

Peninsula Wilderness Club (PWC) History

The Beginning

Peninsula Wilderness Club was formed the latter part of 1978. That same year, brothers Judd and Pete Flynn had opened the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe in a portion of Wheaton Mall. In the 1970's, interest in wilderness backpacking and climbing was growing rapidly. In the spring of 1978, Olympic College offered a Basic Mountaineering class that was popular with the local outdoor enthusiasts wanting to learn the techniques of backcountry travel and climbing.

The Mountain Shoppe became a natural meeting place for backpackers and climbers to find the latest gear that was becoming available. With the classes at Olympic College completed, many in the group wanted a way to keep in touch and continue their outdoor adventures together. Thus, Peninsula Wilderness Club was born. Pete Flynn's outgoing nature was instrumental in bringing everyone together in the formation of the club. He had a knack of getting people excited about activities the club could do and obtaining renowned climbers and adventurers to come speak at the meetings. Pete would put signs on the front door of the shoppe and create flyers to distribute to the customers.

Craig Martin was elected as the first club president, club by-laws were adopted, and a newsletter was started with Marty Kaminskus as editor.

In 1981, the club received confirmation of non-profit incorporated status from the Secretary of State, Bruce Chapman.

Philosophy

When PWC was formed, members wanted the club to be a "members club" that was family oriented. Its' purpose was to promote the enjoyment, exploration, conservation, and protection of the wilderness. The club continues today in much the same style of member-organized trips and camaraderie. Meetings are still a time to socialize, share information about outings, and enjoy entertaining presentations given by members or guest speakers.

Annual Picnic(s)

The first PWC picnic was actually a winter picnic held at Paradise Mt. Rainier in January 1980.

Picnics have been held at various locations (i.e., Scenic Beach Park--Seabeck, Manchester State Park--Port Orchard, Illahee State Park--Bremerton, Kitsap Memorial Park--Poulsbo, Jackson Park--Bremerton, Island Lake Park--Silverdale, Raab Park--Poulsbo). For many years, the picnic was more like a potluck where members brought a main dish, salad, or dessert as well as their own plates and utensils. It has gone through many variations throughout the years. In recent years, the club has provided meat, buns, and condiments.

Apparel

The first PWC t-shirts, with the newly created logo, were sold in June 1981 at a cost of \$5.50. T-shirts containing the large black and white PWC logo on the back and a small logo over the left breast pocket were sold in June 1990 for \$9.00.

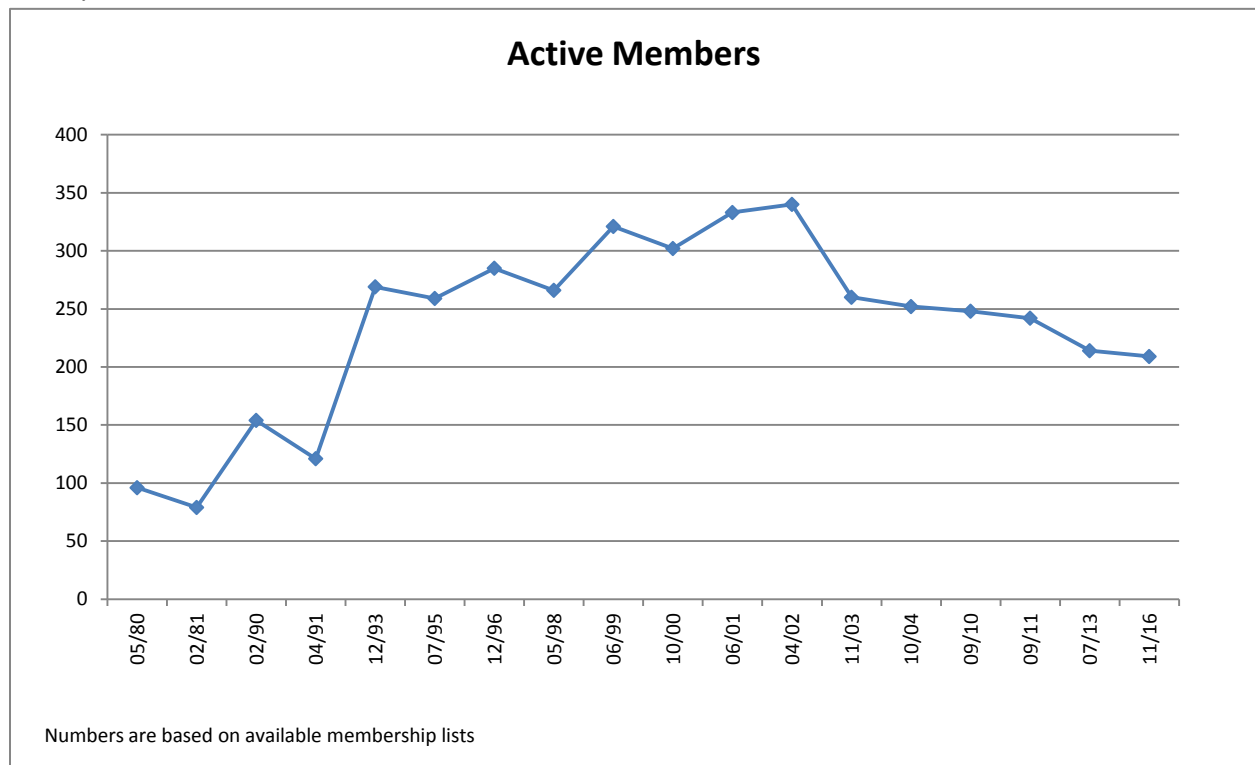
In December 1999, a t-shirt committee was formed to organize a t-shirt sale and evaluate the possibility of having the PWC logo put on mugs, stickers, bags, etc. It was decided to sell t-shirts, long-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, and polo shirts which went on sale in May 2000.

