

OCTOBER
2014

Peninsula Wilderness Club

PENINSULA

The Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the VFW Hall at 9981 Central Valley Rd, Bremerton, WA. The public is cordially invited.

Day-Hiking the San Juan & Gulf Islands

Presented by Craig Romano
Wednesday October 1st at 7pm

Come day-hike the San Juan and Gulf Islands with award winning guidebook author, **Craig Romano**. Drawing from his new release, ***Day Hiking The San Juans and Gulf Islands (The Mountaineers Books)***, Craig will be spotlighting some of the best hiking destinations within the Salish Sea. The San Juan and Gulf islands are a one-of-a-kind natural landmark, a region divided by two countries, but sharing a common human, cultural and natural history. Yet each island also retains its own identity and its own distinct atmosphere.

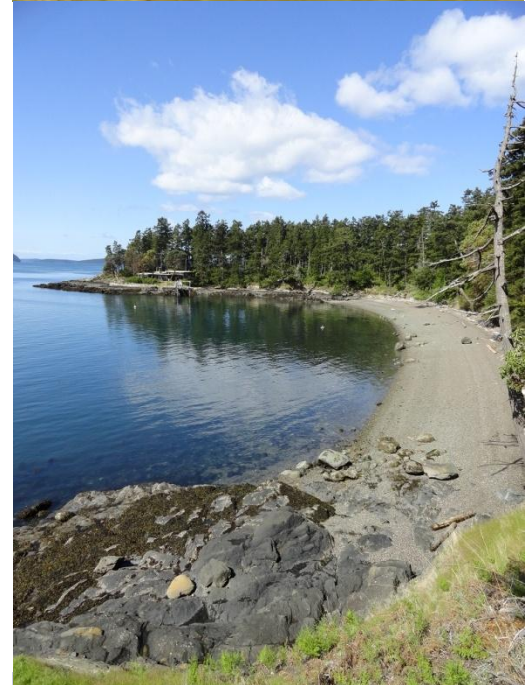
Craig hiked nearly 1,000 miles on 28 islands researching this, his 12th book. Encompassing all of the ferry-accessible islands, Craig also includes trails on Anacortes/ Fidalgo Island, Tsawwassen/Point Roberts, and Victoria/Saanich Peninsula - the islands' gateways. Come learn about fascinating trails in the San Juan National Monument and Gulf Islands National Park Reserve. Discover trails on undeveloped islands; trails to secluded beaches, bays and coves; trails on rugged coastal ledges and bluffs; and trails through magnificent old-growth forests that were old even when George Vancouver sailed into the Salish Sea. Explore state and provincial parks, nature preserves, historic sites, lighthouses, hilltops, and open bluffs that burst with wildflowers.

Craig looks forward to sharing with you some of his favorite trails and wild places within the San Juan and Gulf islands.

Author Bio:

Craig Romano is one of the most prolific trail writers in the Northwest, having penned books covering the Olympic Peninsula, North Cascades, Eastern Washington, Idaho, and the Columbia River Gorge. His *Columbia Highlands: Exploring Washington's Last Frontier*, was recognized in 2010 by Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed and State Librarian Jan Walsh as a Washington Reads book for its contribution to Washington's cultural heritage.

Craig is currently working on several other books, including a guide to Mount St Helens. His writings can also be regularly found in several magazines and websites including Seattle Met, Northwest Runner, Outdoors NW, Mountaineers Magazine, Washington Trails, VisitRainier.com, ScenicWA.com and Hikeoftheweek.com. He lives with his wife, Heather, and cats Giuseppe and Mazie in Skagit County, WA, close to the San Juans.



Don't forget – the October meeting is also our Club Officer Elections!



Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, at 7 pm
Contact: Kathy & Joe Weigel, 360-479-5116

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Kathy & Joe's house in Bremerton. All members are invited to attend. More info later in this newsletter.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, October 31 (**HALLOWEEN NIGHT!**), 6:30 pm
Contact: Kevin & Karen Kilbridge, 360-871-2537

Potlucks are a great way to meet others and learn more about the club. The host provides dessert, and attendees bring an entrée or side dish to share; and **BYOB**. More info later in this newsletter.

