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MARCH
2008

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.

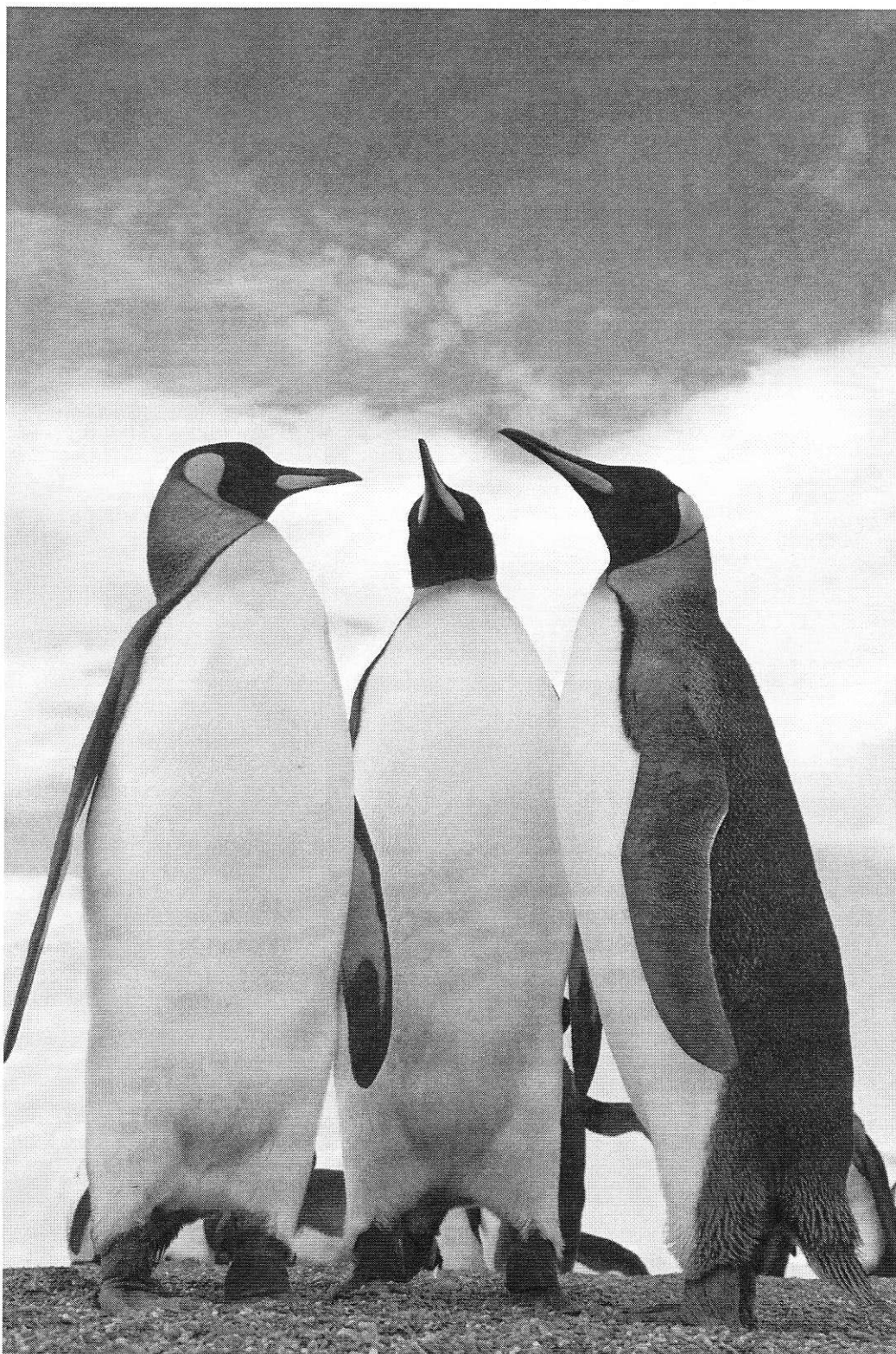
Photographic Journey of South Georgia Island

Monday, March 10, 7 pm

Presented by: Don Paulson

Don Paulson now counts himself as one of the luckiest photographers in the world. In October and November of last year he joined a six week photographic expedition to the Island of South Georgia. There he witnessed some of the most amazing wildlife displays on the planet and the jaw-droppingly beautiful scenery of this Antarctic island. Getting there wasn't easy – the journey included four days of sailing across the world's stormiest ocean in a 60-foot sailboat. Please join Don as he tells the story and shows photos of this grand adventure.

