



THE SIERRA CLUB NEWSLETTER FROM CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE

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IN SHORT

By Pat Mikkelsen, editor, member CTL committee

The Sierra Club at Donner Summit – The Strategic Plan

With a great deal of support from a number of very dedicated people, involving hundreds of volunteer hours, the Clair Tappaan Lodge (CTL) Committee's five-year Strategic Plan was finalized and submitted in September 2008 (see Ernie Malamud's article, next page). Its primary purpose is to give the CTL Committee a blueprint for the future. We regard this as a work in progress; it will be reviewed and updated to reflect changing conditions and incorporate recent experience. Major goals and objectives detailed in the plan include:

- Bringing the CTL complex to a break-even operation.
- Continuing improvements to the complex as funds permit:
 - Reducing risk
 - Increasing marketability
 - Enhancing the visitor experience
 - Reducing the carbon footprint of the lodge
- Increasing day use and sales as sources of revenue.
- Continuing and expanding fundraising activities.

The Growing CTL Committee and National Support

The Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee currently has 38 members. This includes two Sierra Club Board members (liaison to our committee: Tom Libby, the Outdoor Activity Governance Committee

Chair, and Dave Simon from the National Sierra Club Office) and the Lodge's General and Assistant Managers. And in addition to California, we now have members on our committee from Washington State, Nevada, and Tennessee.

In response to the Sierra Club Board of Directors' resolution that Clair Tappaan Lodge has a deadline of September 30, 2008 to break even or face being sold, we were pleased to find support for CTL from other entities of the Sierra Club.

A unanimous resolution to the Council of Club Leaders, submitted by the Loma Prieta Chapter, supports the efforts of the Clair Tappaan Executive Committee, noting, among other recommendations, that the 3rd quarter of 2008 should be a goal to break-even, not a do-or-sell "deadline."

The San Francisco Bay Chapter has voted 12-0 to support the Loma Prieta Chapter's Resolution on the Clair Tappaan Lodge. The San Francisco Bay Chapter feels the resolution is a fair and fiscally prudent way to proceed with a piece of the Sierra Club's early history. The Chapter urges the Council of Club Leaders and the Board of Directors to adopt it (email message from John Rizzo, chair). The National Lodge Outings Subcommittee, The Redwood Chapter, as well as the Mother Lode Chapter also sent resolutions in support of the Lodge.



The Troika

The new co-chairs ("troika") of the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee are Diane Boyer, Olivia Diaz, and Liz Wise. They replaced Ernie Malamud in December. We want to sincerely thank these busy individuals for taking on the huge responsibility of leading the effort to save the lodge. Any and all help in this endeavor will be appreciated.

2007 Ida and Denny Wilcher Award

On September 29, many members of the Sierra Nevada Group of the Mother Lode Chapter attended the Club's annual dinner in San Francisco to accept the 2007 Ida and Denny Wilcher Award. This award, which honors groups or

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chapters for excellence in fundraising or membership development, was given to the Sierra Nevada group for fund raising efforts on behalf of Clair Tappaan Lodge, specifically the August 11-13, 2006 Sustain Clair Tappaan Starry Nights Weekend, the 2nd annual such event. A cash amount of \$3,000 was part of the award. The 2008 fundraiser is August 15-17—SAVE THE DATES.

Fundraising and Final 2007 Finances

After all the fundraising efforts, advertising of activities, Committee meetings, and general all-around effort by many people, we were able to decrease the Lodge's 2007 losses by one-half from 2006 (Table 1). However, 2008 is the critical year, where we have to break even by September to stop the sale of the lodge. **We have to focus on bringing people to the lodge outside the snow season.**

We are grateful for donations to maintain and support the Clair Tappaan Lodge. Donations are not tax-deductible; however, the money goes directly to support Lodge operations. Checks can be made payable to Clair Tappaan Lodge

and sent to Peter Lehmkuhl, Lodge General Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge P.O. Box 36 Norden, CA 95724.

What you can do to assure the future of Clair Tappaan Lodge

COME VISIT! If you've never been to Clair Tappaan, you don't know what you've been missing. If you've never used snowshoes, rent a pair there and learn. For winter weekends, make your reservations early; the Lodge tends to fill up.

Consider visiting during the week in winter; you avoid the traffic, and you get a discount on your stay as well. Enjoy the lodge in all seasons—spring wildflowers, summer swimming at Donner Lake, fall hikes. For information about staying at the Lodge, visit www.ctl.sierraclub.org or call (800) 679-6775.

