

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

## Search and Rescue Mission Response

Monday, June 8, 7 pm

Presented by: Dave Fleck and Ronda Luce

Dave and Ronda are members of Explorer Search and Rescue – Kitsap Unit and are canine handlers with All Breed Canine Search and Rescue. They have around 70 members and 15 canines and respond to SAR (Search and Rescue) missions statewide. Dave and Ronda will give a presentation on SAR Mission Response. They will cover who Explorer SAR is and what they do. The main topic of the presentation covers how an SAR response starts and executes. They will also cover some things you can do if you become the subject of an SAR mission. *(Photos courtesy of Dave Fleck)*



# Monthly

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, June 4, 7 pm  
 Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Tom's home on Bainbridge Island. All members are invited to attend.

## June Potluck

Friday, June 26, 6:30 pm (*note NEW start time*)  
 Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Visit with fellow PWCers at Jill's home in Belfair. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As host, Jill will provide the dessert.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fridays	Friday Morning Mountain Biking	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648
Various	Rock Climbing at Mission Creek Canyon	Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714
6/4	MAP Meeting	Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906
6/7	Hike the South Fork Skoke	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
6/8	General Meeting, 7 pm	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648
6/13-20	Getaway at Silver Mountain, Idaho	Molly Deardorff, 206-595-7220
6/14	Bike the Chehalis Western Trail	Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297
6/20 or 27	Extreme Day Hike Low Divide	David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com
6/20	MTTA Work Party	Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754
6/20-21	Climb Mount Saint Helens	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
6/26	June Potluck, 6:30 pm ( <i>note NEW start time</i> )	Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402
6/26-28	Toleak Point Backpack	Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087
6/27-28	Climb Mount Saint Helens	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

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Left: PWCers enjoy the Pre-Mother's Day Pub Pedal in Seattle. Photo courtesy of Steve Osburn. For more photos, go to page 6.

# Outings

## A Word About Outings

All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member. The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Always carry the 10 essentials.

## Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

## Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans, should a trip be canceled for some reason. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

## The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Remember that trips can be listed on the website under Last Minute Outings. If you don't see something that interests you in the newsletter, check the website for additional trips. Or, if you are doing an outing that was planned after the deadline, use the website to post the information. This can be done in three ways: you can fill out the form online, or you can call or email the info directly to the Webmaster, Venita Goodrich.

## Hike the South Fork Skoke

Sunday, June 7

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Hike the South Fork Skokomish River Trail, an easy, scenic trail that meanders along the river. You pick the distance by going out as far as you like.

## Getaway at Silver Mountain, Idaho

Saturday, June 13 - Saturday, June 20

Contact: Molly Deardorff, 206-595-7220

Come spend all or part of a week in Kellogg, ID. Be near hiking, kayaking, whitewater rafting and 72 miles of paved biking trails. Other nearby activities include Silverwood Amusement Park, museums, shopping and mine tours. A great opportunity to explore this beautiful area! The house is now full, but come book a room in town. You can still hang out with PWC folks, whether on the trail or over dinner - the more the merrier!

## Bike the Chehalis Western Trail

Sunday, June 14

Contact: Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297

Start at Chambers Lake in Lacey. Ride 30.5 miles round trip through a forested greenbelt past Indian Summer Golf Course, then 2 miles along the Deschutes River, wetlands, streams and ponds, a stop at a large free metal sculpture park, then through farmlands to the intersection of the Yelm/Tenino Trail. Travel at your own pace.

## Extreme Day Hike Low Divide

Saturday, June 20 or June 27

Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

Hike from Graves Creek, up the Quinault River to Low Divide, then proceed down the Elwha River past Whiskey Bend and Lake Mills to the Elwha Ranger Station. The total mileage is approximately 50 miles, with an elevation gain of only about 3800 feet. I plan on leaving the Graves Creek Trailhead about 3 am and then hiking until we reach the Elwha Ranger Station (rest breaks will be tolerated!). Estimated time to reach Elwha Ranger Station is between 8 and 10 pm. If we can get another group to start at the Elwha Ranger Station, we can swap vehicle keys somewhere along the way.