Climbers Club

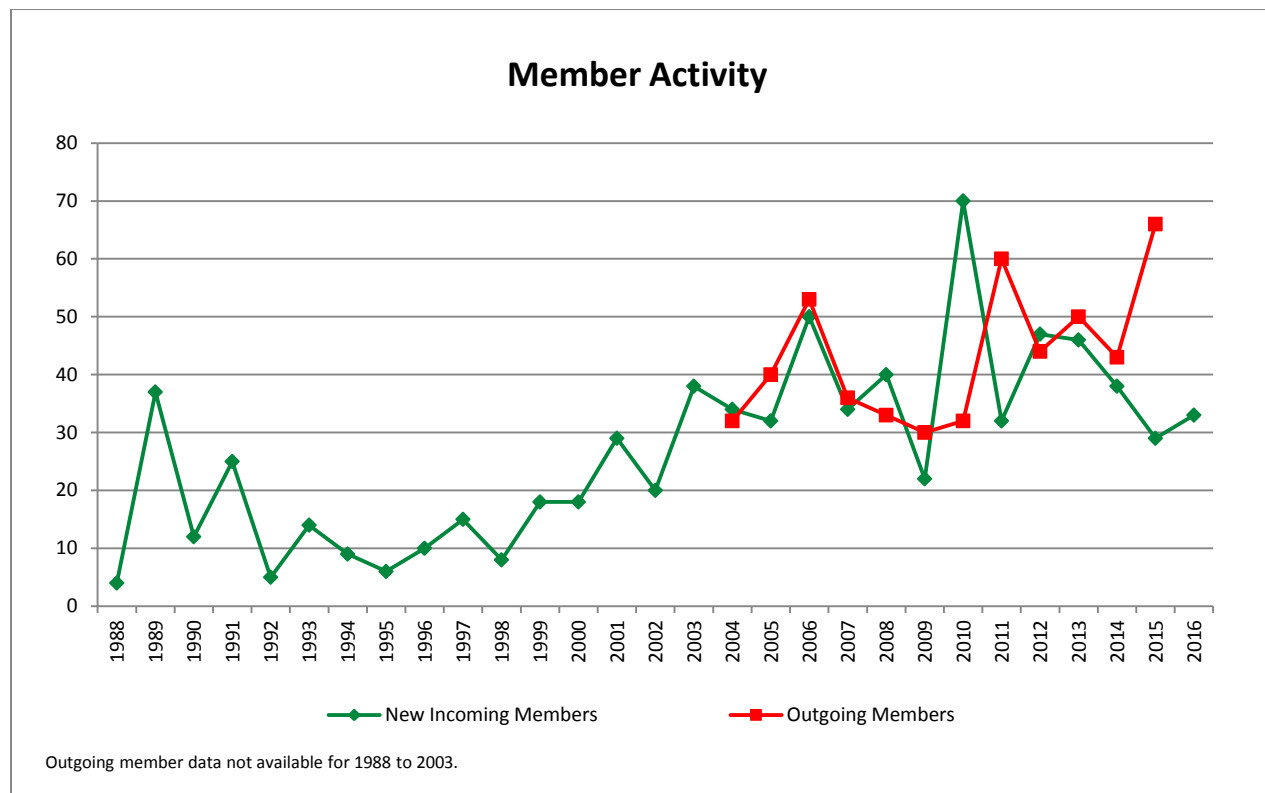
In February 1998, Craig Martin suggested that it might be beneficial to have a special interest group of members who wished to pursue interests such as climbing. A small group of members met at Silver City Brewing Company, Silverdale on the last Monday of each month. Interest varied from technical rock to alpine climbing. The meetings were informal and allowed the attendees to hook up with others to go climbing.

Club Statistics/Telephone Directory/Membership Directory

The first membership list was created in May 1980 and contained 96 active members. Active member activity is indicated in the chart below.



The chart below depicts new incoming members as well as outgoing members from 1988 to present. Data for outgoing members was not available for 1988 through 2003.



Committees/Chairman

Over the years, there have been various committees/chairman positions created. Some of them are still in existence today.

- Outside Entertainment Committee formed between January 1979 and March 1980 to get speakers and arrange locations for the show.
- December 1981: The following new committees were formed: (1) Entertainment Committee, to organize monthly entertainment at general meetings; (2) Fund-Raising Committee, approach potential people to come to Kitsap Peninsula to present a show for which an admission would be charged; (3) Activities Committee, assist the individual activity leaders in using data compiled by President or Vice President to the fullest; (4) Phone Tree Committee, keep the phone tree up-to-date and keep members informed of club activities; (5) Publicity Committee, ensure meeting or major event information is listed in the Bremerton Sun and/or newspapers; (6) Environmental Issues Committee, responsible for getting opinions of membership to elected officers on issues relevant to outdoors, keep membership informed of issues relevant to outdoors; (7) Rummage Sale Committee, gather items from membership for resale.
- October 1986: Steering Committee named to plan club outings and projects and provide general guidance on club policy. Met ½ hour before beginning of regular meeting.
- November 1987: Trip Committee established, responsible for planning and organizing club sponsored outings.