Volunteers keep the Lodge going. There are jobs with all levels of time commitment, especially for activity leaders and for enthusiastic volunteers to help contact groups that might like to stay at the Lodge. To volunteer, contact one of the three Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee Co-Chairs: Diane Boyer

(dianeboyer@hughes.net), Olivia Diaz (odiaz@foothill.net), or Liz Wise (lizwise@sbcglobal.net).

Thanks

Thanks to Heather Baron for her assistance with formatting.

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**Fourth Annual
Clair Tappaan Lodge
Fundraiser
Full Moon Weekend**

August 15-17, 2008

**Web Page: ctl.sierraclub.org
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Table 1. Summary of Lodge Finances, Fiscal Year 2007

| 2007 Quarter | Months | Actual Revenues | Actual Expenses | Difference |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 st | Jan – Mar | \$261,475 | \$192,564 | \$68,911 |
| 2 nd | Apr – June | \$ 89,760 | \$129,262 | (\$39,502) |
| 3 rd | July – Sept | \$149,398 | \$179,257 | (\$29,859) |
| 4 th | Oct – Dec | \$107,849 | \$167,060 | (\$59,211) |
| | Total to Date | \$608,482 | \$668,143 | (\$59,661) |

COMPLETION OF 2012, THE SIERRA CLUB AT DONNER SUMMIT, A STRATEGIC PLAN

By Ernie Malamud, Committee Member and Past Chair, CTL

When I became Chair of the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee (officially on July 1, 2006) it seemed to me it would be a healthy exercise for our Committee to do Strategic Planning. I felt Strategic Planning would be especially useful since our committee was rapidly expanding and I wanted us to pull together around a set of common goals and dreams.

I had a clear idea of how I wanted the process to proceed and a concept for the end product. We began at a February 3, 2007 meeting in Davis, and discussions continued at our next face-to-face meeting at Hutchinson Lodge on May 19. Over twenty people participated in each of these meetings, and discussion was vigorous and productive. The plan continued to evolve over the summer and went through much iteration.

In the Strategic Plan is a list of concerns with the current management arrangement. There is also a list of options for improvement. The plan is a document for guiding the committee and is only the first step in a process to renew the Lodge and make it self-sustaining. The Strategic Plan also contains a carefully thought out five-year business plan, which proposes several significant changes from the way the accounting is currently done.

Many individuals contributed to this document and each brought a unique perspective and opinion about what direction the Lodge Complex should follow over the next several years. The entire Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee debated and formed the basic outline and thrust of the document. Others pitched in and wrote and edited portions of the document in its entirety. We are enormously grateful to everyone for their hard work and creative contributions to this joint effort.

Chetani McKinney gave the document a professional look that has generated many compliments. The final printed version is 86 pages long, not including a few short appendices, and has numerous photographs, maps, and graphs to illustrate the points made. Shortly after the document was finished, printed, and distributed, I received a piece of fan mail:

Comment by Jay Michlin, (Loma Prieta ExCom member and management consultant) Tuesday, October 2:
"Merrill Bobele brought a copy of the CTL "Sierra Club Donner Summit" strategic plan document to the chapter excom meeting last evening. I was in awe. It is the single finest document I've seen in the Sierra Club, both in its reasoning and its appearance. It compares favorably to the best documents in private industry too, notwithstanding that they are blessed with lots of high priced analysts, writers and layout people. All in all, this document made a strong impression on me and on the other excom'ers who saw it. Now all we need to do is get the Board to pay attention."

The Sierra Club at Donner Summit is at a crossroads; the Strategic Plan contains many suggestions and issues to explore further, and Sierra Club Board support is needed at this time.

Strategic Planning is an ongoing process. The plan continues to evolve and will continue in the future as circumstances change. In a meeting on November 10 with the printed plan in hand, the CTL committee discussed in detail how to proceed on improving the management structure and deciding how to prioritize the several capital improvements described in the plan. Significant progress has been made on these two topics, an action item list was generated, and

another meeting scheduled for April 5 will continue that work. Strategic Planning continues

BIG CHANGES IN THE CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE COMMITTEE

By Olivia Diaz, Co-chair, CTL

July 2006 marked the beginning of Ernie Malamud's term as Chair of the CTL Committee. He assumed direction of the Committee at a time when the Clair Tappaan Lodge was under threat of being sold by the Sierra Club because of continuing large annual deficits. At the end of his first half year, the deficit was \$106,000.