Recurring Trips (weekly events): *See the "Other Outings" section of this newsletter for these trips.*

Wed. Two Doug Hikes
Wednesdays, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 and 10/29 at 8:30 am
Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net

Regular Trips:

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact
9/29 & 30	Jennifer Pharr Davis at Library & REI locations	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
10/1	PWC General Meeting	Shelley Fleming, 360-621-6167, richelle.fleming@gmail.com
10/4-5	Hiking and Car Camping at Umtanum Canyon	Jay Thompson, 360-509-9918, jaythom1@hotmail.com
10/9-17	North Rim of the Grand Canyon	David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com
10/11-12	Dungeness Spit Camping	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
10/12	Walk Dungeness Spit	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
10/13	PENWICLE Deadline	Steve Osburn, 360-697-5982, steven_osburn@hotmail.com
10/15	PWC MAP Meeting	Kathy & Joe Weigel, 360-479-5116, kmweigel@comcast.net
10/17-19	Yellow Aster Butte	Jay Thompson, 360-509-9918, jaythom1@hotmail.com
10/25-26	Lake of the Angels	Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net
10/26	Wild Mushroom Show	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
10/29	MTTA Gala Ticket deadline	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
10/31	PWC Monthly Potluck	Kevin & Karen Kilbridge, 360-871-2537, kilbridge@hotmail.com
11/1	MTTA Gala	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
11/1-15	Two-Week Sewing Projects/Clinic	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352, dearmans@comcast.net

Notes & Announcements:

- ELECTIONS:** It's that time of year again! Our bylaws require that we hold our annual club officer elections at the October meeting. The PWC has been alive and well since the 1970s, but it takes volunteers to keep the club running. Please help steer the club through your volunteering and voting to ensure the club meets your needs and continues into the future. See you at the October meeting!
- WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!** Dropbox was pretty empty this month, so I had to dig into my vacation photos to put some color in this issue! Please see page nine for how to submit your trip photos. Thanks, Steve.

On the Trail with "Boots" McFarland

Reprinted with permission of the artist, Geolyn Carvin.
Check out her website at
<http://bootsmcfarland.com/home.html>



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.

Please Call Early

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

Pet Policy

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

Carpool and Ride Sharing

We strongly encourage carpooling and ride sharing as a way to reduce impact to trailheads, minimize our environmental footprint, and reduce costs. Please be considerate to your drivers, including situations when you ride with different drivers in each direction. The amount you contribute to your driver(s) should reflect the distance driven, the cost of gas, and tolls/parking fees – short trips might be \$5 per person, long trips could be considerably more.

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Our PWC Website calendar is at:

<http://www.pwckitsap.org/content/241-calendar.html>

If you don't see something that interests you in this newsletter, check the website for additional trips and last-minute trips and updates. If you are a trip sponsor, have a new trip to list, or need to update an existing trip, please see the end of this newsletter for more information.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

Jennifer Pharr Davis at Library & REI locations

Monday, Sep 29, and Tuesday, Sep 30, at various locations and times (see below)

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

In 2011, Jennifer Pharr Davis set the record for hiking the 2,181-mile Appalachian Trail in 46 days. Come hear the speaker talk about her trip. This event is sponsored by the Kitsap Regional Library – contact them for more information.

<http://www.krl.org/special-events-center>

Dates and places:

Sept. 29:

3 pm at the Sylvan Way Library

7 pm at the REI Silverdale Store

Sept 30:

3 pm at the Little Boston Library

7:30 pm at the Bainbridge Library

PWC General Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 1 at 7 pm

Contact: Shelley Fleming at 360-621-6167, or

email: richelle.fleming@gmail.com

The monthly PWC General Meeting provides information on upcoming trips, trip reports from members, and a presentation of a trip or topic of interest to club members. The meeting starts at 7 pm the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW Hall on Central Valley Road.