- October 1990: Environmental Chairperson created to serve as a point of contact for the club on environmental issues. Judy Guttormsen named chairperson with Jean Knox and Rob Shope as committee members. Judy was to keep club members informed of key environmental issues and to promote environmentally related activities within the club.
- March 1991: Refreshment Committee formed to ensure that refreshments are served at monthly meetings.
- September 1992: Trip Chairman (Doug Savage) established to organize and promote outings that are planned for PWC members, would help others plan trips as well as lead some.
- February 2001: Events Planning Committee formed to plan and organize annual events such as Winterfest, Halloween party and picnic and unique events like special guest speakers.
- February 2001: Membership Coordinator position created. This person would pick up mail from P.O. Box, get information to officers and staff in a timely manner, and ensure that new members receive a newsletter and other correspondence.
- September 2011: Content Manager. This person would manage the PWC Dropbox folder.
- December 2014: Club Historian. Responsible for collecting and retaining information, documents, and other records that will be preserved as a record of the Peninsula Wilderness Club's history.

Cookouts

PWC has held several competitive cookouts throughout the years. The first being in July 1992 where participants prepared camp meals and trail foods. It was such a success that another cookout was held in August 1993. In July 1994 and June 1998, participants prepared breakfast/dinner and lunch/snacks. Another outdoor cook-off took place at Evergreen Park in June 2001 with categories being breakfast, lunch and snacks, dinner, and car camping. Entries were judged on taste, weight efficiency and ease of clean-up. Monetary awards were given to 1st through 4th places in each category.

Contests

There have been various contests held since the formation of PWC. The first being the announcement of a logo contest in April 1980. The person who created the winning logo design would receive \$30. In March 1981, Diane Newman's logo design was chosen as the winning entry.



A professional illustrator was hired in May 1990 to give the logo a more polished look. Lettering and art work was redrawn but the basic design of the original logo was retained.



A new contest was announced in December 1999 to create a new logo design which would bring the logo up-to-date. The winning design, created by Tom Broszeit, was chosen in March 2000.



The logo was updated by Jay Thompsen in 2016 to add biking and color.



Dues

In January 1980, it was determined that yearly club dues would be \$9 which included the entire family. Membership dues were increased to \$12 in October 1986, then increased to \$18 in January 1992. The last increase was in March 2002 when dues were increased to \$25 per year per family.

Elections and Board

Since the club was formed in the fall, it was determined that elections would be held each November with the term of office being one year. The initial club officers consisted of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President was responsible for appointing other officers and committees as necessary to fulfill the administration and purpose of the club. In order to diversity the club's focus, it was decided that the President could be in office for two consecutive terms. The club by-laws were amended in March 1999 to establish a Board of Directors. This Board of Directors (3) would be granted authority and responsibility to set club policies. Directors would be elected by the membership and have since become known as Members at Large. The President Emeritus position was added in December 2011.

Equipment

A slide projector became available in April 1980 for members to show interesting photos and action pictures at each meeting. In April 1991, the club purchased a slide projector (Kodak 4600 carousel slide projector with 102 MM lens) for \$485.10. Prior to that, the club had borrowed a slide projector each month.

In February 1999, the club purchased a new computer printer, Canon BJC-5000 and a three-year extended service agreement at a total cost of \$250. The printer was used to print addresses directly on the newsletter eliminating the time and work of attaching the labels each month. An added bonus was the ability to print small posters in color.

The club acquired a projection screen in February 2005 to improve the quality of the images shown during presentations.

Fatalities

Over the years, there have been two fatalities during PWC sponsored events.

The first occurred in May 1983. Judd Flynn, Jim Busek, and Doug Vercoe were on their way to Camp Muir on Mount Rainier when they were caught in a blizzard. Doug fell through a snow ledge and vanished in the snow into Cowlitz Glacier while traversing a slope. To date, his body has never been found.

The second fatality occurred while climbing Mt. Washington in February 1995. Steve Whiting died of a heart attack en route to the summit. Later, his wife asked if any PWC members would be willing to take her husband's ashes to the summit of the mountain. A large group of family, friends, and PWC members honored her request.

Injuries

Karla Piecuch was injured (broken leg) while glissading down the main chute of Mt. Ellinor on May 31, 2008. The group she was with had completed their climb to the summit and had all glissaded the first two small runs from the summit to the top of the main chute. Her rescue took over 10 hours.

Meetings (Executive)

These meetings were held at club members houses and were open to the general membership. Various things were accomplished at these meetings—one being the relegation of different tasks and responsibilities.

Meetings (General Monthly)

The general monthly meetings include a short business session, reports on recent outings, description of upcoming outings, drawing for a door prize, and a speaker or presentation.

