trees high in the peaks region.

The other day one of my buddies at the Mammoth ski school asked how I spent my days off. To his amazement I informed him that I went powder skiing. Since there hadn't been any "fluff" on the hill for some time, he inquired as to where I might have found this creamy substance in such short supply at Mammoth. I pointed at the far horizon and answered - White Wing. But there aren't any lifts, how'd you get there? I skied of course. You mean uphill? Yes. But don't you sweat? Yep, you sure do. The message escaped him, but don't let it escape you. Just escape.

It might be easier to go get a little enjoyment in the groomed environment on the tracks and ski runs, but there's little I know of that relieves stress of normal life and melts our worries away than a tour out into the backcountry. I know it's an imperfect world out there, full of snow that foils our best attempts at flawless technique, weather that freezes your hair to your hat and forces us to be tent bound in a whiteout, but it is also so much more.

Yvon Chouinard, famous mountaineer and entrepreneur, has said that everything he knows about business and people and life in general he learned from his numerous mountain experiences. I have always felt that John Muir would have agreed, and the backcountry experience has most assuredly been my best mentor. It is interesting that the high wild places of the world teach without speaking or actively doing anything save being mountains.

Certainly the high mountains offer instruction about the value and rewards of hard work. Along the way we learn discipline - physically, mentally and spiritually. At the same time we learn to apply ourselves to task, we learn to leaven that with flexibility, compassion, and a sense of fair play. The rules of life are starkly definitive on these subjects in the nation above snowline. What greater education could one want or need?

As the great mountaineering writer James Ramsey Ullman tells us, "So we have gone, alone, in pairs, in small groups, and in great expeditions seeking out the high hidden places of the earth." Don't let another winter pass you by, go my friends, embrace the great snowy unknown and gain its rich rewards.



Photos by Gordon Wiltsie

Foundation Kindred Spirit and Benefactor

The Bardini Foundation has become a "kindred spirit" to the **Inyo County Council for the Arts** and a "benefactor" to the **Community Concerts Association** through donations made to each organization. In each of the programs for the concert season of 1999-2000, the following half-page illustration appears:



Flagship of the Karhu Line: The Bardini Ski

This year Karhu has trimmed its line to two ski models. Back Country Magazine refers to the Bardini model as Karhu's "flagship" and states that it is "solid, dependable and round-flexing for tours and teieing". Couloir Magazine says that "as a soft-wet-snow tool, it really shines" and that it is "stable and forgiving in soft snow" and "light underfoot". Ed Cereda, our local renowned ski mechanic/expert/bum, reported in an earlier issue of this newsletter that the Bardini ski floats well in powder and crud and holds well on hard snow even at high speeds.

Remember that Karhu has pledged a portion of the Bardini ski sales to the Foundation to promote back country access in the Sierra. Owning a Bardini will not only bring you pleasure, but you will be contributing to keeping Bardini's spirit alive! See your local dealer.

Shooting Star Guides

Shooting Star Guides are a unique set of five climbing guidebooks ... perhaps better described as route cards... printed on waterproof, tear-resistant ASCOT paper. Because of Allan's intimate knowledge of the area, these guides give you the inside scoop on all the information needed to approach, scale, and descend these fine peaks:

- Mt. Whitney, East Face
- Mt. Whitney, East Buttress
- Mt. Sill, The Swiss Arete
- Cathedral Peak, Southeast Buttress
- Matterhorn Peak, North Buttress

The Bardini Foundation is continuing to distribute these on a wholesale basis to climbing shops and book stores throughout the western states and offers them to the public directly by mail.

Retail Price:

\$25.00 for a full set of 5
(includes shipping)

Calif. residents add applicable tax



Important Notice

Bardini E-Mail Address Has Changed to: bardini@schat.com

Hostel Rules

Use Donations

Stays are limited to 10 days except by special arrangement. Guests are expected to make donations of \$10.00/night decreasing by \$1.00/night every 2 days up to the 10 day limit. These donations should be deposited **IN ADVANCE**.

Hostel Guest Form and Visitors Log Book

It is **required** that **all** guests fill out the **Hostel Guest Form** before using the facilities. Please sign the **Visitor's Log** and feel free to input any comments or advice regarding your stay.

Other Donations

Regular: All donations, large or small, by check (made out to the Bardini Foundation) or cash, may be deposited in donation bottles in kitchen and front room.

General

Guests may use the kitchen, and bathroom facilities; the stereo, VCR, and TV system; the outside deck, BBQ, and lawn (tents on back lawn **ONLY**); the laundry washer may be used, but the freezer in the laundry is for Foundation use **ONLY**. If you need a freezer use the refrigerator's freezer in the kitchen.

TV/Stereo/VCR

Guests are free to use the TV, stereo, and VCR. Videos of current and classic movies are on the bookshelves. Anyone wishing to donate videos or mountaineering/skiing books to our library should contact the hosts. Questions on the operation of the equipment should be directed to either Kurt or Don.

Kitchen

Please read the **SPECIAL KITCHEN RULES** on the kitchen wall.

Bathroom

Toilet paper and bath soap are provided. If you have your own bath towels ... use them. The ones hanging in the bathroom are for the needy. The light switch is on the wall separating the toilet from the shower. It's hard to find in the dark.

