

Master TrailBuilder-2004

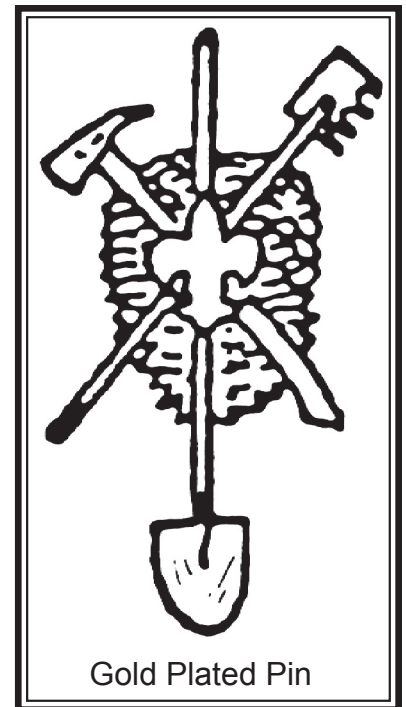
This award was established several years ago by the Los Angeles Area Council to recognize continued service to the conservation programs of the USDA-Forest Service and the LAAC. Receiving one is not a matter of completing a set of requirements, but of unselfish dedication to the conservation of our forests and trails. Jim Spencer, LAAC-HAT, was the initial recipient in 1998, in recognition of his 30 years of developing and promoting conservation and the Trail Boss training programs in the Angeles National Forest. The BSA-National Council has also given Jim a Hornaday Gold Medal for these activities. This year, the Master TrailBuilder is awarded to:

- ◆ John Horton: USDA-Forest Service Volunteer - Eagle Projects
- ◆ Rich Hoesly: Troop 849 - Trail Boss
- ◆ Jim Hawkins: LACC-HAT Chair
- ◆ Bob Shockley: LAAC-HAT & Forest Service Volunteer
- ◆ Bill Leslie: LAAC-HAT & Forest Service Volunteer

High Adventure Teams for other Councils may give the Master TrailBuilder award to worthy participants in their conservation programs. In 2002, the Ventura County Council-HAT presented it to two of its members, Mel Krone and Mike Havstad. Last year the Orange County Council-HAT gave the award to Bron Draganov, Troop 636.

Because of the cutbacks in Federal funding and the damage caused by fires and the weather in recent years, the efforts of these persons have made major contributions to the continued availability of trails and campsites in the local mountains. Our Scout Units are major users of these important resources and, without them, their outdoor programs would be greatly diminished. Our thanks to them and to everyone else who contributes their time and efforts in trail and forest conservation activities.

Please contact Dick Rose, Vice Chair of the LAAC-HAT (310-545-0668; reros@earthlink.net), for additional information about presenting it to other adult volunteers. For information about performing conservation projects and taking Trail Boss training in the Angeles National Forest, please contact: John Horton (310) 375-5032, e-mail; jbhorton@gte.net.



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