Ernie aggressively built the CTL Committee from its previous small membership to its present membership of thirty-eight. The focus moved from CTL's traditional role simply as a "snow lodge" to a year-round lodge with opportunities for educational programming for school children. The new members of the CTL Committee have been marketing and pursuing all possibilities they could to increase occupancy, including making small improvements, like making it easier to move around the lodge, and making Hutchinson Lodge safe and warm with a more appealing and functional kitchen.

After a year and a half of Ernie's leadership, the 2007 budget short-fall was reduced to \$60,000, the lowest deficit in over ten years

Three bold initiatives in the direction of the paradigm shift of "snow lodge to all-year lodge" are bearing fruit in the drive to make CTL break-even by the Board of Directors' deadline of September 30, 2008. The appeal to schools to bring their students for environmental education, recreation, and science programs continues to grow. A new relationship was established with Elderhostel and three 2008 summer inter-generational programs are filling up. We entered into a contract with the Global Distribution system (GDS) to get CTL mentioned on hundreds of web sites that offer lodging

in the Lake Tahoe area. Bookings from that source are promising.

At its November 10 quarterly meeting, the CTL Committee started to implement the steps outlined in the Strategic Plan by setting priorities. They agreed that the highest priority for increasing occupancy was to improve the path to the South entrance. A group of committee members has been researching various possibilities that would make the approach less intimidating to guests. Each possibility must be researched for financial data to help us decide the next step. The committee could use help in this phase and also later when we begin to make the changes to improve the pathway. We will need general and construction volunteers, donated supplies, and loaned equipment. Can you help us?

At the end of that meeting, Ernie announced his resignation as the Chair effective at the end of 2007 to turn his attention to other professional commitments.

THREE CHEERS FOR ERNIE MALAMUD

By Peter Lehmkuhl, CTL Manager

I first met Ernie Malamud in 2004 at Clair Tappaan Lodge. He introduced himself as a member of the Sierra Nevada Group and a past user of the Lodge. It had been many years since Ernie had been to the Lodge but he recounted the good times he had at here, on the rope tow and the numerous fine outings he participated, exploring the Donner Summit backcountry. Ernie and I also spoke about the dire financial situation that the Lodge was in at that time and how there were discussions taking place about the Sierra Club's divesting of the Lodge.

Ernie was saddened by the possibility of Clair Tappaan Lodge going away but he was also determined to make sure that it did not happen. Ernie quickly jumped into action by becoming a member of the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee, which had less than 10 members at the time. Ernie brought fresh ideas and energy to the committee while focusing on enlisting the Sierra Nevada Group and the

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Motherlode Chapter in the fight to save Clair Tappaan.

In the summer of 2005 Ernie, along with his wife Olivia Diaz, and other members of the Sierra Nevada Group organized the first annual Clair Tappaan Lodge fundraiser. The event was a huge success as a significant amount of money was raised and the spirit of volunteerism at Clair Tappaan Lodge was on the rise once again. Ernie's determination and energy toward CTL proved contagious as the CTL Committee began to grow.



Ernie in front of CTL

In June of 2006 Ernie became the Chair of the CTL Committee, a post he dedicated himself to until late in 2007. During his 18 month term Ernie was faced with difficult and sometimes frustrating challenges. These challenges were always met head on and the CTL community was lucky to have a volunteer leader who was going to fight for what he believed—the preservation of CTL. Ernie recruited more and more volunteers for all the work that was needed to keep the Lodge within the Sierra Club. Focused subcommittees were formed to work on public relations, marketing, outings, forestry, and education.

After Ernie had built a band of volunteers dedicated to CTL, he concentrated his efforts on creating a

vision for the future. Working as the project manager, contributing writer, and editor, Ernie, with the help of many other skilled committee members produced “CTL 2012 The Sierra Club at Donner Summit: A Strategic Plan”. This document provides the current and future CTL committees with a road map into a successful and lasting future. On behalf of the entire Clair Tappaan Lodge Community, I would like to thank Ernie for his devotion in preserving CTL. I would also like to encourage each of you to get involved as Ernie did and play a role in the preservation of Clair Tappaan Lodge. Ernie jumped aboard during one of the Lodge's darker periods but steps aside from his role as committee chair leaving a much brighter outlook in his wake. Thanks Ernie, you are an inspiration to us all.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE