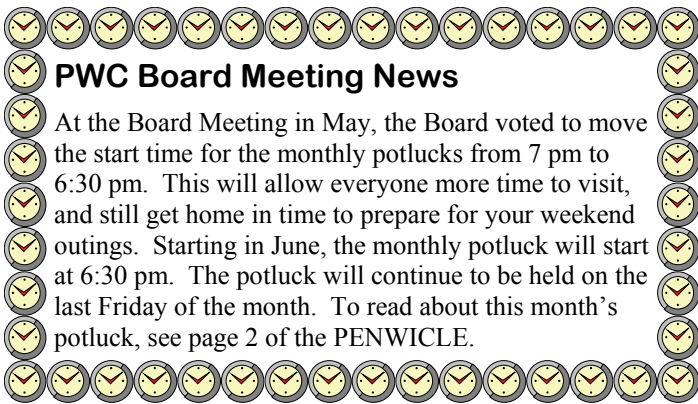


## MTTA Work Party

Saturday, June 20

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Help Tony do trail and hut maintenance for MTTA. Work parties include dinner Saturday night, and the opportunity to stay overnight in one of the huts to enjoy some skiing or snowshoeing (yes, in June!) on the trails on Sunday.



## PWC Board Meeting News

At the Board Meeting in May, the Board voted to move the start time for the monthly potlucks from 7 pm to 6:30 pm. This will allow everyone more time to visit, and still get home in time to prepare for your weekend outings. Starting in June, the monthly potluck will start at 6:30 pm. The potluck will continue to be held on the last Friday of the month. To read about this month's potluck, see page 2 of the PENWICL.

## Friday Morning Mountain Biking

Fridays at 9 am

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

Join Greg for a weekly morning ride at Stottlemeyer, Miller Peninsula, or other locations.

## Rock Climbing at Mission Creek Canyon

Various dates

Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Climb Mission Creek Canyon near Cashmere, WA. All abilities are welcome. Let Dale know if you're interested in climbing this summer, and he'll add you to his contact list.

## Outings

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### Climb Mount Saint Helens

Saturday, June 20 - Sunday, June 21  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb or ski the 4800 feet from Climbers' Bivouac to the summit—it is an awesome sight. Basic ice axe skills are needed for the ascent. This is the easiest of the Cascade volcanoes. We will overnight camp Saturday night at Climbers' Bivouac, then climb on Sunday.

### Toleak Point Backpack

Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28  
Contact: Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

Join me on a backpacking trip along the Pacific Coast to beautiful Toleak Point in Olympic National Park. It's about 6.5 miles each way. We'll hike in on Friday morning, day hike on Saturday (or just relax on the beach), and hike out on Sunday. Hiking in will be a bit more relaxed this year compared to last year because the tides are better (less adventure for Paul). In June there are usually baby seals and lots of eagles to be seen. There are great sea stacks and fun tide pooling as well.

### Climb Mount Saint Helens

Saturday, June 27 - Sunday, June 28  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

No, this isn't a typo—Doug is doing this trip two weekends in a row to give everyone a chance to go. Climb or ski the 4800 feet from Climbers' Bivouac to the summit—it is an awesome sight. Basic ice axe skills are needed for the ascent. This is the easiest of the Cascade volcanoes. We will overnight camp Saturday night at Climbers' Bivouac, then climb on Sunday.

### Annual PWC Picnic

Monday, July 13, 6 pm  
Contact: Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961

The Annual PWC Picnic takes the place of the July General Meeting and will be held at Raab Park in Poulsbo. Main dishes, salads, desserts, water, and place settings will be provided. Bring your own beverage (alcohol is permitted). Activities include a Tall Tales Contest and Tug-O-War, and you are encouraged to bring your own yard games (Frisbee, croquet, bocce ball, etc.) to share.

