



# Rock Rendezvous

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Welcome to the new look Rock Rendezvous newsletter for 2004! This month I have comments from our club president, some photos from the Christmas Party, and a beginning at least on a list of proposed trips for 2004. The next meeting will be held on Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at Kevin Kachadourian's new house in Oakland. Details and directions can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Finally, last years newsletter was only made possible by those who contributed. You know who you are – THANKS! I have no 'articles in the bank' for this year, so would love to hear from you if you have trip reports, photographs, or anything else that you would like to share. Come on, there must have been a few epics out there over the holiday period (I know of at least one already!).

## Penned from the desk of the president....

My fellow rock climbers. This year has been awesome; more new faces, more trips, and more people running them. We have traveled far and wide; to Mexico, Canada and Europe, on ice rock and snow, on big walls, at remote locations, with big and small groups. You should give yourself a pat on the back because without you we would not have a club. If you have attended one event this year or made one contribution to the newsletter, or shown up at one meeting you have helped to make Rock Rendezvous. Thank you!

Our awesome club has been made no less successful by the help of the masthead: Kevin Kachadourian, a president of past years, is staying on another year as vice president (he obviously loves the job) and will fill the breach when I am not around as well as harass new members for personal details and take the meeting notes. Thank you Kevin!!

Carolyn Dent has done such a fine, fine, fine job of the newsletter and is keen to do another year. The newsletter really looks great. Keep those articles and photographs coming





(especially the incriminating ones). Thank you Carolyn!!

Karen Christie is stepping down this year as treasurer, she has kept our financial wheels so well oiled that we were able to donate some money to the access fund as well as an outward bound program for women. Karen, thank you for harassing trip leaders and members, we could not have done it without you. Ricardo Lagos is taking on the role of treasurer for 2004, and will shortly be harassing you all for membership fees!! Michael Brodesky leaves his post this year as web master and trip reservations person extraordinaire! Michael has developed the website over the last few years to include the trip sign up page as well as making countless site reservations at the meadows, the valley, Joshua Tree, etc. Thank you Michael. Peter (g'day mate) Monks will be looking after the website for us in 2004 and Scott Johnston will be our trip reservations person.

Ok so the moment you have all been waiting for (drum role) what are we doing for 2004?

As we are moving into the 'digital' age and many of our slideshows now require a digital projector I would like to propose we get one. So if any of you know of any bargains (new or used) please let me know.

Rock Rendezvous Tee shirts!! (And caps, sweatshirts etc...) OK so I promised you

this a while ago, but then we did not have the money to get things going, and we were still working on the new logo. Well now we have the new logo and some money to get our first order together. Soon we will be putting photographs of all these items on the website for you to look at (and order).

Rock Rendezvous website!!! With the help of Tom Lambert (long time RR member now living in Yosemite) we will take the good work already done by Michael and incorporate it into a new Rock Rendezvous website. This one will show the new RR logo and have current RR information and links on it. Photographs and contact information of the current masthead will all be incorporated

. This year we will continue the theme of lots of site reservations to the Valley and to the Meadows as well as group events to Red Rocks, Courtright reservoir, J. Tree etc (I think Carolyn is already putting together a calendar of events for the coming year). I would also like to hear from you what else you did in 2003 that you would like us to repeat, and even stuff you did not like or would like to see changed or added for 2004.

Finally, a "new years" resolution: "If you can't get a good result then at least get a good story!!"

*Simon...*





# and introducing... The 2004 masthead

This space is usually reserved for new members, but this month I wish to introduce...



Simon Kenney  
President

Climber, mountain biker and professional drinker...



Kevin Kachadourian  
Vice-president

Climber, drinker and generally sociable laid back dude!



Ricardo Lagos  
Treasurer

Culminated last season (his first) with a solo ascent of Zodiac (El Cap)



Carolyn Dent  
Newsletter Editor

Original excuses for not climbing (usually involving hangovers)



Scott Johnston  
Campsite/Trip booking

Rock and Ice climber and mountaineer with relentless energy and enthusiasm!



Peter Monks  
Webmaster

Our climber from down-under!





# 2003 Christmas Party

Last month our Christmas party was held at Ricardo's apartment in Potrero hill. Here is a selection of photo's of members in various stages of drunkenness from that evening...



Mei, with Allen Currano showing off his tonsils!



George and Ger in the kitchen...

Men (plus one girl) behaving badly!  
Kevin, Simon and Carolyn



Simon (one of the too drunk to drive home crew) sleeping it off on Ricardo's floor the following morning!





# 2004 Calendar of Events

This calendar has been put together from various suggestions and offers to organize trips by members. If you would like to organize a trip please let me know ([carolynldent@aol.com](mailto:carolynldent@aol.com)), and I can add it to the calendar, and advertise it nearer the time too...

Please also let me know if you want your contact details (phone number and/or e-mail address) to be included in the newsletter. I am aware that some people do not like personal details publishing, so I will not do so unless you give me permission.

Finally, apologies if you sent me a suggestion before the holidays that did not get included in this calendar – I was operating from memory as I could not recall where I filed your e-mail replies for 'safe keeping'! If I have omitted anything (or you have additional suggestions) then please e-mail me at the address above.

<b>Proposed dates</b> (dates in bold are confirmed trips)	<b>Trip</b>	<b>Organizer</b>
January/February	Beginners climbing trip to Pinnacles	Kevin Kachadourian
March	Spain?	Adan
Late April	Red Rocks	Carolyn Dent or Peter Monks
May/June	Owens River Gorge	Rachel Louie
June/July	Lovers Leap	
Spring	Yosemite Valley campsites to be booked	
Summer	Tuolumne Meadows campsites to be booked	
July 4th	Courtright reservoir (or possibly an alternative location)	Simon Kenney
Autumn	Yosemite Valley campsites to be booked	
Thanksgiving	Red Rocks, J. Tree or an alternative location	

## Next meeting: Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

The January meeting will be held at Kevin Kachadourian's new house at Lake Merritt, Oakland. Festivities will start at 7pm. Please bring food and drink to share.

Kevin's NEW address and directions are below:

**Kevin Kachadourian**  
1508 1st Ave.  
Oakland, CA

510-409-8610





While my house is very easy to get to, the directions to get to it can be very confusing. Here's the clearest way I know. I will tell you how to get there, then tell you where to park.

Get to 580 headed into Oakland anyway you can.

Take the Park or 14th/Park exit (west of Coolidge/Fruitvale, east of Lakeshore).

Head west on Park (towards Lake Merritt).

At the end of Park, Turn right onto 18th St.

After a few blocks, 18th ends at Lakeshore. Turn left onto Lakeshore.

After 1 block (passing Lake Athol Park/tennis courts on your left) the road will split, Lakeshore continuing to the right, and 15th St to the left.

At the first traffic light (immediately after the split) take a U-turn onto 1st Ave.

1508 will be the second building in the first block.

Now to park...after you turn onto 18th St. you will pass an Albertson's on your left, that is being remodeled, next to the Merritt Bakery and Restaurant. Park in the parking lot in front of or behind Albertsons. You can then walk across Athol Lake park and 16th St. It is about a 1-2 minute walk. You are on my block.

## Warning/Disclaimer

San Francisco Rock Rendezvous is not a teaching organization and does not endorse or insure rock climbing. Trips advertised in the newsletter are private and are only listed to allow for the co-ordination of car pooling and camping. Each participant on a trip is solely responsible for his or her safety during the entire trip, including the transportation to and from the climbing area and site, and any necessary insurance.