King penguins, photo courtesy of Don Paulson



Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, March 6, 7 pm

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Tom's home on Bainbridge Island.

March Potluck

We didn't have a volunteer to host the March Potluck, so there will be no potluck this month.

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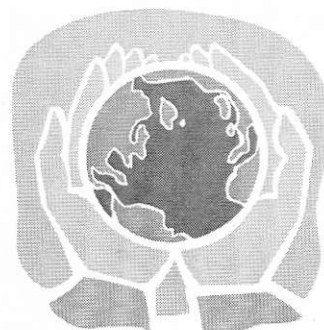
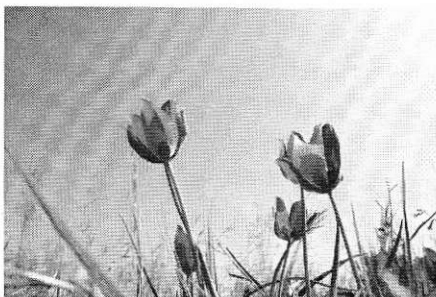
Outing / Meeting

Contact

Various	Illahee Preserve Work Parties	Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714
3/1	Hike the Elwha Loop	Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961
3/2	Twanoh State Park Clean-up	www.wta.org
3/6	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning	Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906
3/8-3/9	Overnight Sea Kayak Trip	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
3/10	General Meeting, 7 pm	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648
3/15	Backcountry Ski, 'Break the Altimeter' Day	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
3/15	MTTA Moonlight Dinner at Copper Creek	skimtta.com
3/16	Hike the Lower Big Quilcene Trail	Karla Piecuch, 360-598-3601
3/22	Bike the Olympic Discovery Trail	Shelly Fleming, 360-779-2275
3/22-3/23	Ski/Snowshoe to MTTA Copper Creek Hut	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
3/27-3/30	Ski into Elfin Lakes, Garibaldi Park, BC	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648
3/29	Kayak Discovery Bay	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
3/30	Trail Maintenance with the WTA	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

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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.

Illahee Preserve Work Parties

Various

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

Dale is looking for volunteers to participate in monthly work parties at Illahee Preserve. Illahee Preserve is a 400-acre preserve in Bremerton, bordered by the streets Riddell, McWilliams, Fuson and Almira and by the Puget Sound. The goal of the work parties is to restore Illahee Creek as a salmon creek. If you are interested in doing some volunteer work close to home, contact Dale.

Hike the Elwha Loop

Saturday, March 1

Contact: Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961

Follow in the steps of the Press Expedition along the Elwha River. This is a four-star hike in Seabury's book "Day Hike! Olympic Peninsula." Highlights include the historic buildings at Hume's Ranch and Michael's Cabin. The hike is 6.6 miles round trip with 250 feet of elevation gain and a maximum elevation of 1150 feet.

Twanoh State Park Clean-up

Sunday, March 2

Contact: www.wta.org

Help clean-up Twanoh State Park. This work party won't get you a pass, but it's close to home and an opportunity to help your community. More details at: www.wta.org

Overnight Sea Kayak Trip

Saturday, March 8-Sunday, March 9

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Location to be determined for this overnight outing.

Backcountry Ski, 'Break the Altimeter' Day

Saturday, March 15

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Try to get over 7,000 feet of vertical skiing. Ski on Kendall Peak by Snoqualmie Pass.

MTTA Moonlight Dinner at Copper Creek

Saturday, March 15

Contact: <http://skimtta.com/>

Ski or snowshoe in to Copper Creek Hut and then sit down to a delicious prime rib dinner. This event sells out fast, so get your tickets early!

Hike the Lower Big Quilcene Trail

Sunday, March 16

Contact: Karla Piecuch, 360-598-3601

An easy, 9.8 mile round-trip hike along the Big Quilcene River, with only 700 feet of elevation gain. Canine companions are welcome to join us on this outing.