The first meetings were held in the back corner of the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe after the store closed for the day. The group quickly outgrew that space and started meeting at Olympic College (Art Room 103 until January 1979, then Science Room 136 until October 1981). After that, the club began meeting at the Kitsap Unitarian Fellowship Church on Perry Avenue. The meeting time had always been at 7:30 but was changed to 7:00 in February 2003. After meeting at the Kitsap Fellowship Church for almost 30 years, the club moved their general meeting location to the VFW Hall on Central Valley Road in August 2013. Prior to this, the club had met the second Monday of each month, but this was changed to the first Wednesday of each month with the meeting time continuing to be 7:00.

Meetings (Route Finding Meetings/Interested Members Meeting (IMM)/Monthly Activity Planning (MAP)

Interested Members Meetings (IMMs) held their first meeting in November 1981. Their goal was to bring club members together to monitor on-going club business in an effort to keep boring details from taking up time at the official meeting. Outdoor activities would also be mapped out on a schedule for the upcoming weeks. A “laid back” approach was held when conducting these meetings the Thursday prior to the general meeting each month at various members’ houses.

Prior to IMM being implemented, the trip planning meetings were held at Shakey’s Pizza in Bremerton after the general meetings each month. These get-togethers were held to discuss trips in detail rather than taking time at the general monthly meetings to explain details.

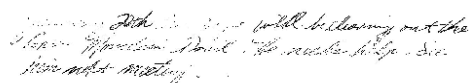
Before any of these trip planning meetings were created, potential trips were written on a chalk blackboard by members attending the meeting. This eventually moved to a dry erase board and/or flip tablet.

In December 2001, the IMM was renamed to MAP. On more than one occasion, new members mistakenly believed the meeting existed to specifically welcome new members and address their questions. It was hoped that the name “Monthly Activity Planning” more clearly communicated what this meeting was all about.

When the general monthly meeting place changed to the VFW Hall, the MAP meeting was changed to the third Wednesday of each month with starting time of 7:00 p.m.

Monthly potlucks began in February 1993 timeframe to get to know other members. The potluck is a monthly gathering and a great way of enjoying the company of other PWC members. The potluck days and times has changed numerous times throughout the years.

In January 1979, the first “Peninsula Wilderness Club Newsletter” was handwritten and distributed to members. It had a calendar attached with trips handwritten on the dates they were to take place.



Robert George Cameron -

February - Policy Committee will be taking a group to Spemann Park and practice some techniques on the practice work.
The "week" is 2 weeks high and low energy.
"center"

March 17, 28, 31st - Skips Mackenzie
in following three consecutive climbs
St. Helens, Mt. Rainier and Mt. Shuksan

For next meeting think about a. Bogo said
maybe we could have some patches made up.

Hester H. H. H. H.
 The Editor
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There have been various formats to the newsletter throughout the years.

♦ Peninsula Wilderness Club - March ♦ 1980

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Spring.....

Good tidings! Although spring won't officially be here for another couple of weeks, Mother Nature has already sent out road crews to distribute advance warning signs. The first crocuses are blooming, with other spring bulbs promising to follow suit... the days are getting longer. It's not going to be too much longer until we begin making that slow transition from wintertime activities to those of the spring and summer. It's definitely something to look forward to!

Happenings...

March 11. Regularly scheduled meeting. 7:30 p.m. Art 103 Olympic College. Paul Plavich, a long-standing club member, will show his slides of the Grand Tetons in northwestern Wyoming. Sounds interesting!...hope to see you there.

March 29 & 30. For all you adventure and romance at heart, here's an overnight, cross-country ski trip for you! Ski by the light of the full moon on a trip tentatively scheduled for Solida Creek near Leavenworth. The area around Solida Creek lends itself to a wide range of skiing abilities from easy roads with interesting side trails for beginners to steep grades and tougher trails for the more advanced skiers. There is also the possibility of ice climbing for those so inclined. Call Jim Groh at 377-1184 for more details. (You may have to call twice evenings)

April 1980. Bob Shaffer is planning a spring mushroom hike. Anyone interested in learning about mushrooms of this area—identifying, picking, cooking, etc. call 479-4692.

Spring 1980. Tentatively scheduled for sometime this spring, the club is going to present Art Wolff-Photographer. The topic of presenting this show was briefly discussed at last month's meeting and voted upon at the following executive meeting. Arrangements are now being made by the Outside Entertainment Committee to rent a location for the show and to finalize a date. The show will be presented in conjunction with the Photo Society—the cost of the show being split 50/50. A small admission price will be charged.

Peninsula Wilderness Club

April 1980



"The bee, though it finds every rose has a thorn, comes back loaded with honey from its rounds, and why should not other tourists do the same?"
---Harrison

The thorn on outdoor folks are most likely to come up against this month is the annual occurrence of "wild showers". But, like the proverbial bee, none of our members have put such obstacles aside and are venturing on a vast array of outings and events. Hopefully you'll be able to find something of interest in which to partake.

Happenings

Thursday night, from 6-8 p.m., the Harwood Park Volodrom in Redmond is making available free use of its track bikes, helmets, and coaches. Sounds like a fantastic opportunity for any of you bikers who have ever had a yearning for a little speedy excitement. For additional details call Jim Groh @ 377-1184.