### MTTA Work Party

Saturday, July 18  
Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Help Tony do trail and hut maintenance for MTTA. Work parties include dinner Saturday night, and the opportunity to stay overnight in one of the huts to enjoy some hiking or mountain biking on the trails on Sunday.

### Climb Mount Stuart

Saturday, July 18 - Sunday, July 19  
Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825

This is a family-friendly hike and camp. We will meet Saturday morning at the parking lot at the end of Teanaway Road out of Cle Elum. We will climb up the ridge, following the trail to Ingalls Lake. Once we have crested the ridge, the trail takes us to a spectacular meadow just before Ingalls Lake. Spend the next day hiking around Ingalls Lake and venture as far as your comfort zone takes you on the west side of Mount Stuart. If you paint, bring your watercolors – the views are stunning.

### Climb Mount Adams

Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 26  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug and his neighbor's Boy Scout troop on the climb.

### Backpack at Marmot Lake

Thursday evening, August 6 - Sunday, August 16 or Monday, August 17  
Contact: Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297

Stay Thursday evening at Staircase trailhead or make your own campground reservations. Hike approximately 20 miles one-way to Marmot Lake. Amble 5 or 6 miles per day. Camp the first night at Camp Pleasant or Log Camp, the second night at Two Bear or Home Sweet Home, and the third night at Marmot Lake. Explore surrounding lakes for several days or possibly do an overnighter to O'Neil Pass and/or Anderson Pass.

### Hike the Nagano Alps

Friday, August 7 - Saturday, August 15  
Contact: Eric Barbut, [eric\\_barbut@yahoo.com](mailto:eric_barbut@yahoo.com)

Guided hiking tour and City tour by local Japanese-speaking American guide who lives in Tokyo but loves to hike in the Japanese Alps. The cost is about \$1,500 (not including airfare) and is cheaper if you want to bring camping equipment. What I am offering is a fairly inexpensive hiking tour of the Nagano Alps for customers who can pay as they go. For more information, see the flyer on the PWC web page, [www.pwckitsap.org](http://www.pwckitsap.org)

### MTTA Work Party

Saturday, August 15  
Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Help Tony do trail and hut maintenance for MTTA. Work parties include dinner Saturday night, and the opportunity to stay overnight in one of the huts to enjoy some hiking or mountain biking on the trails on Sunday.

## Outings

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### Backpack the Skyline Trail

Saturday, August 15 - Sunday, August 23  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This is a 9-day backpacking trip on the Skyline Trail. The itinerary has been changed from what was originally planned, and it will now be a loop back to where we start. This hike is about 56-60 miles, not counting side trips. We may do some easy climbs in Seattle Park.

### Obstruction Point to Dosewallips Traverse

Sunday, August 16 - Saturday, August 22 (*note date change*)  
Contact: John Knott, 360-710-1158

Backpack about 34 miles total: five days with about 16 trail miles in the high country (Grand Pass, Cameron Basin and Pass, Lost Basin and Pass, Dosewallips Meadows and surroundings) for some short mileage days to enjoy the surroundings, and two days out along Dosewallips (13 trail miles and 5 miles of road walking - mostly downhill).

### Hike Mount Lincoln

Sunday, August 16 (*note date change*)  
Contact: Gail Gross, 360-307-9022, and Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This trail begins 2.4 miles from the Staircase Ranger Station along the North Fork Skokomish Trail. This trail, even though it is considered abandoned, is in surprisingly good shape. See how a forest regenerates itself after being decimated by the 1985 Beaver Fire, along with great views of the valley below. Hike as far as you'd like, or relax a short distance up the trail in a sunny clearing alongside a small mountain stream.

### Backpack the Frank Church Wilderness

Saturday, September 5 - Sunday, September 13  
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Backpack the Frank Church Wilderness in Idaho.

### Bike the Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills

Friday, September 11 - Wednesday, September 16  
Contact: Bob Brown, 360-569-2878, or Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Bike the 109-mile Mickelson Trail over 5 days, taking time to soak up some sun, visit parks, hike, and watch wildlife in the Black Hills. Dates do not include travel. Payment for the cabin rental is due by August 11.



