

OTP & Others
Hiking & Debating Society

2019

How Convenient
Award

Is awarded to

Bob Singer



For conveniently scheduling his 77th Birthday,
December 8, 2019, to coincide with our annual
OTP Anniversary Party.

Happy Birthday, Bob

By order of the Birthday Committee



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**2019 New Hike
Recognition Award**

Steve Babcock

Hike # 1428 - November 13, 2019
Marshall Canyon Trail

The OTP Hiking and Debating Society encourages hikers to seek out new hiking experiences for the membership. This award is meant to acknowledge those new hikes created this year.

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**OTP Order of the
Purple Heart**

Is awarded to

Norm Maclean



1391 Echo Mountain via Sam Merrill Trail - January 30, 2019

Norm tripped and fell on the trail cutting the palm of his hand which required stitches to repair the damage.

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**OTP Order of the
Purple Heart**

Is awarded to

Bernie Lipman

1409 Forrestal/Portuguese Bend Reserves - June 26, 2019

1426 Colby Canyon and Josephine Peak - October 23, 2019

In recognition of the laceration damage to his arms and legs on two separate occasions when he fell while hiking on the trail. He was patched up by Larry the first time and by firemen at the fire station the second time.

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Is awarded to

Jim Gardner



1415 Mt. Islip via Windy Gap from Crystal Lake - August 7, 2019

A tree limb ran into Jim's arm doing major damage. He patched it up but had to get stitches later to do a proper repair.

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Is awarded to

Vicky Ritter



#1427 Smith Mountain via Bear Creek Trail - November 06, 2019

Vicky turned around before getting to Smith Mountain Saddle, but should have done it sooner. Nearly down, Jim Carlin had to walk with her to help keep her balance. She was totally exhausted and dehydrated when she got to the trailhead.

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Is awarded to

Jim Carlin



#1413 Millard and El Prieto Canyons - July 24, 2019

This hike was an "Upside down Hike" on a very hot day. Jim continued down the trail to the bottom but ran out of energy coming back up. Trying to keep him hydrated, his small group ran out of water, so in addition to being dehydrated Jim was totally exhausted. Dan Bergstrom brought them water and umbrellas.

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Good Samaritan
Award

Is awarded to

Dan Bergstrom



#1413 Millard and El Prieto Canyons - July 24, 2019

Jim Carlin, Jan Gardner and Phil Rutherford radioed that while returning to the trailhead on that hot day they needed water. Dan loaded up his pack with water and juices as well as a couple of umbrellas and hiked over a mile to the rescue.

The Good Samaritan Award is given to OTP hikers who go above and beyond the normal level of participation readily rendering aid and assistance to any and all who require it.

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Good Samaritan
Award
Is awarded to



Mickey Costello

#1427 Smith Mountain via Bear Creek Trail - November 06, 2019

After all the hikers had returned from the planned hike, Mickey, the leader of this hike drove to the West Fork Trailhead with party treats to meet the five hikers that extended the route by over five miles and several hours.

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Hard Luck Award

Is awarded to

Jim Spotts



#1396 Mandeville Canyon to San Vicente Missile Site - March 27, 2019

Jim left his backpack at the Nike Site where everybody had lunch. When he got back to the trailhead he realized he had left it there. Alice drove him to the Nike Site via Mulholland Drive off the 405 freeway where he retrieved his backpack.

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Hard Luck Award

Is awarded to

Dorothy King



#1406 Naples, Long Beach, City/Beach - June 05, 2019

Dorothy left her cell phone on a table at the after hike party. She claimed that she had never ever lost her cell phone before. She retrieved it the next day.

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Hard Luck Award

Is awarded to

Randy King



#1409 Forrestal/Portuguese Bend Reserve - June 26, 2019

Randy left his cell phone on the party table after the hike. Nobody claimed it so we randomly called Dorothy's cell phone to see if it belonged to Randy which it did. He drove back from his home to retrieve it.

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#1413 Millard and El Prieto Canyons - July 24, 2019

#1417 Bonelli Park & Puddingstone Reservoir - August 21, 2019

Randy left his radio at the lunch spot in El Prieto Canyon - Phil found it and returned it. He left his radio in Bonelli Park at the Party table, but didn't realize he left it and was surprised when it was returned to him at the next hike party.

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Hard Luck Award

Is awarded to

Ralph Shoukry



#1427 Smith Mountain via Bear Creek Trail - November 06, 2019

Ralph lost his footing on his trek along Bear Creek. He fell on his back side and cracked the glass on his cell phone which was in his back pocket.

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Sally-Forth Award

Is awarded to

Jim Hartung



#1404 Rocky Peak via the Chumash Trail - May 22, 2019

Jim missed the
He and his hiking
along the wrong trail before Ron Forbess noticed his mistake and radioed him.



junction on his way back to the trailhead.
partner had continued almost a quarter mile

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Sally-Forth Award

Is awarded to

Sam Prum



#1420 Eaton Saddle to Panorama Point & Mt. Lowe - September 11, 2019

Sam missed a turn on the East Trail descending to Inspiration Point. It sent him down the steep ridge short cut. He radioed Jan who was following to turn around because of what he thought was a wash out on the trail. Dan said he Sam and Bob had to slide down on their butts on the slippery slope.