Bike the Olympic Discovery Trail

Saturday, March 22

Contact: Shelly Fleming, 360-779-2275

Bike the Discovery Trail from Sequim Bay northbound as far as the group wishes to go. This is intended as a moderate ride for those who are not in the STP class. The trail grade is moderate throughout and is mostly paved. It passes through farms, forests, and towns.

Ski/Snowshoe to MTTA Copper Creek Hut

Saturday, March 22 - Sunday, March 23

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This is the second of the dates that were drawn to be made available to PWCers. All the overnight spaces in the cabin are full, but you can come up for a day trip or winter-camp outside the cabin.

Ski into Elfin Lakes, Garibaldi Park, BC

Thursday, March 27 - Sunday, March 30

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648.

Call Greg for the details of this trip.

Kayak Discovery Bay

Saturday, March 29

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Trail Maintenance with the WTA

Sunday, March 30

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Call Kevin to find out which trail maintenance project to sign up with at: www.wta.org

More Outings

Hike the Lower South Fork Skokomish

Saturday, April 5 or Sunday, April 6 (weather dependent)
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Windsurfing at South Padre Island, Texas

Saturday, April 5 - Sunday, April 13
Contact: Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714

This is the furthest south one can be and still be in the U.S. It lies between the coast and the barrier islands. Dale will give free windsurfing lessons to those who join him on this outing.

Ski/Snowshoe Camp Muir

April 7,8,9,10, or 11 (weather dependent)
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug for a mid-week trip up to Camp Muir at Mt. Rainier.

Closing Weekend at Stevens Pass

Friday, April 11-Sunday, April 13
Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Jon and Sue will host closing weekend at the Stevens Pass Mountaineers cabin. The best snow of the year is in April! Learn to use those NEW ALPINA SKIS at the pass. Jon and Doug will be offering basic Telemark and Parallel ski-instruction to PWC members. Come join us for the final weekend of lift-skiing. For overnight reservations, call the Mountaineers at 800-573-8484.

Beach Hike on Whidbey Island

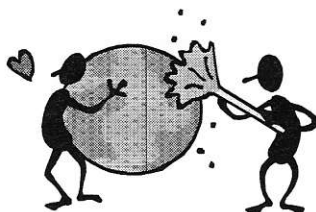
Saturday, April 19
Contact: Shelly Fleming, 360-779-2275

We'll walk onto the Port Townsend Ferry and start our hike at Fort Casey State Park, traveling along the beach and upland to Ebey's Landing. This is a wonderful section of undeveloped Puget Sound beach with some of the best marine views around. The hike is about 9 miles round trip.

Trash Pick-up via Kayak

Tuesday, April 22
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

What better way to celebrate Earth Day than by cleaning it up a bit.



Anvil Rock Bivy/Camp on Mt. Rainier

Saturday, April 26 - Sunday, April 27 or Saturday, May 3 - Sunday, May 4
Contact: John Knott, 360-710-1158

Bring your bivy sack (or small solo tent) and ski or snowshoe to Anvil Rock on Mt. Rainier for an overnight camp. The

Rampart Lake via Lake Lillian

Saturday, April 26-Sunday, April 27
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Ski mountaineering to Rampart Lake via Lake Lillian. This will be an ultra-light, overnight, ski-traverse trip.

Lakeshore Trail at Lake Chelan

Saturday, May 3-Sunday, May 4 (note date change)
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Enjoy hiking a trail with no road access. Kevin and Maria will catch the Lake Chelan ferry in Chelan on Saturday morning and get dropped off at a remote dock on the lake. We'll hike the Lakeshore Trail to Stehekin, where we'll catch the Sunday ferry back to Chelan. Note: This trip will require leaving town on Friday night.

Mothers' Day Ski Mt. St. Helens in a Dress

Sunday, May 11
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Car Camping at Dosewallips State Park

Thursday, May 15-Sunday, May 18
Contact: Joe Weigel, 360-479-5116

Climb Colonial Peak and Snowfield Peak

Saturday, May 24-Monday, May 26
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Climb Mt. St. Helens a Time or Two

Saturday, June 7 and Saturday, June 14 (note date change)
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Doug will be climbing Mount St. Helens on two dates. Call him to let him know if you'd like a slot or more on his permit.