### Rainier Mountain Festival

Saturday, September 12 - Sunday, September 13  
[www.rainierfestival.com](http://www.rainierfestival.com)

The Rainier Mountain Festival in Ashford features world-class climbers, alpine games, a trail run, mountain technique demos, films, book signings, live entertainment, and more.

### MTTA Work Party

Saturday, September 19  
Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Help Tony do trail and hut maintenance for MTTA. Work parties include dinner Saturday night, and the opportunity to stay overnight in one of the huts to enjoy some hiking or mountain biking on the trails on Sunday.

### Backpack to Indian Bar

Friday, September 25 - Sunday, September 27 (*note date change*)  
Contact: Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961, and Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Backpack a portion of the Wonderland Trail around Mount Rainier. We'll spend two nights at Indian Bar to allow time to explore the area and get some amazing photos. This trip will be a key exchange so we can see more of the Wonderland Trail and won't have to double back.

### Fall Grand Canyon Expedition

2 weeks, starting sometime between September 19 and 26  
Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, [theboyde@aol.com](mailto:theboyde@aol.com)

This year's Grand Canyon trip will be a little bit different – it will be in the fall, and it will be from the North Rim. The permit request has already been submitted, so if you haven't signed up but are interested, call me to see if it is possible to add people. The potential routes are as follows:

1. 11-day trip to the Nankoweap and North Kaibab areas (with one night on the Walhalla Plateau): 41 miles backpacking and up to 85 miles of day hikes/exploration.
2. 11-day trip to Haunted and Phantom Canyons and the North Kaibab area: 35 miles backpacking and up to 30 miles of day hikes/exploration.
3. 12-day trip to the Clear Creek and North Kaibab areas: 50 miles backpacking and up to 70 miles of day hikes/exploration.
4. 12-day trip to the Swamp Point/White Creek/North Bass/Shinumo Creek and Powell Plateau areas, 32 miles backpacking and up to 80 miles of day hikes/exploration.

NOTE: ALL day hike/exploration mileages are approximate, depending on local terrain, and are entirely optional. The trip length does not include transportation to/from the Grand Canyon.

### Climb Aconcagua: the Tallest Peak in the Americas

December (*exact date TBA*)  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