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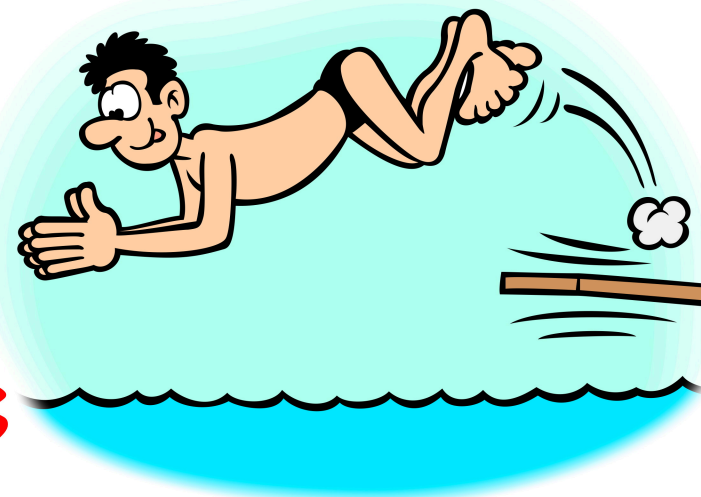
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**2019
Plunge
Award**

Is awarded to

Jim Spotts



1425 Malibu Creek State Park - October 16, 2019

The bridge on the trail to the Mash Site is damaged so the rerouted trail crosses the creek upstream of the bridge. All hikers were able to negotiate the crossing except Jim. He slipped and sank waist deep into the stream.

The Plunge Award is given to those members of the OTP Hiking and Debating Society who accidentally fall into water during any of the Society's officially scheduled hiking events.

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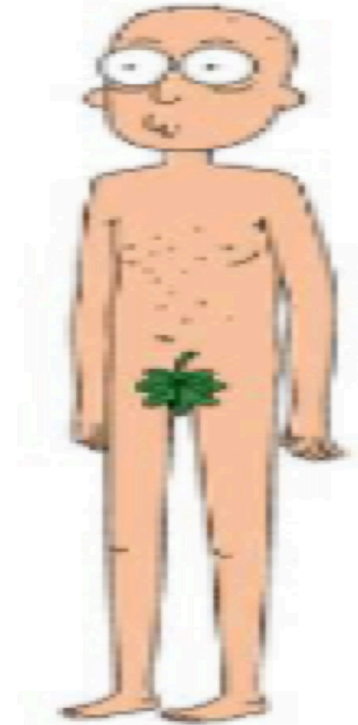


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Great Observer
Award

Is awarded to

Carol Hartung



#1399 Deukmejian Wilderness Park - April 17, 2019

She was walking back to the trailhead when she saw a naked man wearing only a hat running barefoot up the rocky trail towards her. Upon seeing Carol he removed his hat and covered up.

This special award is only given when no other category applies and the Awards Committee is obligated to recognize the event.

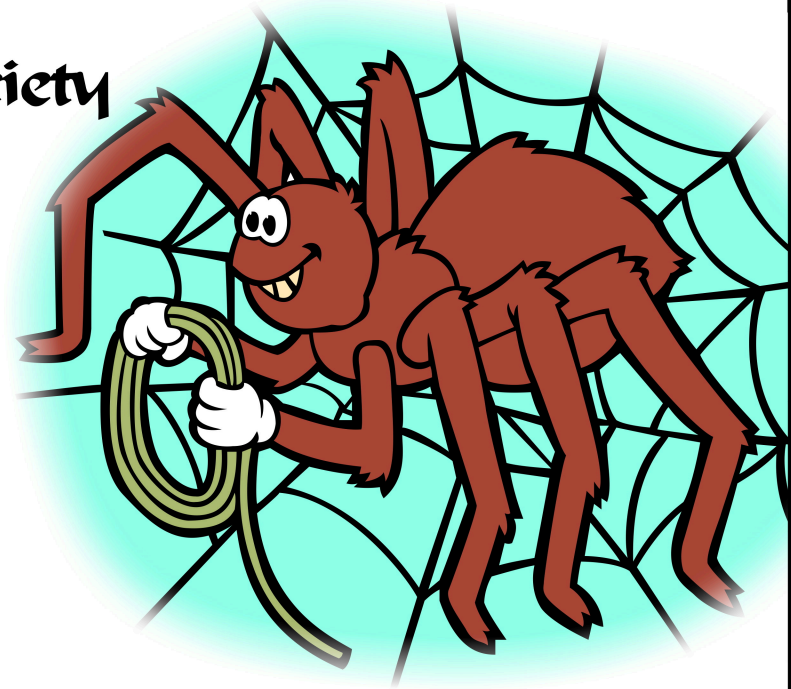
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WebMaster

Award

Is awarded to



Phil Rutherford

For continuing to make our web site so incredible.

Thanks for your dedication

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Perfect Attendance
Award

Is awarded to

Steve Babcock



For not missing a single hike during our 2019 season.

Congratulations, Steve

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"Fire & Rain"
Award

Is awarded to

Ralph Shoukry



Deukmejian hike cancelled - October 30 & November 20, 2019

Ralph had to cancel his Deukmejian hike twice. Once for fire and smoke in the area and the second time for rain.

This special award recognizes the hike leader who must cancel and reschedule his/her scheduled hike more than once.

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