9981 Central Valley Road

Bremerton, WA

<http://goo.gl/maps/Gf1gm>

Hiking and Car Camping at Umtanum Canyon

Friday, Oct 3 at 6 am

Contact: Jay Thompson at 360-509-9918, or

email: jaythom1@hotmail.com

We liked hiking Umtanum Canyon so much last year, that we are doing it again this year. This time with car camping at the Umtanum Campground in the Yakima River Canyon.

All the hiking guides talk about hiking Umtanum in the spring. While spring hiking is pretty good here, the real secret is hiking it in the fall. The canyon is full of aspen and cottonwoods that turn a brilliant yellow in autumn. It's truly a great time of year to visit the canyon. Come join us!

Jay plans on leaving Silverdale at 6 am and camping that night at the campground. Steve Osburn plans to camp there on both Friday and Saturday nights. The campground is first come first serve, and is not a big campground, so get there early or plan to share sites.

North Rim of the Grand Canyon

October 9 to 17, 2014

Contact David Boyde at 360-692-9325, or

email: theboyde@aol.com

This trip goes from Oct. 9 through Oct. 17, not including transportation to/from the canyon. The hike will be a nine-day, eight-night backpack in the Grand Canyon in all-new territory. We will be leaving from the North Rim at the Swamp Point Trailhead. This is an in-and-out trip on the North Bass Trail. We will camp at the trailhead on the 9th, and start into the canyon on the 10th. We will use our camp at Shinumo Creek as a base for several days of day hiking and exploring the Colorado River, Hotauta Amphitheater, and several other side canyons. On the way back up, we will take two days and explore several small side canyons along the way. We will camp at Swamp Point again on the 15th and then do an overnight dry camp on the Powell Plateau,

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returning to Swamp Point on the 17th. David has a large group permit for up to 11 people and as of this writing, has several openings.

Dungeness Spit Camping

Saturday, Oct 11 at noon

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or
email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

Car camp on Saturday night, weather permitting, at the Dungeness Campground and National Wildlife Refuge. Hike the spit on Sunday, starting at 11 am (low tide is at noon). Join Emily for either or both! Campground sites are first come first serve, so Emily will try to find one she can share. Dogs are not allowed on the spit. You will need an Interagency Pass or pay a day-use fee to hike.

Walk Dungeness Spit

Sunday, Oct 12 at 11 am

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or
email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

We will start from the parking lot at 11 am. Dogs are not allowed on the spit. You will need an Interagency Pass or pay a day-use fee to hike. Bring a picnic lunch. Low tide is at noon. Emily usually makes it half way, pausing to make cairns, take photos and examine rocks.

PENWICLE Deadline

Monday, Oct 13

Contact: Steve Osburn at 360-697-5982, or
email: steven_osburn@hotmail.com

The 13th of each month is the deadline for submitting trips into the Penwicle - trips added after this will still be in the online calendar, but might not make it into the Penwicle. To submit a trip, please send your trip and contact information to our calendar editor, Emily Grice, at emilykgrice@gmail.com, or phone 206-842-7883.

PWC MAP Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 15 at 7 pm

Contact: Kathy & Joe Weigel at 360-479-5116, or
email: kmweigel@comcast.net

All members are encouraged to attend the PWC Monthly Activity Planning (MAP) meeting. Those present try to coordinate proposed outings to offer trips on most weekends. Trips are subsequently published in the PWC Website calendar and listed in the Penwicle.

Volunteers offer to host the meeting at their house. Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to the meeting to share. This month's MAP meeting location is at Kathy and Joe Weigel's.

165 N Lafayette Ave
Bremerton, WA 98312

Yellow Aster Butte

Friday, Oct 17 (drive to trailhead), hike on Saturday

Contact: Jay Thompson at 360-509-9918, or
email: jaythom1@hotmail.com

This hike in Mt. Baker National Forest, near Mt. Baker, has fantastic views of Baker and nearby peaks. 7.5 miles round trip, 2550 feet of elevation gain. Well worth the effort.

Due to the long distance from home, we will camp in the area on Friday night (you can drive up after work) to allow for a decent start on Saturday. Those that wish to drive home on Saturday can, and those that want to camp a second night in the area can do that as well, and return home on Sunday.

