

Celebrated 10 Years

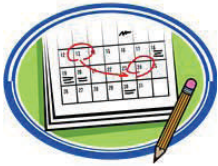


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Trail Updates

Mark your calendars



- **March 4**-Hike for Hope
- **March 6**-Dinner/Dance Social at Stuarts Restaurant
- **March 25-28**-DTHC Get-away - Laguna Beach
- **April 3**-Potluck Social at Whitewater Preserve
- **May 1**-Final social for the year

Yeah!!!! **Lost Palm Oasis Trail** at Cottonwood - JTNP is now open again. Trail is good, however, you can certainly see that there was a significant amount of water that went through the area. Areas that are contaminated are marked.

DTHC asks that you respect posted signage on all hiking trails.

*February 20th, DTHC along with CVHC worked to clean up the **North Lykken Trail**, along with covering up short cuts, all the way to picnic tables. It was a great work day. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.*

Reminders

Check the DTHC's website for changes to hiking schedule, prior to booking yourself on a hike.

Also, check website for "Breaking News" to keep up to date with any changes that would pertain to club events etc.

There are still pins available for purchase at DTHC Social events.

Copy this http address into your browser to visit DTHC on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/DesertTrailsHikingClub/204022812984301>

Council Members 2011/12

Rich Jarvinen
Gary Ward
Mary Barlow
Sandy Reed
Carl Gorretta
Dave McGuire
Dave Luckwell
Cathy Luckwell



Our mission is to provide members a variety of hiking, social, and stewardship opportunities.

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Summary of DTHC's Coordinating Council Meeting —February 13, 2012

Old Business

Updated Bylaws, Club Goals, Operating Guidelines, and Brief History documents have now been completed, and uploaded to website for availability to members and council.

Desert Trails Coalition Update

We will be starting to install signage to the North Lykken Trail to ask hikers to stay on the trail and not create short cuts which causes erosion. BLM will provide the posts and signs. Land Swap between the Native Americans and federal government is still strongly being considered. We have 6 members who have been attending the meetings. We have 2 official voting positions. Next coalition meeting is March 7.

New Business

Council reviewed the following—All points discussed at Hike Leaders meeting on February 13th.

Hike leaders benefits - a minimum number of hikes was set for an "active hike leader" in the 9 month season from Oct to June.

Insurance- count of number of hikers for month of February being obtained for insurance purposes

Large groups on hikes- do not want to set number limits-can use additional leaders to assist if a larger number-hike leaders discretion if want to limit number of individuals on a hike.

Category of Hikes - we are currently offering 20% easy; 40% moderate; 40% difficult. It is thought that is a good ratio.

Correcting hike descriptions - too many variables from different GPS's and ways of measuring. Hike leaders can now use comment section to enhance description of hikes.

Socials - E-vites will now becoming under Desert Trails name. Gary had to hand enter every e-mail because of a change to the E-vite program (big thanks Gary). Sandy will be sending out the E-vite for the annual dinner dance at Stuart's again this year. It will be March 6. The April social will be at Whitewater Preserve.

Getaway - Everything is going well. We have 67 registered so far. **Mary Settle and committee** are doing a great job organizing the hikes, beach walks, bike rides and local dining and fun options. Look for notices to those who have signed up.

Hike Scheduling for the spring session will begin in the very near future.

Hikes in Newspaper - have not seen any difference in attendance since we stopped listing the hikes in the paper. An attempt will be made to submit easy hikes to paper.

Council Meeting—April 3, 2012—for any members wishing to attend, this meeting is being scheduled prior to the April Potluck Social and hike at Whitewater preserve. Looking at a time of 2 pm to start. Details to follow on April evite.