

Celebrating 50 Years of Hiking in Southern Arizona

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I opened the last Program Meeting by announcing the beginning of a series of super slow "C" hikes to be run every Wednesday of the October bulletin. I knew there was a lot of demand for hikes of this type so I figured the response would be enthusiastic. Instead of the cheers I expected I was attacked: "Why aren't there slow "B" hikes?" "Why aren't there super slow "C" hikes on weekends?" "Why don't we have more "C" hikes?" These people were angry and I really couldn't figure out why.

The reason the Club doesn't have more "C" hikes and slow "B" hikes is simple. We can't seem to get enough guides. This is no secret. I have heard this topic discussed on almost every hike I have ever attended. Barely a bulletin is published without a "call for guides" somewhere in it. Over the years the Club has tried many tactics to attract new guides. The bottom line is - this is a volunteer organization. We can't force people to lead hikes.

On the 27th of October Rick Hamaker conducted a class for hikers showing an interest in guiding. Hopefully some of these members were motivated enough to schedule a hike or two for the Club. Those of you who could not attend this class but would like to know how to go about becoming a Club guide please call Rick, he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Your Hiking Club Board is very aware of the demand for easy going "C" hikes. We will be more than happy to schedule as many as are needed, but we can't schedule hikes unless we have guides. If you possibly can, please help us by volunteering your services. Your fellow club members will thank you.

Mike Coltrin,
President