By Rich Johns, the Repair Guy and CTL Committee Member

Before winter set in, we had very energetic work-party weekends. The main project at the Lodge was initial demolition of the men's room near the Men's Dormitory. We made a mess, but we also cleaned it up, mostly due to Jerry Risk, filling the Lodge truck to the brim. The wall was cleaned down to the studs and all of the old pipes removed; there was some rather clogged up galvanized piping in there. We got the waste line and vent installed. Phillipe, a new volunteer, and I then started to fir out the bathroom wall to make it six-inches. He quickly picked up the skills of using a power miter saw; at last count, he still had all ten digits. We have all of the furring strips on the wall and it is ready to have the electrical and copper installed, followed by insulation, vapor barrier and sheetrock. Also the counter tops need tiling and we need to install a shower stall. Anyone got the skills and interest?

The outside door by the ski-rental room was sanded down and revarnished. It took five coats!! Thanks to Susan Johns for that project. It looks much, much better. And thanks to the mechanics who got it back onto the hinges before nightfall.



Men's dorm bathroom, 9/07



Men's dorm bathroom, 11/07

The lettering on the beam outside the front door was faded. Samantha Johns did the honors, sanding down the beam a bit and then re-painting the lettering with the Lodge's Program Identifier paint color.

I fabricated some toilet paper holders of fir with a very simplistic method to change the roll. I tried to make something that would fit the character of the Lodge rather than the airport bathroom look. A new young volunteer, Phillipe Holmstrom, installed them.

Phillipe installed some angle aluminum on the copper ski pans in the ski-hallway. The ski pans look much improved and are now safer and less likely to be further destroyed.

Work to be done in the Spring: The women's bathroom stalls need new locking handles, more signage, and more exit and emergency lighting. **Let me know if you can help so I can plan materials.**

Call Peter or Claire at the lodge if you would like to offer your skills, or just your assistance, at maintaining the Lodge.

A LITTLE HISTORY

In the picture of the Lewis Clark living room below, notice the door on the left going into what is now the library. Check out the copper hood over the fireplace. The overhead lighting was not done by an interior decorator! Anyone know the date?



HUTCHINSON LODGE REVITALIZED

By Wally Juchert, CTL Committee Member

Across the ravine from Clair Tappaan Lodge is Hutchinson Lodge, a spacious, warm, cozy cabin built in 1924-25. Recent improvements include two new modern woodstoves which allow you to warm the lodge. The interior has been painted yellow, and yellow drapes and lots of new lights make it bright inside.



There are even lights over the couches—you can see to read! Remodeling of the kitchen is about done. There are green, upper and lower cabinets, along with doors and drawers. The ceiling and walls are covered with white fiberglass-reinforced plastic. It will actually be possible to keep the kitchen clean! The plywood counter tops will be replaced with formica this summer, and the floor

will be sanded and repainted throughout the whole lodge.

The only difference you'll see outside at Hutch is the emergency ladders from the lofts. However, look for a deck in the future, using redwood salvaged from the nearby abandoned water tank.

Any time of the year is terrific for groups at Hutch. An Inner City Outings group from Texas is planning a two-week stay, and a women's group has already booked ten days in the summer and ten in the fall. ***Why don't you book your group?***

Volunteers are always needed to work on Hutch. We will put out the word when the deck work begins—good food, lodging, and fun will be had by all, along with the satisfaction of a job well done. Call the Clair Tappaan Lodge (phone: 530-426-3632 or 800-679-6775) to volunteer.

BACKCOUNTRY HUTS - READY FOR SNOW

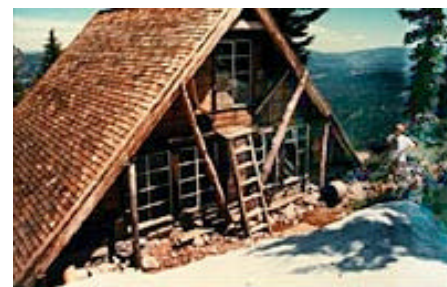
By Dick Simpson, Hut Volunteer Coordinator, CTL Committee Member

The Sierra Club owns and operates four backcountry huts in the Donner Summit/Lake Tahoe area for the use of skiers, snowshoers, and snowboarders who enjoy getting away from the crowds. Each hut provides shelter, a wood stove, and sleeping space for about 15 people. The first huts were built in the 1930s, the most recent was opened for the 1998-99 winter season. They extend from Peter Grubb Hut, which is three miles north of I-80 at Donner Summit, to Ludlow Hut which is on the northern edge of Desolation Wilderness. Each hut can be reached in a single day by an experienced party traveling under good conditions.