Contact Jay for details.

Lake of the Angels

Saturday, Oct 25 at 7 am

Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or
email: thehiker@comcast.net

Overnight hike to Lake of the Angels and camp out. This is one steep trail, with some root scrambling required. Contact Doug Savage for more details.

Wild Mushroom Show

Sunday, Oct 26 at 1 pm

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or
email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

Go to the Wild Mushroom Show in the Silverdale Community Center, preceded or followed by a walk on Clear Creek Trail. Possible food and brew at Hale's or Hop Jacks in Silverdale at the end of the day.

MTTA Gala Ticket deadline

Wednesday, Oct 29 at 10 pm

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or
email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

Give Emily your \$10 (or more) donation for the lottery for the huts on Saturday. That secures your place in a cabin that we reserve. Contact Emily for details on the MTTA Gala and how it works. Email or pay Emily in person.

PWC Monthly Potluck

Friday, Oct 31 at 6:30 pm

Contact: Kevin & Karen Kilbridge at 360-871-2537, or
email: kilbridge@hotmail.com

Visit with fellow PWCers at one of our member's homes. Bring an entrée or side dish to share, and bring your own beverage (BYOB). The host will provide the dessert. PWC potlucks are a great way for new and old members to get to know each other, share stories and interests, and talk about upcoming trips.

Outings

Potlucks are hosted by volunteers. This month's hosts are Kevin and Karen Kilbridge.

6350 E Beaver Creek Rd
Port Orchard, WA 98366

MTTA Gala

Saturday, Nov 1

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or

email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

The MTTA Gala is held at the Seattle REI store from 1-6 pm. This gathering for the lottery is also a chance to support MTTA with their silent auction that always has jam and homemade brownies. If desired, we can go out for dinner afterward.

Two-Week Sewing Projects/Clinic

Saturday, Nov 1 through Nov 15

Contact: Jon DeArman at 360-697-1352, or

email: dearmans@comcast.net

Jon DeArman has graciously offered, once again, to help PWC members make, repair or remodel their gear. He's got the equipment and know-how to work on thick fabric like you find in much of our outdoor equipment. Please call to make arrangements with Jon. Not only will he help you, he'll help you learn this important skill.

Other Outings *(General information describing trips and events that recur over multiple weeks)*

Wednesday "Two Doug" Hikes

Wednesdays, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 and 10/29 at 8:30 am

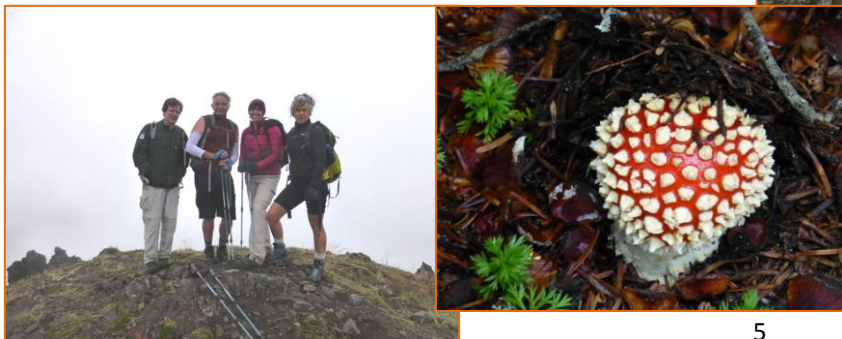
Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or

email: thehiker@comcast.net

Let's stay in shape and keep off the Holiday 10 pounds. Every Wednesday, rain or shine, we are going to hike Mt. Walker, Elbo Creek, or whatever trail we decide. The plan is to get home in time to make dinner. Meet at the Port Gamble park, right on the waterfront, at 8:30 am. Contact either Doug Savage or Doug Terry (360-550-7911) for more information!