March 29 and 30. Mark Horvath is leading an overnight cross-country ski trip up to Sun Top near Crystal. The ski up to camp is a trail of moderate grade, with a 3000' elevation gain. The campsite itself is out in a grove of unique evergreens, and if the weather is good the view of Rainier is reported to be breathtaking. 876-1211.

March 29 & 30. Six by the light of the moon on this overnight cross-country trip. The exact destination of this trip is still pending - the decision being made after avalanche and weather conditions can be better ascertained. If interested call Jim Groh @ 377-1184.

April 2. The Mr. Constance Shapen is presenting Don Frost of the Bremerton & Sea Club. Dr. Frost, an international climber, will be showing slides from his travels and a film on climbing in Guatemala. This is sure to be a top-notch place of entertainment! Tickets are \$2.00 in advance at the B&S Shop, or \$3.00 at the door. The show starts at 6.

April 6. For enthusiastic climbers at heart, an Easter Sunday climb on Silver Tunn Hill, some rain or shine, 5,5 and above rock climbing with some old work. Contact Dale Gayle at 377-9042.

April 7. The regularly scheduled meeting is returning to meeting every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Art 103 Olympic College. This month's entertainment will feature a slide show and lecture by Joe Holman on the geology of the Pacific NW. Joe Holman is a recognized local author of several books. --most notably, *The Challenge of Rainier*. He is a past lecturer for the club and Tuesday's presentation should be excellent! Hope to see you there!

April 13. Rock practice on Green Mountain. An excellent opportunity for novices to pick up some techniques. Call Jim at 377-1184.

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THE PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB MEETS THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:30PM AT THE KITAP UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH ON PERRY AVE. AT MIDWELL RD. IN EAST BREMERTON.

The October slide meeting is scheduled this again. Motivation for all efforts can be motivated or just volunteer yourself.

Anyone wishing to help the club can do so in many ways:

1. Public relations - sending the Bremerton Sun (free) about our activities and making publicity fliers.
2. Entertainment - inviting people to show slides, film, things of interest.
3. Bookkeeper - help with adding, paying, mailing, recording information.
4. Anyone can submit stories for the newsletter.
5. Club trips - show up planning for club day and weekend trips, hikes, swims, book trips, ski trips.
6. Club meeting - informal pre-meeting, film, movie viewing, opportunities, Lapras Trading, etc.

The capability is there for the WWC to fulfill many of our needs. Not, of course, like anything else, it will be only as good as we, the club, make it. If you are any interest in helping in any way, please speak up.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Wendy McCune would like to hear from someone who has done the afternoon Pass to Cat Basin Preserve. Call 779-3820.

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Kitap Unitarian Fellowship Church on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton.

Monthly Meeting Monday,

13 March:

Attention all you seniors and landlubbers alike. This month's meeting promises to be an interesting one. Mr. Shann Baker will give a slide presentation on his sailing trip from Hawaii to San Francisco.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Climb for Leukemia.

Well, it isn't exactly outdoors but it certainly takes muscle power. How about challenging yourself by climbing or racing up 69 flights of stairs. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer and Sonoma Securities Company present the 3rd annual \$10 CLIMB FOR LEUKEMIA. The big climb will take place at Seattle's highest building, the Columbia Seattle Center, on Sunday, March 19, 1989. There will be two events held simultaneously. In one stairwell, climbers will race to the 7th floor observatory. In a second stairwell, racers will be released at 10 second intervals to compete in a timed race to the 7th floor. Proceeds will support the Leukemia Society of America's

research and patient aid programs. All participants will receive a Big Climb T-shirt at registration. It cost \$10.00 to enter. Entry forms can be picked up at Mount Rainier Mountain Shoppe or by calling 1-823-0777. If you would like more information you can contact Jim Drachman (779-9481) or Don Paulson (692-5006).

8th Annual Igloo Trip, March

4th and 5th.
One last reminder for those who might be interested in learning how to build an igloo. You can spend the night in one or just see how they are built. This annual club outing will be held at Paradise on Mount Rainier and promises to be great fun. For more information contact Ted Viles at 876-5718.


Last month's door prize winner.

New PWC member, Victor Holan, received a nice surprise last month. He won several cans of high energy food donated by Mount Rainier Mountain Shoppe. Congratulations, Victor.

March 1989


A Name the Newsletter contest was announced in February 1990. Prior to this, the club newsletter had been known as "Peninsula Wilderness Club Newsletter". The new name was to reflect the club's dedication to promoting muscle-powered outdoor activities rather than one specific activity. The winner would receive a pictorial map donated by Dee Molenaar as well as a \$25 gift certificate to Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. In May 1990, the club was presented with the following suggestions: Outbound, Wilderness Ways, Wilderness Wonderings, Fog Side, Penwicle, and Pathfinder. At the June 1990 meeting, the winning entry "Penwicle" by Steve Yahn was chosen as the newsletter name. Penwicle was created by combining the first letters of Peninsula Wilderness Club. Steve intended the pronunciation to be similar to "pinnacle". But the "E" on the end just didn't fit, so **Peninsula Wilderness Club Events** was born.

June 1990: First newsletter with the new club name.