The huts are maintained by weekend work parties, scheduled mostly during the months of September and October, when volunteers cut and stack firewood, do general cleaning, and make repairs so that the huts are ready to receive visitors during the snowy months which follow. Because of increasingly early restrictions on the use of chainsaws, we scheduled one work party at Benson Hut in June last year. The other

huts benefited from cooler fall temperatures, with a four-week mini-winter between mid-September and mid-October, and the consequent lifting of chain saw restrictions. The "contingency" work party, originally planned for October, was canceled because the work was completed earlier than expected. During the 2007 work party season, we had 97 different people register to help, contributing 184 person-days of work at the huts!!

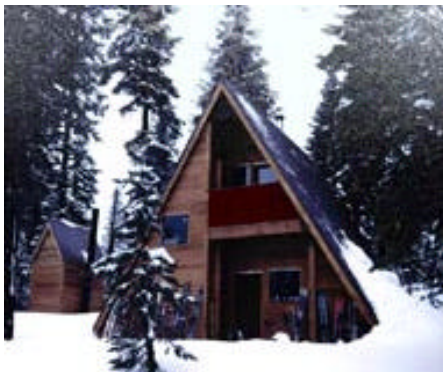
The September Benson Hut work party was going to bring in the remaining firewood cut in June, but the group woke Saturday morning at Clair Tappaan Lodge to a snowstorm. Nonetheless, 20 hardy souls followed the Pacific Coast Trail from Mt. Lincoln to the hut and managed to complete not only the firewood task but several others, including rebuilding the interior floor, repairing a broken window, cleaning and realigning the stovepipe, replacing the gasket on the stove door, tightening roof screws, and completing the annual adjustments on the front door.



The first Peter Grubb Hut work party enjoyed perfect weather, and used those conditions to clean the hut and outhouse, apply a coat of preservative stain to each, and carry out a number of repair jobs. About half of the volunteers were from a scout troop, based east of Sacramento, who concentrated on gathering firewood. Two weeks later, several inches of snow blanketed the ground, making the road through Castle Valley more difficult but allowing the US Forest Service to relax the chain saw restrictions. Another group of volunteers, which included a contingent from The Bay School in San Francisco, stuffed the hut with firewood, leaving it ready for winter use after only two weekends of work parties (three has been customary in recent years).



The weekends at the Ludlow and Bradley huts were also preceded by snow. Since each has direct vehicle access, the challenge was mostly in driving to the hut rather than getting the work done. Both huts had enough firewood on hand to last another winter, if used carefully; after the work parties left, there was enough for two winters. Because the Bradley Hut is within a special wildlife zone where cutting is prohibited, we purchase cut-and-split firewood from a vendor in Truckee who delivered it to the front door. At the other huts, where we cut the wood ourselves, the splitting task is left for the winter visitors.



The initial round of reservations for the 2007-08 winter season was made in early November, and most of the winter weekends through Easter are already taken. Organized Sierra Club groups receive top priority, with Club members and work party participants in the next tier. For more information about the huts or reservations, see the web site at <http://ctl.sierraclub.org>, or phone 1-800-679-6775.

ELDERHOSTEL AT THE LODGE

**By Jane Risk, CTL Education
Coordinator and Committee Member**

The week of September 23, 2007 marked an important milestone for Clair Tappaan Lodge—our very first combined Elderhostel/Sierra Club program. Elderhostel is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing exceptional learning opportunities for adults 55 and over. Elderhostel offers you the opportunity to explore fascinating places and ideas with leading experts and local people who take you behind the scenes to gain an insider's perspective on the world's myriad heritages, cultures, and environments.

A small but enthusiastic group of participants from Virginia, Colorado, and Illinois joined us for *Treks and Trails, Tunes and Tales of the High Sierra*. We were fortunate to have an incredible staff to conduct the program. Pat Northrop, Program Coordinator, has been leading Elderhostel trips in the Tahoe/Truckee area for seventeen years. Naturalist Anna Toso and local historian Margie Powell accompanied us on our daily hikes. Historian and author Mark McLaughlin gave a most informative presentation on the changing weather patterns of the High Sierra.