Olympic National Park or Forest

Trip Reports and Photos



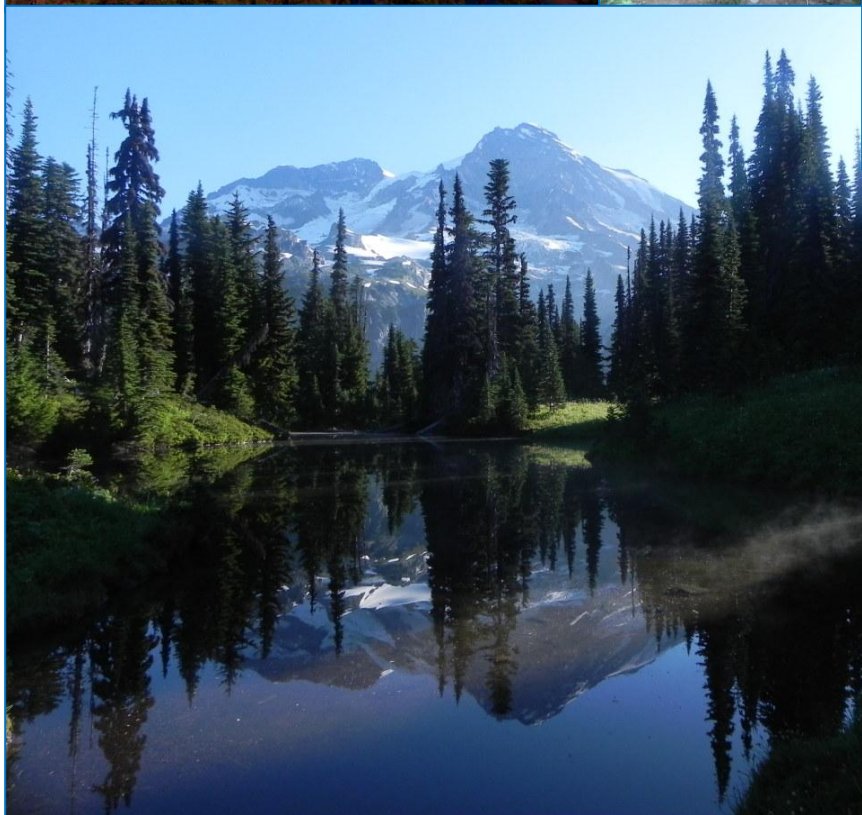
Mt Tyler - Mt Baldy Traverse (Aug 30).
Photos from Doug Savage

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15 Days on the Wonderland Trail, Mt. Rainier (Aug).

Photos from Isaac Sun

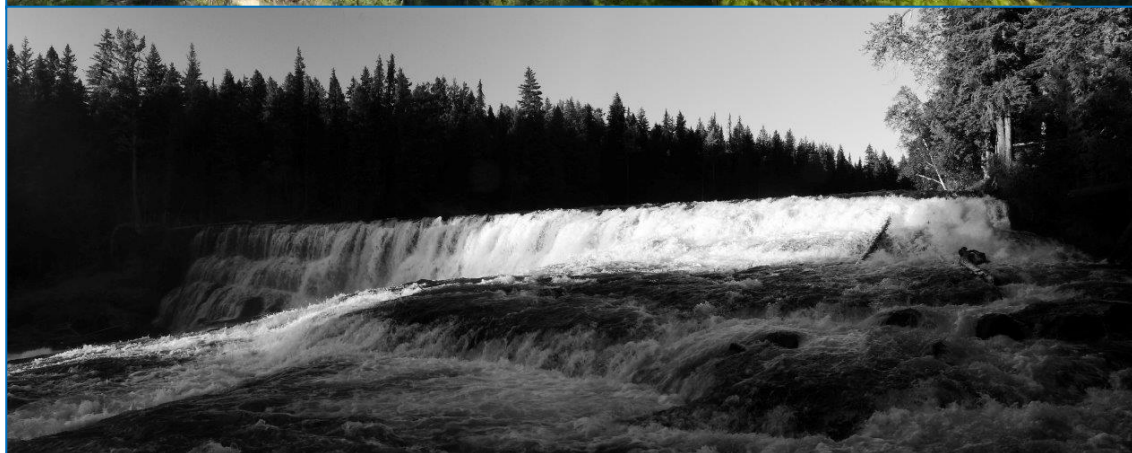


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Animal's Pacific Crest Trail adventure (on-going – at latest report, he's now in Washington State). Photos by Kevin Koski (a.k.a., "Animal") via Maria McGuire