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PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB EVENTS



June 1990

PWC meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Kitsap Unitarian Fellowship Church on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

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EETING JUNE 11TH

Come join us at the June 11th meeting for a smorgasbord of backpacking fare. Bring your favorite food for the trail and a note pad to jot down new recipes. Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe will provide a variety of freeze dried meals for you to sample. Boiling water will be available from the kitchen. Be sure not to miss this opportunity to expand your backwoods culinary skills and to get to know other PWCers.

that two parties can be organized, one starting from each trail head and exchanging car keys on the summit. PWC members prepared for snow travel are welcome to join. If interested call Jim at 779-9481.

Upcoming Events

Rock Climbing Instruction

Saturday, June 9th: Dale Boyle will be offering free rock climbing instruction for PWC members. The class will take place on Green Mountain. Call Dale at 698-9820 for more information if interested.

Up & Over Mt. Townsend


Sunday, June 10th: Jim Drannan will be making a traverse starting from the Little Quilcene Trail, over Mount Townsend, and out the Mount Townsend trail. It is hoped

Shi Shi Beach Hike

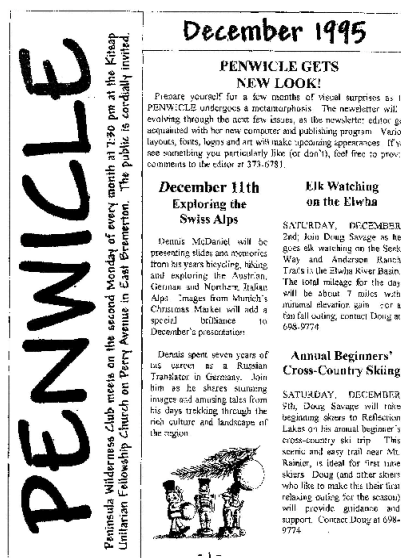
Friday, June 22nd-24th: Lynn Howatt is going on a hiking trip to Shi Shi Beach. This will be a great trip for kids and is timed to coincide with low tides for tide pool exploration. Lynn will be leaving Friday evening. Club members interested in joining Lynn on this great beach hike should give her a call at 598-3087 (Suquamish).

Mt. Olympus Climb

Saturday, June 30 to July 4th: Doug Savage will be making a climb of all three summits of Mount Olympus. PWC members experienced in glacier travel are welcome. Call Doug at 479-8460 soon since space for the trip is limited.



December 1995: New format very similar to today's Penwicle.



Beginning in July 1997, the Penwicle entered the digital age with trip descriptions and schedules along with the meeting schedule being able to be read on line at <http://kendaco.telebyte.com/~bcripe/>

The option was given to members in October 2003 whether they'd like to receive the Penwicle by e-mail rather than a printed copy by U.S. Postal Service mail.

In May 2004, the PWC board decided to add an electronic version of the Penwicle to the club's website "www.pwckitsap.org". This provided club members and interested community members the opportunity to access accurate information about the club's activities on the internet.

A Flickr Group Photo page was created in Oct 2009 at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/1255338@N22/>

In November 2009, the on-line PWC activity calendar became available. This gave members a place to learn about club activities. Any listed event could be selected to access additional information about a specific event at www.pwckitsap.org

A Dropbox account was created in September 2011. This allowed for a common repository for images and videos to be used for general meeting, trip reports, the club website, and the Penwicle.

Shortly after Steve Osburn took over the Penwicle editor position in 2011, he created an electronic link between the calendar and newsletter (with the help of a program created by Curtis Woods). This enabled the calendar data to be exported to a word file. This electronic link between the two sources of information made creating the Penwicle faster. Although the trip details were no longer included in the newsletter, they could be found on the PWC website at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/calendar/>

There are still several Penwicle newsletters missing from the archives. If you should happen to find any of them, please contact the historian so that they may be added to the club's history.

Feb 79 – Dec 79

Feb 80

Jun 80

Aug 80

Jul 81 – Sep 81

Jun 84 - Jul 84

Oct 84 – Oct 85

Dec 85 – Apr 86

Jul 86 – Sep 86

Feb 04

Outdoor Gear Swap/Sale

PWC has sponsored several outdoor gear swaps/sales where members can sell gear and things they've outgrown or out-excelled. Raffle and gear swaps/outdoor fairs were sometimes combined with the outdoor cooking contest.

Parties

Dinner and dance parties were held at a couple of different locations throughout the years: AJAX Café, Port Hadlock and VFW, Silverdale.

Halloween parties were held at Waterman Community Club, Port Orchard; VFW Hall, Silverdale; Gilberton Community Club, Bremerton; and Indianola Clubhouse, Indianola. These parties were generally potluck format. There was also a costume contest held in conjunction with the party.

Speakers

Speakers at early meetings were sporadic—the club didn't necessarily schedule speakers. Members would give a presentation or 16mm films would be checked out from the library to show at the meetings.

PWC has had famous rock climbers, photographers, mountaineers, conservationists, authors, and geologists present for the club. These presentations were held at facilities that could hold a large number of people (Bremerton Tennis & Swim Club, Community Theater on Lebo Blvd, Central Kitsap High School). Flyers would be created and placed around the community to promote the event. The public was always welcome. Admission ranged from free to \$3.

