

Memorial for Nicholas B. Clinch

**Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch
Friday, June 16, 2017, 8:00 P.M.**

A memorial will be held for Nicholas B. Clinch on Friday, June 16 at 8:00 P.M. at the Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch.

Nick Clinch (1930–2016) was president of the American Alpine Club from 1968–1970, and was the founder of the Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch, which first opened in 1970. Mr. Clinch last visited Grand Teton National Park in August, 2010, when he was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Climbers' Ranch.

Nick Clinch was one of the most notable climbing expedition leaders of his time. He led the first ascent of Hidden Peak (Gasherbrum I) in the Karakoram region of Pakistan in 1958, the first ascent of Masherbrum in the same region in 1960, the first ascent of Mt. Vinson in Antarctica in 1966, and the first ascent of Ulugh Muztagh in Tibet in 1985. In 2006, Peak 15,883' in the Sentinel Range of the Ellsworth Mountains in Antarctica was officially named "Clinch Peak." Mr. Clinch began his many visits to the Tetons in 1948, when he climbed the Grand Teton with Paul Petzoldt. In 1951 Nick made the first ascent of the North Chimney of the Second Tower of the Grand Teton, with Leigh Ortenburger, Dick Irvin and John Mowat; and the first ascent of the East Ridge of Fairshare Tower, with Peter Robinson.



Nick Clinch, August 21, 2010

You are welcome to join us in recalling and honoring Nick Clinch on June 16 at the Climbers' Ranch.