

JANUARY  
2016

Peninsula Wilderness Club

# PENWICL

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.

## This month's Presentation: *Adventure Speaks* with Jordan Hanssen, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Jordan tells the story of OAR Northwest. From a nonprofit started in the basement of his house in Seattle, to a rowboat on the high seas of the North Atlantic, battling house-sized waves and starvation on the way to an unlikely victory. Years later adventure and opportunity called again and led Jordan and partner Greg Spooner to transform OAR Northwest's focus from racing to education through an adventure that would take them from West Africa, across the Atlantic, through the Bermuda Triangle to (almost) Miami. With less than a thousand miles left, disaster would strike and all that was left was survival.



Check out Jordan's website at:  
<http://www.adventurespeaks.com>

Jordan Hanssen is a writer and co-founder of OAR Northwest, a nonprofit adventure rowing and education organization in Seattle, Washington. Jordan has over ten thousand miles of adventure rowing experience, including as captain of two ocean rows: the 2006 Shepard Ocean Fours Rowing Race from New York to England, and the 2013 Canadian Wildlife Federation's Africa to the Americas Expedition from Dakar to (almost) Miami, featured on Dateline NBC. He is the author of the book *Rowing into the Sun* - about his team's first place, Guinness Record row across the North Atlantic. In 2014 he was part of OAR Northwest's Adventure: Mississippi River, an annual trip down North America's most important river from source to sea, visiting classrooms and delivering curriculum along the Mississippi River.

Jordan will have copies of his book **Rowing into the Sun** available for purchase.

## Calendar

### MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, at 2930 Osiris CT NE  
Bremerton, WA  
Contact: Margaret Poshusta, 360-692-0126

Help schedule PWC events and outings, and discuss club business at our MAP meeting. All members are invited to attend (*BYOB if want to socialize afterward*).

### Monthly Potluck

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, at 6630 Fletcher Bay Road  
Bainbridge Island, WA  
Contact: Greg Myrick 360-649-1648

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*.

**NOTE: The master listing of trips is in the PWC Website Calendar. This list is current as of December 19th.**

### Recurring Trips (weekly events):

- Ask Isaac to bike, hike, or paddle. Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, [isaac@thesuns.net](mailto:isaac@thesuns.net) (Jan 3rd, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Start time based on activity – call and set it up!)
- Climbing Gym/Social, Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, [b1haskell@earthlink.net](mailto:b1haskell@earthlink.net) (5:45 PM Every Tuesday and Thursday at Island Rock Gym, followed by BI Brewing)

### Regular Trips:

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact	Phone	Email
1-Jan	New Year's Day Beach Hike	Venita Goodrich	360-471-0522	vmnotbf@comcast.net
2-Jan	MTTA Copper Creek Cabin	Doug Savage	360-994-9003	thehiker@comcast.net
3-Jan	Granny/Gramps and kids hike	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
6-Jan	PWC General Meeting	Steve Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
8-11Jan	XC Ski Methow Valley	Paul Dutky	360-479-2683	pdutky@gmail.com
9-Jan	Staircase to snow	Doug Savage	360-994-9003	thehiker@comcast.net
13-Jan	PENWICLE Deadline	Jerry Logan	360-337-0648	penwicle@hotmail.com
16-Jan	Big Creek Loop	Jay Thompson	360-509-9918	jaythom1@hotmail.com
20-Jan	PWC MAP Meeting	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
23-Jan	Rocky Brook Rd.	Dale Boyle	360-792-1714	dboyle@web-o.net
24-Jan	Hurricane Hill	Barbra Haskell	360-981-3077	b1haskell@earthlink.net
29-Jan	PWC Monthly Potluck	Greg Myrick	360-649-1648	gmyrick49@gmail.com
30-Jan	Snowshoe Somewhere	Greg Myrick	360-649-1648	gmyrick49@gmail.com
31-Jan	Indian Island Beach	Shelley & Vicki Fleming	360-621-6167	richelle.fleming@gmail.com
3-Feb	PWC General Meeting	Steve Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
6-Feb	Hike Sonoran Desert	Brian Hawkins	360-362-3026	akflyer130@gmail.com
6-Feb	MTTA Snow Bowl Cabin	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
7-Feb	Edith Creek Basin	Dale Boyle	360-792-1714	dboyle@web-o.net
13-Feb	Winterfest in Wenatchee	Dale Boyle	360-792-1714	dboyle@web-o.net

### Notes & Announcements:

Because of holiday events and weather/road/trail conditions, many hikes do not have destinations. Also, some Saturday hikes could be on Sunday. RSVPs will be essential during the winter months. All calendar items have an email and phone number for contacting the event sponsor – please stay in touch and keep it safe out there.

If you enjoyed Kevin & Gail Gross' presentation on Namibia and southern Africa, you may enjoy the FREE Ian Plante eBook on Namibia. It is available at: <http://www.ianplant.com/blog/2013/07/08/free-namibia-ebook/>.

### On the Trail with "Boots" McFarland

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# **Trips Reports and Photos**

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## **About Our Outings**

- All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our club and what we do, please become a member – it's only \$25 a year, and helps keep the club running.
- For liability reasons, trip sponsors 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 or changed for some reason.
- 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.