The following list (in alphabetical order) is not intended to be fully inclusive, but to give a representation of some of the speakers throughout the years.

- Tami Asars: Tami is a freelance writer, author and photographer who has lead many guided backpacking trips for beginners and experienced friends and colleagues. She spent nearly nine years teaching professional classes on outdoor pursuits for REI Stores. Her photos have appeared in various outdoor magazines. Tami is an active guidebook writer and writer for outdoor blogs and commentaries.

- Alan L. Bauer: Alan is a professional photographer who specializes in the natural history of the Pacific Northwest and coverage of local history. He is perhaps best known in the region for his photography and co-author work with publisher The Mountaineers Books as part of the "Day Hiking" guidebook series. Photography for his first four titles in the new book series include *Day Hiking-Mount Rainier National Park*, *Day Hiking-South Cascades*, *Day Hiking-Central Cascades*, and the best-selling *Day Hiking-Snoqualmie Region*. Prior to these, he published award winning *Best Desert Hikes: Washington* with Dan A. Nelson, and also worked on *Best Hikes with Dogs: Inland Northwest* with Craig Romano.
- Judy Bentley: She writes hiking guides, history, and biography. Judy's first book for the general audience was *Hiking Washington's History*.
- Jim Donini: Jim is an American rock climber and alpinist noted for a long history of cutting-edge climbs in Alaska and Patagonia.
- Tom Frost: Rock climber from California; best known for big wall climbing first ascents in Yosemite Valley. He is also a photographer and climbing equipment manufacturer. Co-inventor of the climbing protection device called the Hexentric.
- Stephen Ladd: Spent 3 years designing and building 12-foot boat "Squeak". Bremerton native who wrote a book *Three Years in a 12-foot Boat* about his experiences rowing, sailing, ferrying, and carrying his boat down the Mississippi River, to parts of Panama, along the Columbian Coast, over the Andes, and down the rivers of South America.
- Jeff Lowe: Ice climber, American alpinist from Ogden Utah, known for his visionary climbs and first ascents established in the U.S. and Canadian Rockies, Alps, and Himalayas. He is a proponent of the "Alpine style" philosophy of climbing, where small teams travel fast with minimal gear. Lowe has made over 1,000 first ascents.
- Dee Molenaar: American mountaineer, author, and artist from Tacoma, WA. He is best known as the author of *The Challenge of Rainier*, first published in 1971 and considered the definitive work on the climbing history of Mount Rainier. Dee Molenaar is a renowned geologist and cartographer.
- Pat O'Hara: Local nature photographer who has been featured in numerous books, magazines such as *Sierra*, *Audubon*, and *Sunset*, trade books, and textbooks. His work has also graced calendars, greeting cards, and posters.
- Don Paulson: Don has turned his longstanding passion for photography into a full-time profession, specializing in nature and photography. His images are marketed worldwide by leading stock agencies, and are regularly reproduced in a wide variety of printed publications and on-line applications. He conducts a variety of photography workshops and offers private tutoring sessions at his studio in Seabeck, Washington. Don is a sought-after speaker for regional photography conventions, events, and college photography classes.
- Craig Romano: Award-winning guidebook author, outdoors writer and photographer, and Northwest trails and hiking expert. He has written about these passions for more than two dozen publications, including; *Seattle Met*, *Backpacker*, *Paddler*, *Northwest Runner*, *AMC Outdoors*, *Northwest Travel*, and *Outdoors NW*. Craig is an award winning author and co-author of sixteen books.

- Walkin' Jim Stoltz: Walkin' Jim is widely known throughout the U.S. for his unique combination of long-distance hiking, original songwriting, and photography. Jim was an adventurer, artist, poet, photographer, author, and environmental activist. In his lifetime, he accomplished numerous long-distance treks including the complete lengths of the Pacific Crest Trail, the Appalachian Trail, an east to west cross-continent hike, the entire U.S. Continental Divide, trips from Yellowstone to the Yukon, and many others. In total, he hiked over 28,000 miles of long-distance trips.
- Jim Whittaker: Internationally known famous mountaineer, adventurer, and environmentalist. He was the first American to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1986. Jim was the first full-time employee of REI and was the company's CEO in the 1960's.
- Art Wolfe: Renowned photographer and conservationist from Seattle, WA. Best known for color images of wildlife, landscapes and native cultures. His photographs document scenes from every continent and hundreds of locations, and have been noted by environmental advocacy groups for their "stunning" visual impact.

Special Projects

- Rock Climbing Wall: In the 1982/83 timeframe, the club was going to fund a rock climbing wall near Gold Mountain. A Rock Climbing Committee of 10 – 14 people was formed and plans for a climbing wall were purchased from the University of Washington. Risk management personnel for both the city of Bremerton and Kitsap County would not let the wall be erected, so PWC didn't have any other choice than to abandon the project.
- Great Olympic Mountain Marathon: PWC and Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe sponsored this event. The marathon started in 1978 and ran at least until 1981. The race was 16.3 miles long and ran in the Olympic National Park between Deer Park and Hurricane Ridge Lodge. The entry fee was \$5 with a maximum of 75 contestants.
- Olympic Mountains Trails Guide: PWC is partnering with Tom and Jessica Tonne, and Bill Hoke to check 170 trails contained in Robert L. Wood's book, *Olympic Mountains Trail Guide*, originally published in 1984. The project requires that all of the trails listed in the trail guide be checked during 2016 and 2017. The purpose being to update and correct information for the Fourth Edition of Robert L. Woods, *Olympic Mountains Trail Guide*.