We packed a lot of adventures into our six days together—hiking the scenic trail from the Lodge to Lake Flora; following the old Lincoln Highway to Donner Summit through Transcontinental Railroad Tunnel #6 and along the Old Stagecoach Road to the petroglyphs; exploring the trails high above Blackwood Canyon and Lake Tahoe; visiting the Gatekeepers Museum and Donner Memorial Museum; and treating ourselves to a farewell luncheon at historic Rainbow Lodge.

Every evening we gathered for a wonderful performance by Kevin Carr, master musician and storyteller. Kevin entertained us with fiddle tunes from various parts of Ireland and Scotland, then demonstrated how the tunes had changed once they migrated to America. One afternoon we returned to the Lodge to find an amazing display of fourteen bagpipes collected from all parts of the world. Kevin played each and every one of them, told us how it was made and the story of how he had acquired it.

Participant evaluations of the program were uniformly positive. Now we have made plans for three grandparent/grandchildren trips at Clair Tappaan Lodge in summer 2008 (June, July, and August). See <http://ctl.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/ctl/activities.asp> for dates, and for a detailed description, visit the Elderhostel website, www.elderhostel.org.



FIDDLER ON THE SUMMIT

**By Rich Johns, Clair Tappaan Lodge
Volunteer Repair Guy**

Arriving at Clair Tappaan Lodge at my traditional time of 12:30 a.m., I did my usual meandering through the lodge to turn off lights. Typically, on a busy weekend, many lights are turned back on after the staff performs the ten o'clock shut down. Typically, by 12:30 a.m., everyone is in bed.





Participants in *Treks and Trails, Tunes and Tales of the High Sierra.*



Fiddlers at the Lewis Clark Room.

In October last year, the weekend was not typical at the Lodge. I found, in the Lewis Clark Room, guests sitting in a circle playing fiddles. If you are a regular to the Lodge, you know that quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.. I did not say anything to quiet them as I knew there few regular guests.

What I did not know was that the group had made advanced arrangements with the Lodge to play music well into the night. I also did not know the name of the group.

Clair Tappaan Lodge was the site the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers chose to hold their annual fall retreat. About forty musicians in the group jammed all weekend into the mornings. While arranged in a large circle around the piano, sometimes in two layers, a musician would tip off with a couple of bars of a tune, and instantly all would join in. Twenty or so fiddles playing a slip jig is really powerful music!

While mostly fiddle players, the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers includes members playing guitars, mandolins, flute, penny whistles, cellos, and bodhráns. What fascinated me the most was the age-span of the musicians, which included young teenagers on up. I get quite excited when I see our youth involved with creative arts.

Sunday morning, the youth did not look so lively. Lying stretched out on the sofas boasting about a three-and-a-half hour marathon Monopoly game on Saturday afternoon in the ping-pong room, several of the teenagers dozed off. The remainder

of the group jammed some more or busied themselves for their formal meeting followed by a potluck lunch. Most seemed to have a good stay at the Lodge. Several stated that the acoustics in the Lewis Clark Room (living room) were very good for their music. Many with whom I spoke stated they would look forward to coming back next year. I am looking forward to their return.

To find more about the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers on line, go to: www.sfscttishfiddlers.org

OUTINGS AT CLAIR TAPPAAN?

By Dick Simpson, CTL Outings Co-chair and Committee Member

Clair Tappaan Lodge has been synonymous with outings since it opened in the 1930s; today the Lodge is managed by the Club's Outings Department. Originally, Club members and guests used the Lodge as a venue for ski weekends in the winter and hikes in the summer. More recently, chapters and groups have taken advantage of Lodge facilities for their own activities, called "local outings" in Club parlance. Inner City Outings and National Outings have done the same in the past decade. These various outings are recognized as the three branches of the Club's overall outings program; now Clair Tappaan Lodge has become the fourth.

It might seem a little superfluous for the Lodge to have its own outings program. But the Local, Inner City, and National outings groups bring their own leaders

who have met training and experience standards set for each of those programs. The Lodge's day hikes led by volunteers and staff have become a staple experience at Clair Tappaan, but are not covered by the other three branches; nor are the overnight work parties to backcountry huts. And, as the Lodge looks to a future in which environmental education becomes an ever more important part of the operation, the need for a clearly defined Clair Tappaan Lodge outings program becomes clearer.

The Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee took the first step toward establishing its own outings program in June by approving a set of leader requirements. These closely follow the Sierra Club's baseline requirements for first aid and leadership training.

