**Committee Chair Report** -
The Planning Meeting ideas have been incorporated into the scouting calendar. Parents are needed to make sure that these outings happen: Looking for a belayer (or attend training) for the Diablo Rock Gym tentatively set for March 8. Need an adult to help with the San Ramon Clean Up on March 22 as well as a fund raiser carwash for scout accounts on April 27. Please contact Nancy at nancyozawa@yahoo.com.
Michelle Simpson has offered to coordinate the Giants and A's game in July. Please contact her to attend.
Also thank you to Mike Jensen who has stepped up as our new Assistant Scout Master (ASM). Appreciate the support! Ideas were discussed to get the scout motivated to move scout ranks and get these requirements signed off. Please give a little nudge by looking at the handbook w/your scout.

**Scoutmaster Corner-Tom Azzopardi**
Tom announced that there will now be a 50 miler standard criteria for these adventures. The scout must be 2nd Class by June 30th which will help the scout as he has completed these during his rank advancements. The Bishop Ranch Regional Preserve which is dubbed “Perkins Hill” off of Morgan Dr will start conditioning hikes next month. There will be a sign-in sheet for each uphill climb as the scout needs to participate in 50% of these hikes. There will also be a time limit as these hikes progress; 15 lb. pack in 20 minutes for the 1st 50 miler outing. The high adventure 50 miler scout who needs to be 1st class by June 30th needs to carry 15 lbs. in 17 minutes. The scout also needs to participate in (2) outings - ten mile hikes and/or the back packing trips. Exceptions only made by Mr. Perkins or Mr. Azzopardi. Tom also is asking for support as some 1st year scouts are still in the scout or tenderfoot ranking. We want the scout to move ranks so please encourage the scout to participate in meetings and mostly attend the scout outings.

**Youth Protections Training/Driver Information**
Thank you to Michelle Guidi who has stepped up to fill this parent position. It is imperative that the information is current to keep our scouts safe. She will be e-mailing to update current information. Kudos Michelle!

**Fundraising**  Andreas Metzger metzgeras@yahoo.com
Looking into new fund raiser ideas such as offering a restaurant fund raiser night, car wash, and in the Fall selling See's candy. More information will be available as the fund raiser activities are available. This is a great opportunity for the scout to earn money in their scout account as the funds the money are used for scout outings only.

**Short Term Outdoor Activities**  Steve Rettig
Steve is busy confirming dates and scheduling upcoming short term outings from the Scout's Planning Meeting.

There will be a Wilderness Survival outing at Waddell Creek in May 3&4. Please note the change for the Camporee from May to June 6-8. A fishing trip on June 21-22 at Del Valle.
He can always use parents help to coordinate and collect information from the scout on these events. If you are interested in helping with these short term outings, please contact Steve at familrea@sbcglobal.net

**Hikes** Sam Habib
Long-Term Outdoor Activities  A.Lee, P. Rettig, S.Perkins
Membership – Sonny Patel
Looking for scouts will help at the cross overs listed below. Please contact scout Mitch

**Advance Chair Comm– A. Rettig, A. Calderon, T. Medlin**
As of January 1, 2014; the Cooking Merit Badge is now eagle required. There are currently two versions of this badge, if a scout has already started the older Cooking MB, he can finish it to fulfill the eagle badge requirement.

**Troop Equipment** -- Jeff Pelz jeffpelz@hotmail.com
**Troop Roster – Maureen Brooks brooks238@comcast.net**

**Treasurer’s Report** (as of Jan 31, 2014) - Deanna DePonceau
Beginning balance $7,727.35
Deposits 13,469.63
Less: Withdrawals $7,574.91
Ending balance $13,622.07

Junko Savage at junkosavage@hotmail.com collects deposits for the Troop.

**Webmaster – Sushil Panthari**

**Merit Badges – Angie Rettig familrea@sbcglobal.net**

**Personal Management** (Chemparathy/Panthari) – Ongoing

**Cycling** – (J. Reith)

**Cooking** (Chemparathy/Panthari)

**Emergency Preparedness** - (Azzopardi)

**Fire Safety** (Azzopardi/Lee)

**Family Life** - (Calderon)

**Key Dates for Upcoming Events (www.troop84bsa.org)**

Always check the web site for updates

Feb 16  Bike ride (Reith)
Feb 20  – Pack 201 Crossover
Feb. 22 – 23 Intro Backpacking
Feb 28  – Pack 814 Crossover
March 20 Pack 842 Crossover
March 21-22 – Santa Cruz Boardwalk
April 5 & 6 Pre-camporee at Lake Chabot
June  6 - 8* Camporee at Rancho Los Mochos
July 13  – 19 Camp Wente
July 19 – 25 Seabase
July 24 - Aug 2 Mt. Lassen

*Date changed