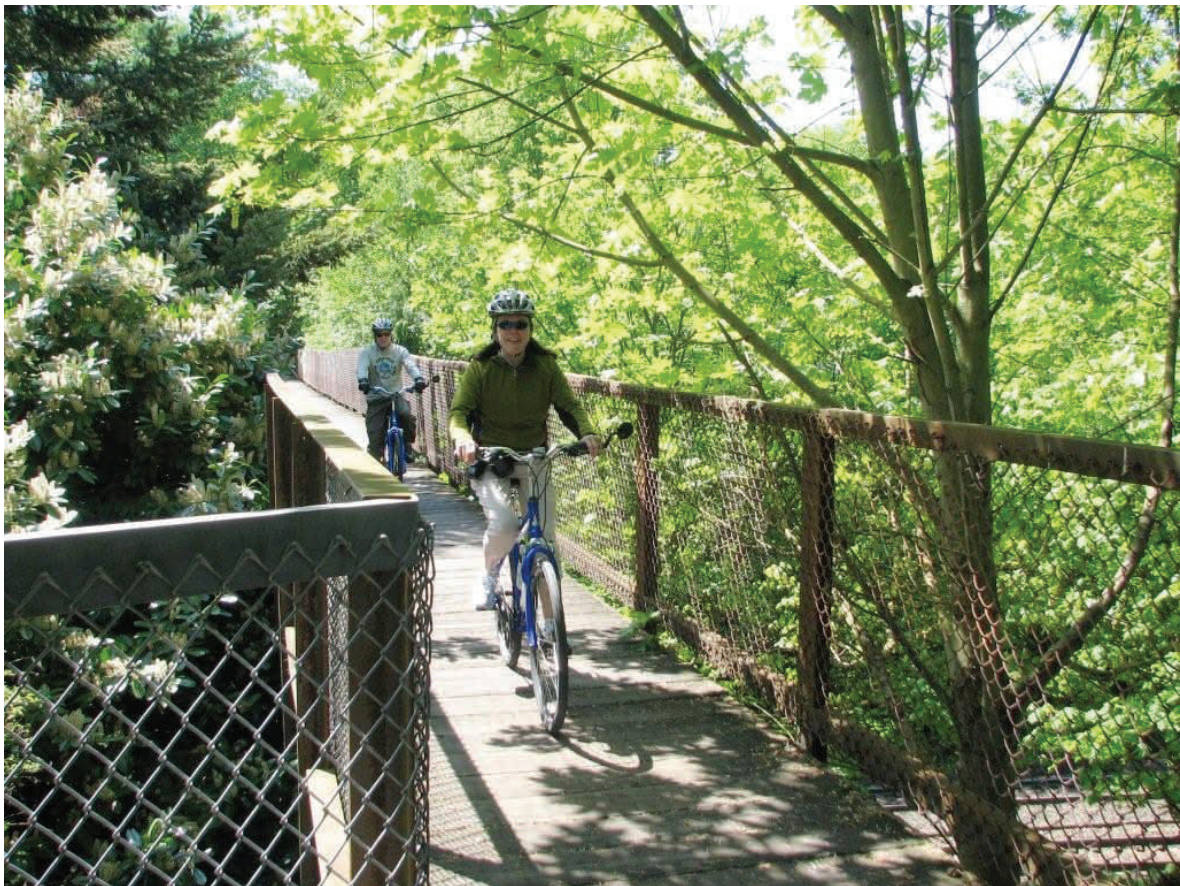
Join Doug on his long-awaited trip to climb the Stone Sentinel, Aconcagua, at 22,841 feet, in the Andes. This is a non-technical climb, but very demanding.

## Photos

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*Photos from the Pre-Mother's Day Pub Pedal in Seattle, courtesy of Steve Osburn.*



## Club News

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### PWC Welcomes New Members...

Astrid Wolin of Kingston, and Dean Kirkham of Port Hadlock.

### Door Prize Winner

At the May meeting, Jill Hawes won the door prize, a MSR Cloudliner Hydration Bag.

### Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who brought snacks to the May meeting. Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.



### We Need You!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner are in need of volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Barney Bernhard, at 360-479-3679.

### Sponsor an Outing

We are always looking for people to sponsor outings for the PWC. If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting the Thursday before the General Meeting to discuss your plan for a trip. You can submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website by filling out the form at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

### Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Erin Hennings is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Trip reports can be all text, all photos, or any combination of the two. There are no length requirements. Please send trip reports and photos to Erin at penwicle@hotmail.com

### Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman, our Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), and people and places in the pictures. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Sue DeArman, 360-697-1352, [dearmans@comcast.net](mailto:dearmans@comcast.net)

### Update Your Email Address

Does the PWC have your current email address? If not, contact Barbara Hager, Membership Coordinator, to update your email address and other contact information. Barbara can be reached at 360-692-5121 or [greenthumb@telebyte.com](mailto:greenthumb@telebyte.com)

### PWC Online...[www.pwckitsap.org](http://www.pwckitsap.org)

Please contact Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 for inquiries regarding the PWC website. Submissions to the editor of the PENWICLE will be sent to the website, unless requested otherwise.

## Club Business

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### Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on back of newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership, but check with vendor for details:

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

### Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Barbara Hager at Peninsula Wilderness Club  
P.O. Box 323  
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070,  
or email [greenthumb@telebyte.com](mailto:greenthumb@telebyte.com), or call 360-692-5121. Members should also contact Barbara if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

### PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Erin Hennings at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com) or 360-621-6961.

## Officers & Staff

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:  
Peninsula Wilderness Club  
P.O. Box 323  
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s)       Renewing Member(s)       Change of Address

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