In October, the Committee amended those requirements by adding Basic First Aid, taught by the Emergency Medical Service and the American Health and Safety Institute, to the list considered equivalent to American Red Cross Basic. Eight staff and volunteers have qualified as Clair Tappaan Lodge Outings leaders since the new program started, including two leaders who supported the Lodge's Elderhostel program in September and two of the backcountry hut work party leaders. More leaders are needed for both day and overnight trips. So, if you're interested, please see the web page at http://ctl.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/ctl/ctl_comm.asp, or contact Peter Lehmkuhl, the Lodge Manager, at 800-679-6775 or ctl@sierraclub.org for more information.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

(go to www.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/ctl/ for details)

- April 1 – 6. **Spring Snowshoe, Ski and Photography**, Sierra Club National Outing.
- May 24 – 25, 2008 (Sat. & Sun.). **Wilderness First Aid Class at CTL**.
- Sunday, June 22 – Friday, 27, 2008. **High Sierra Serenity Outing**.
- June 22 – 27, 2008. Elderhostel/Sierra Club Program. **To Make the Mountains Glad: An Intergenerational Adventure in California's High Sierra**.
- June 29 – July 5. **Mountain Medley**, Sierra Club National Outing.
- July 6 – 11. **Highlights of the Tahoe Rim Trail, California and Nevada** Sierra Club National Outing.
- July 6 – 11. **Mountain Adventure Camp**.
- July 6 – 12. **Family Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge**, Sierra Club National Outing.
- July 11 – 13. **Star Explorer Camp** Sponsored by Space Science for Schools. **Explore - Experience - Discover - Learn** Curious about Black Holes? Ever Build a Rocket? Want to make a Comet?
- July 12 – 18. **Forest Rehabilitation**, Sierra Club National Outing.
- July 13 – 18. **Just for Grandparents & Grandkids** National Outing.
- July 18 (Friday). **Full Moon hike**.
- July 20 – 26. **Introduction to Backpacking**. Sierra Club National Outing.
- July 21 – 27. **All in the Family: Multigenerational adventure in Tahoe National Forest** Sierra Club National Outing.
- July 20 – 25. **Elderhostel**, Sierra Club Program. **To Make the Mountains Glad: An Intergenerational Adventure in California's High Sierra**.
- July 27 – August 1. **Mountain Adventure Camp**.
- July 27 – August 1. **Rock Climbing Camp**.
- July 27 – August 2. **Family Adventures in the High Sierra** Club National Outing.
- August 1 - 3. **Star Explorer Camp** Sponsored by Space Science for Schools. **Explore - Experience - Discover - Learn** Curious about Black Holes? Ever Build a Rocket? Want to make a Comet?
- August 3 – 8. **Just for Grandparents and Grandkids** Sierra Club National Outing.
- August 10 – 15. **Lake Tahoe Family Adventure** Sierra Club National Outing.
- August 10 – 15. Elderhostel/Sierra Club Program. **To Make the Mountains Glad: An Intergenerational Adventure in California's High Sierra**.
- August 15 – 17. **Fourth Annual Fundraiser**. *****SAVE THE DATE*****
- August 17 – 23. **Mountain Medley**. Sierra Club National Outing.
- August 17 – 24. **Donner Rim Trail Building** Sierra Club National Outing.
- August 24 – 30. **Painting Along the Sierra Trails** Sierra Club National Outing.



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Address Correction Requested

GOSHAWK GOES GREEN

The CTL Committee has decided to reduce the number of trees we cause to be cut down by going electronic with our communications as much as possible. The Goshawk is mailed to nearly 800 CTL supporters. It often is four to five pieces of paper. That's a lot of paper and a lot of postage.

Would you send us your email address so we could advise you via email when the next Goshawk is posted on the CTL website? Olivia Diaz has agreed to be the recipient. Her email address is odiaz@foothill.net. We would appreciate your help in our efforts to "go green."

OUR LAST CHANCE TO BREAK EVEN

We have until September 30, 2008 to show a profit for the Lodge;
if we don't, the Sierra Club will put it up for sale.

WE CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

PLEASE SET ASIDE AUGUST 15-17 AND COME AND ENJOY
OUR FUNDRAISER. IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND, PLEASE
CONSIDER SENDING IN A DONATION IN SUPPORT OF
THE SIERRA CLUB'S FLAGSHIP LODGE - CLAIR TAPPAAN.

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