Trail Cleanups

PWC has been active throughout the years helping with trail cleanups. Following are some of those projects:

- Olympic National Park Service with spring set up and the fall closing down of back country ranger stations;
- Twanoh Group of the Sierra Club cleanup of Shi Shi Wilderness Beach in Olympic National Park;
- Sierra Club cleanup of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge in Sequim;
- 25th anniversary of Pacific Crest Trail clearing brush, repairing culverts, shoring up drainages and putting up signs along the trail;
- Black and White Lakes Way along North Fork of Skokomish River maintenance; and

- Wagonwheel Lake; Flapjack Lakes; Six Ridge Trails; Illahee Preserve; Barnes Creek Trail near Lake Cushman; Aurora Springs Trail near Lake Crescent; Cape Alava Beach in Olympic National Park; Mt. Tahoma Trails Association work parties; Spruce Railroad near Lake Crescent.

Trips

In the early years of the club, trips were heard about via word of mouth. Club members spent a majority of their time in the Olympics or Cascades, but eventually started branching off to other areas. Car camping was very popular because people could go to a specified location and do several different activities (climbing, hiking, biking, etc.). Members were great about sharing their skills.

Following is a list of popular trips (in alphabetical order) that have been held during the club's tenure with some of them still continuing to this day. This list is not intended to be fully inclusive, but to give a representation of some of the activities throughout the years.

- Canada trips: For a few years, club members would spend Thanksgiving weekend at Squamish B.C. (Elfin Lake Hut).
- Climbing Gym Practice/Social: Held every Tuesday and Thursday at a local climbing gym.
- Dosewallips State Park: Car camping and/or camping to explore nearby areas by hiking, bike riding, and relaxing by the campfire.
- Eagle Creek/Tunnel Falls: Hike up Eagle Creek on Oregon side of Columbia Gorge approximately 13 miles round trip.
- Grand Canyon, Canyonlands, Bryce, Zion, Southern Utah area.
- Green Mountain Afterwork Hike: Every Thursday after work during summer months.
- Igloo Building: The first annual build-an-igloo outing was at Paradise in March 1981. For 15 years, Ted Wiles led igloo trips to Mt. Rainier and taught members how to build igloos. Some members actually stayed in the igloos overnight.
- Hurricane Ridge: In the early 1980's, club members would make the 5-mile hike/ski/snowshoe trek from the Third Peak area to Hurricane Ridge every Thanksgiving Day. The road was not officially open; the snowplow would stop plowing 5 miles from the top.
- Methow Valley: Cabins are rented for the weekend. Members enjoy snowshoeing, as well as skate and classic cross-country skiing in the Winthrop area.
- Mother's/Father's Day Pub Pedal: First known as Seattle Pub Pedal. Meet in Seattle and bicycle between pubs and various venues in and around Seattle.
- Mt. Washington: Started in January 1980 President's Day (Washington birthday climb).
- New Year's Eve: Camp at Fort Worden campground, then hike the beach New Year's Day.
- Peshastin Pinnacles Rock Climbing: Near Wenatchee, WA for all skill levels including beginners.
- Ptarmigan Ski-Inn: Known as Almost-Annual Ptarmigan Ski-Inn at Mt. Baker.
- Sea Glass Beach Hike: North Beach near Port Townsend in search of sea glass.
- Sea-to-Sea Trail on Bainbridge Island: Start at Lynwood Center on Bainbridge up to Gazzam Lake, down to Crystal Springs Beach and back.
- Ski Huts: Reserve huts at Mt. Rainier (Snow Bowl, Copper Creek, High Hut). Ski or snowshoe.
- Ski-to-Sea Team: Held over Memorial Day weekend. Involved downhill and cross country skiing, running, mountain and road biking, kayaking, and canoeing. This was a 50 mile, 8-leg relay race starting at Mt. Baker ski area and ending at Bellingham Bay.

- Ski/Hike Mt. Saint Helens in a Dress: Climb Mt. Saint Helens on Mother's Day, than ski down wearing a dress to honor your mother.
- Summerfest: Mt. Baker Wilderness, day hike or climb.
- Sunshine Trips: Involve trips to areas that have nice weather (Canyonlands, Cle Elum, Bend OR, Pryor Mt. Wild Horse Refuge SD, Pacific Beach, Lava Beds National Monument CA, Mt. Adams, Potholes Reservoir Moses Lake area).
- Tulip Pedal: Bicycle trip through tulip fields of Mt. Vernon, VA.
- Winterfest: A long-standing PWC tradition that has been in place since the early 1990's. Winterfest has been held at various locations (Longmire Lodge, Inn at Packwood, Alta Crystal Resort, Rainer Overland Lodge, Steven's Pass Mountaineers Cabin, Snoqualmie Lodge, Icicle Village Resort, Mt. Baker Ski Area, and Wenatchee). Enjoy skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, and socializing.