Swamp Cooler and Wood Stove

Cooling or heating may be necessary. The swamp cooler is in the bathroom. The on/off switch is just to the left of the cooler. It may be necessary to turn on the cooler water. Ask Kurt or Don. Firewood is provided during the cold months for the wood stove in the front room. Please use discretion ... **keep your fires SMALL!**

Parking

Park your cars in the driveway (4 car limit). Overflow parking is relegated to the street. Please stay off the front lawn and try not to block anyone without making arrangements. Be thoughtful ... don't take more space than you need. We **MUST** always have access to the pasture gate. If your car is to remain while you're gone, make arrangements for access to your keys!

Telephone/Computer/Fax

Telephone calls are credit card only except by special arrangement. Access to the computer and fax machine must be arranged through Don.

Tents

Please move tents daily to prevent grass damage.

Monday Nights & Other Significant Occasions

Guests must be prepared to share the premises and the TV for Monday night football with the regular locals that wander in (usually about 4 to 5, but sometimes as many as 10). It's generally a painless experience and usually adds to the ambiance. Meals are prepared and guests are welcome to partake. Superbowl Sunday and New Years Day sometimes require the same tolerance.

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".

Mountain knowledge passed on by Allan during his lifetime emphasized education, safety, and awareness. He said, "When people have been touched by the wild lands, they are forever more aware. They will never again see snow and mountain peaks and wind-sculpted tree trunks without being affected inside, differently than before they knew of such things, and they will return time and again to get in touch, to be touched."

The Bardini Foundation is providing:

1. A mountaineer's hostel for climbers and skiers at Allan's Bishop, California residence
2. Continued publication and distribution of Allan's Shooting Star Guides
3. A newsletter to promote mountain ethics, protocol, and safety
4. Year-round backcountry guide services
5. Publication of Allan's writings and photographs
6. Funds for search and rescue groups, for training and equipment
7. Creation of a portable, zero-impact Sierra ski hut system to be operated by local guides for winter and spring ski touring
8. Slide shows and seminars on mountain sports, safety, and photography
9. Funds to train and accredit, in cooperation with the American Mountain Guides Association, mountain guides of Allan's quality
10. Support for environmental and cultural projects of community interest in Bishop, California.

We are accepting donations from anyone interested in supporting our efforts. Checks should be made out to the Bardini Foundation and mailed to the Foundation in Bishop.

We have added a tenth goal to our list. We will continue to support environmental and cultural projects in Bishop. We currently support the Inyo Council for the Arts and the Bishop Community Concerts Association.

Summertime Donors

Since our last newsletter the following people have made generous donations of money, time, or talents to the Foundation's cause.

The following list is incomplete ... for this we apologize. Many of you purchased shirts and mugs. Others made anonymous cash contributions. Our thanks to you all.

Individuals:

Jenn Arnold	Steve Marien
Brett Bigelow	Joe & Nancy McKeown
Matthew Carozzi	Frank Pierson
Leslie Caren Davis	Dave Redden
Kathy Dreschler	Casey Sheahan
Gil D'Urso	Paul "Bud" Thomas
Charles Grobe	Red Tucker
Carl Jackovich	CC Pace
Eric Koltz	Deb Wolfe
Bob Woodward	Michael Zanger

Businesses & Organizations:

Squid Ink	Rock Creek Lodge
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Foundation Seeks Funds for Avalanche School

The Bardini Foundation is seeking funds to establish the Bardini Avalanche School. Based in Bishop, the school will provide avalanche courses to aspiring guides, search & rescue teams, ski instructors, and skiers in general. In addition to education, the school will provide local avalanche study information to existing on-line avalanche sites. It is our hope to begin operation by the winter of 2000-2001.

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*** Y2K Foundation Activities ***

Ski Guides Avalanche Training Course

February 18 thru February 21, 2000

This is a Level III course and is a prerequisite for AMGA alpine and ski guide certification. The Bardini Foundation has contracted Karl Klassen as instructor. This is for guides, search & rescue members, and other professionals only ... you must have completed a Level I and a Level II avalanche course! Contact the Foundation or Tim Villanueva (760-872-4413) for reservations. If you need a level I or II avalanche course or a refresher, contact the Foundation.



Annual Bardini Ski Camp

May 16-20, May 22-26

This year the Bardini Foundation is again offering our ski camp in the Palisades. We will be based near First Lake and take guided day tours from our fully stocked camp. Tents, a cook tent, stove, solar showers, and fresh food are just a few of the amenities provided. You travel to camp with only your personal gear. We are offering two 5-day camps in the month of May. Come to the Palisades ... an area of fantastic alpine views and fabulous ski terrain.

Annual Bardini Climbing Camp

July 23-27, July 30-August 3

In the summer of 2000, the Foundation will be putting together another climbing camp in the Palisades. Guiding has a long tradition in the Palisades of the eastern Sierra and Allan was part of that distinguished history. We will continue the tradition. Guided climbs and instruction at all levels of rock, snow, and ice technique will be offered. As with the ski camp, amenities abound.

Support Foundation Efforts

read our Statement of Purpose - Page 5!

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