

Scot MacBeth Fellow National 81.

As reflected by his membership rank, Scot, whose name was actually Pierre de St. Julian MacBeth was a long time member who represented some of the best qualities of our Explorers Club.

A geologist by profession, Scot was known more to us for his adventures in Mountaineering and his long time association with the peoples of Tibet and Nepal.

His history includes everything from his military service as a Winter warfare instructor, to winning the Sydney-Hobart yacht race, to being part of the support team for the first east face climb attempt of Mt Everest (failed in 81, succeeded in 83), to taking part in the expedition for the first American climb in Tibet, to opening a bar in Kathmandu. Sherpas called him Bhalu – the great white bear.

Scot was always on the move, exploring, and adventuring

When he had nothing else to do, he and a friend decided to mount an expedition from Tecate to Cabo San Lucas on the tip of Baja California -- by donkey an expedition that ultimately took 6 months and traversed 1500 miles.

Scot grew up in the Carmel area where his dad entertained John Steinbeck and Doc Ricketts, names you may recognize. Scot related that he used to sit on Steinbeck's knees while Steinbeck and his friends played a game called spit on the ceiling.

Scot resided in a house in Carmel that he named Bad Manors. Reportedly, his house was hardly ever heated and he didn't furnish a guest bedroom because all his guests pitched tents in the backyard.

Later he helped found and served on the board of the American Himalayan Foundation along with Sir Edmund Hillary and Dick Blum (who is Senator Diane Feinstein's husband – also one of our members).

The AHF foundation continues to fund education and health initiatives in Nepal and Tibet, building schools and health facilities, with current

focus on the prevention of girl trafficking, anti slavery and child marriage. Scot was a principal progenitor of those efforts. I can't imagine a better person to call a colleague in the Explorers Club. He was a unique individual in the best sense of the The Explorers Club and will be missed by all of us who had the good fortune to know him.

A Remembrance of Pierre de St. Julien "Scot" Macbeth FN81 - March 25, 1930 - November 12, 2017 – by Dede Whiteside Hicks MN13.

When a stunningly beautiful human lives a fully engaged life, doing so raises up that possibility in all of us. Scot was such a person. He adored the Carmelite Sisters and Single Malt Scotch. He took 200 mile treks because he liked to walk. He found beauty in the wrinkled face of an old Tibetan woman as well as a morning view of Mt. Kailash. Most of his tall tales were actually true. He bought a home for his beloved Mom by the sea and died in it after living among the Himalayan peaks and the jungles of Thailand. He cherished great books and recited poetry by heart. He was a scientist and an artist, a deeply spirit-filled soul without an ounce of dogmatic prejudice. He left me filled with revelations but a nagging question: how'd I get so fortunate to know such a being? Happy Trails Dear One. I can vision you now walking the peaks of Mt. Kailash! Editors note: Information on memorials can be found at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?pid=187342889>