Climb Mt. Rainier

Thursday, June 19 - Sunday, June 22
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

Climb Mt. Rainier via the Emmons Glacier route. Exact dates will be determined by the weather.

Ski Around Mt. Rainier

Friday, July 4 - Monday, July 7
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Call Kevin for details of this trip.

Backpack LaCrosse Basin

One week: Late July/Early August
Contact: John and Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

Visit Lake LaCrosse, Heart Lake, and Lake Ben in this backpack of the LaCrosse Basin.

Me, sponsor an outing?! Host a MAP meeting, ...or a potluck?! YIKES!

Are these the questions you've often pondered...the ones that keep you up at night? Just need a little nudge to motivate you into action? With the new **Incentive Program** that PWC has initiated, even you will soon be pouring over your trail guides and looking at your calendars, carefully planning the outings you'll be offering and the events you'll be hosting for months to come! Every six months, the names of those people who have sponsored successful outings/events (i.e. those that are actually undertaken) will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize. This pilot program will run for 1 year initially, with the hope that we can encourage (or bribe) more people to "step up to the plate" and offer to host events or sponsor outings. Each event/outing you sponsor will earn you one "ticket" with your name on it. If you sponsor 6 outings/events between now and July, you'll receive 6 chances to win. Our first drawing will be at the July picnic. The winner will receive 2 pairs of carbon-fiber trekking poles, valued at \$300. (By the way, Doug has taken himself out of the competition, by the way, to give more chances to the rest of us!)

Workshops and Tours

"Nature Photography in a Digital Age"

A photography workshop with Don Paulson and Laurie Usher.

May 8 - May 10, 2008, at the Seabeck Conference Center.

"Whales and Bears"

A photo tour with Don Paulson and Dolphin Charters. August 22 - 29, 2008.

From Petersburg to Ketchikan, Alaska, aboard the Delphinus, a 50-foot custom trawler.

"Spirit Bear Wilderness"

A photo tour with Don Paulson and Dolphin Charters. August 31 - September 9, 2008.

From Ketchikan, Alaska, to Port McNeill on Vancouver Island, B.C., aboard the Delphinus a 50-foot custom trawler.

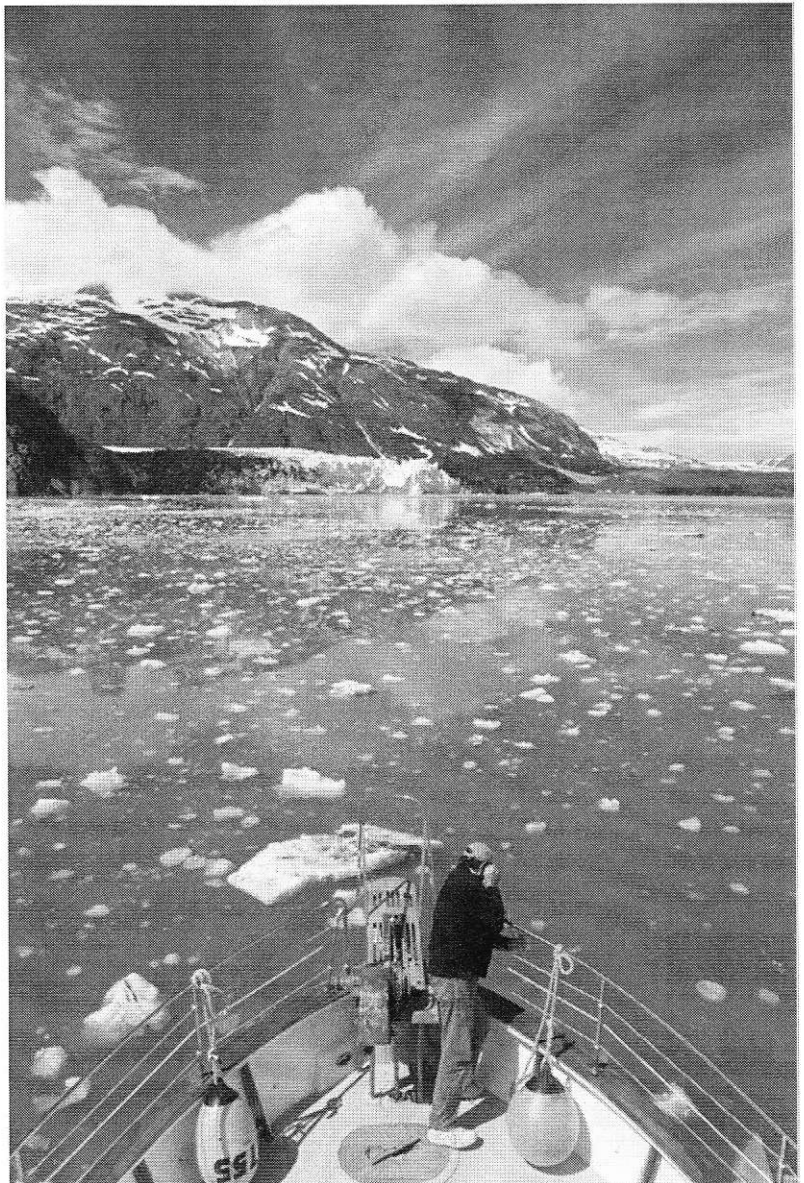
Details for all three events are at <http://donpaulson.com>