Waterfalls of
Wells Gray
Provincial Park,
British
Columbia
(Sept). Photos
by Steve &
Nancy Osburn

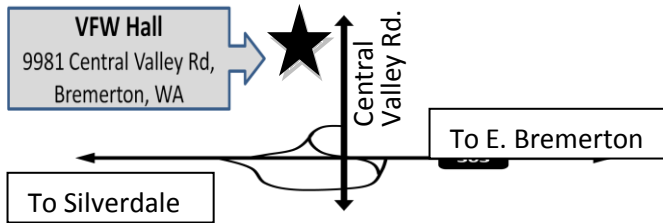


PWC Online... <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

Go to the website to find upcoming trips, trip reports, photos, a discussion forum, and more.

PWC General Meeting

The PWC General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, at the VFW Hall at 9981 Central Valley Road in Bremerton, WA.



If you are a guest or new member, please introduce yourself and ask for help, or look for someone with a "PWC Host" name tag – the host can answer questions and point out members that share your interests. However, to really get to know us – come to a potluck or go on a hike – meetings are not the best way to get to know people!

Thanks to everyone who brings snacks to meetings! Contact Doug Savage at 360-981-9333 or thehiker@comcast.net if you would like to help bring snacks to the next meeting.

Joe Weigel won the door prize, a waterproof box, at the September meeting.

Sponsor an Outing!

If you are a club member and interested in leading an outing, let us know about it so we can post it! Even if you list your trip in other forums, including it as a PWC event helps connect people and groups, and helps the club stay active. To sponsor an outing, come to a MAP meeting to discuss your trip! You can also fill out the form on our website, email or call the info directly to our Calendar Editor, Emily Grice, at emilykgrice@gmail.com (phone 206-842-7883), or you can email or call our Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org (phone 360-307-0037). Any of these options will get your outing in our website calendar.

We Need Your House!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner need volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Megan Thompson, at 360-871-6014.

Your Trip Photos Wanted!

Do you have some great PWC trip pictures? Each month we need your photos to share during the PWC General Meeting slide show and in the Penwicle. Contact Jay Thompson (jaythom1@hotmail.com), our interim PWC Dropbox manager, to find out how to send us your pictures – it's easy, and helps us a lot!

We also need photos for the club scrapbook – please include your name and details of the trip (people & places) and email to Sue DeArman at dearmans@comcast.net.

Joining/Renewing your Membership

To join or renew, please see the form on the back of this newsletter. PWC members receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses (check with vendor for details):

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Port Gamble, <http://www.olympicoutdoorcenter.com/>
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend, <http://www.commandersbeachhouse.com/>
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock, <http://www.ajaxcafe.com/>
- Wilderness, and The Gear Stash, Bainbridge Is., <http://wildernessoutdoorstore.com/>
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo, <http://www.poulsborunning.com/>
- Back of Beyond, Bainbridge Is., <http://www.tothebackofbeyond.com/>
- Bicycle Works, Bremerton, <http://bicycle-works.com>
- The Quick Fix (David Cossa, Home Handyman – 20% off), cmountaindave@aol.com

Please feel free to ask for the PWC discount when patronizing these businesses.

Email, Address or Phone No. Changes?

Contact Paul Gervais to update your contact information in our database (used for Penwicle and other information).

Send your changes to Paul at:

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P.O. Box 323

Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

or email pagervader@comcast.net, or call 360-710-6363.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the 13th of each month to ensure a place in the next issue. *Please send calendar entries in advance (see "Sponsor an Outing!" on this page), and for other PENWICLE submissions, send an email to Steve Osburn at penwicle@hotmail.com.*

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Join or Renew Membership

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for people interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, skiing, kayaking, and bicycle riding. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members who volunteer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety, training or care of any participant, 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 ☐

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

For new members - how did you hear about us? _____

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