Don Paulson Photography

<http://donpaulson.com>

360-830-2212

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Photos from Recent Outings

Winterfest at Stevens Cabin



"Snowhenge" by Kevin Koski,

Photo: Jon DeArman

Duckabush Dog Hike



Photo: Brian

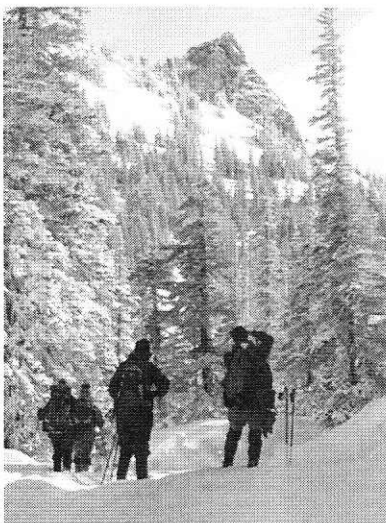
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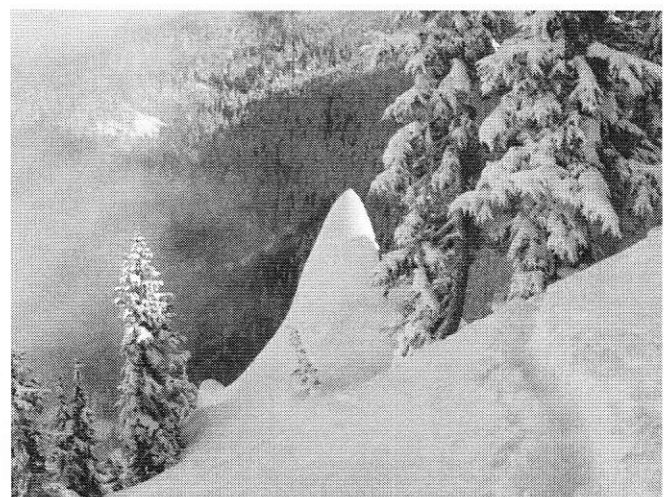
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*Lower Two Photos:
Steve Osburn*



Club News

Welcome to New Members

PWC welcomes new members: Warren Bragg, of Poulsbo; Rebecca Hall, of Bremerton; and Charlie & Carol Michel, of Bremerton.

Door Prize Winner

At the February meeting, Linda Brown won the book *Day-Hiking the Olympic Peninsula*, by Craig Romano.

Jon's Minute

At the February meeting, Jon talked about constructing a gear sled with skis, using a carabiner, 10' of 8 mm cord and a 6' piece of webbing.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who brought snacks to the February 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, Barbara Hager, at 360-692-5121.

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 Karla Piecuch at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-598-3601. 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? 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 Karla 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

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

PWC Online...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

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, 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 Karla Piecuch at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-598-3601.

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PWC**Join or Renew Membership****PWC**

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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