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**IF YOUR TRIP REQUIRES ADVANCE RESERVATIONS & PLANNING, AND YOU WANT IT ADDED TO THIS SECTION, send your trip info to BOTH the Penwicle ([penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com)) and our Calendar Editor ([emilykgrice@gmail.com](mailto:emilykgrice@gmail.com)).**

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## **Spring 2016 Grand Canyon Backpack**

April 11 - April 18, 2016

Contact: David Boyde at [360-692-9325](tel:360-692-9325), or Email: [theboyde@aol.com](mailto:theboyde@aol.com)

The Spring 2016 Grand Canyon trip will be from April 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> (plus transport time), on the South Rim, from South Bass to Hermit's Rest. We will descend the South Bass Trail to the Tonto Trail, and then take the Tonto Trail eastwards along "The Gems". We will visit Crystal, Boucher and Hermit Rapids and do several day hikes along side canyons including Sapphire, Ruby, Slate, Boucher, Topaz and Hermit. We will exit the canyon via the Hermit Trail to Hermit's Rest. Total mileage is about 60 miles backpacking and 30 miles of optional day hikes. This is a rugged, isolated section and there may be approximately 20 miles with questionable water availability. There will be a planning meeting in early to mid-February for those interested in going. Space is limited. If interested, contact David.

## **2016 Sunshine Trip Schedule – the nearly final version...**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>: Canyonlands National Park – Squaw Flats Group Site - over 40 miles of great hiking right out of the campground. (Give Tony Abruzzo a call if you have not yet signed-up).

May 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: Black Hills South Dakota (near Custer) Tentative trip based on weather just prior to this trip (RV & Tent camping). Bike the 109-mile long Mickelson Trail.

June 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Coeur d'Alene (Kahndersoa Resort Campground) bike & Kayak.

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: Mt. Lassen, California (Campground to be announced) hiking.

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: Lava Lakes campground Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>; then move to Waldo Lake (campground to be announced at Waldo Lake) for hiking & kayaking.

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: Black Hills South Dakota if we can arrange a cabin prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This means we will need your money prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bike the 109 mile long Mickelson Trail. The area offers hiking and sightseeing. (If we can't arrange the Black Hills trip, we will go to the Mount Adams Area, same dates.) From Tony: *"We hope to arrange a trip to the Black Hills in September. This would be a cabin rental arrangement. If we can arrange a cabin and receive prepayment from everyone prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>, this trip will happen between Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> thru Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. If we are unable to set this trip up, we will schedule a trip over the same dates to the Mount Adams Area near Trout Lake. If the September*



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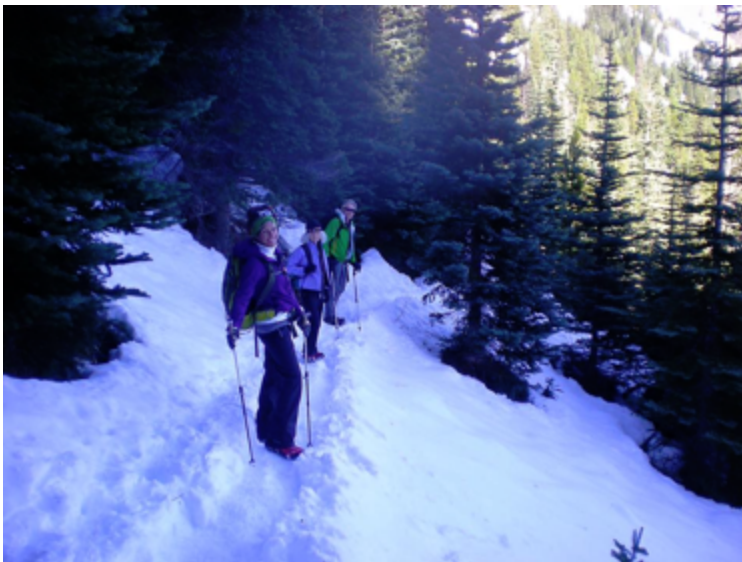
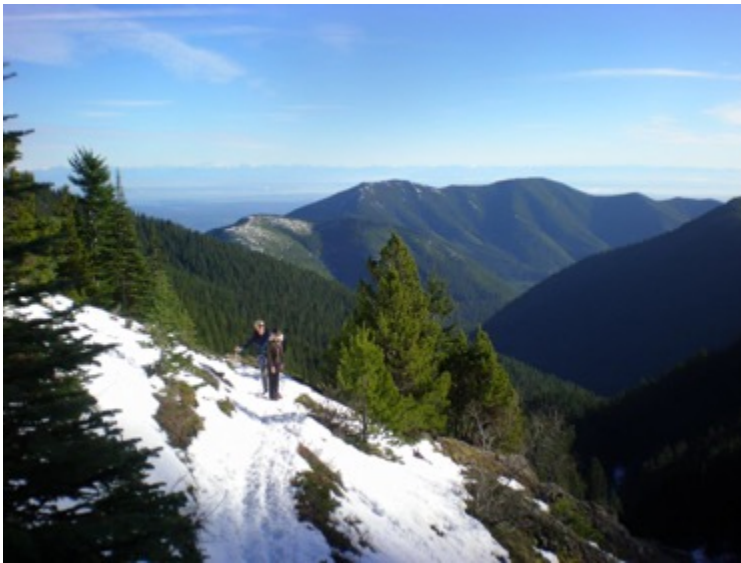
### **2016 Sunshine Trips (continued)**

*Back Hills trip falls through we will attempt a Black Hills Trip May 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. This would be RV and tent camping near Custer South Dakota and is dependent on the weather. We would decide to go on this trip by May 9<sup>th</sup>.*

If you have questions about any of these trips, please call Tony Abruzzo at 360-871-5754 or Bob Brown 360-569-2878. Feel free to share this information with your friends. Everyone is invited. Come for all or part of any trip! If you are interested in the Canyonlands trip and have not signed up yet, give Tony a call. We still have room for you on this trip! We are still identifying the camping areas for Waldo Lake and Mt. Lassen.

## **Trip Reports and Photos**

### **Mt. Townsend – 22 November**





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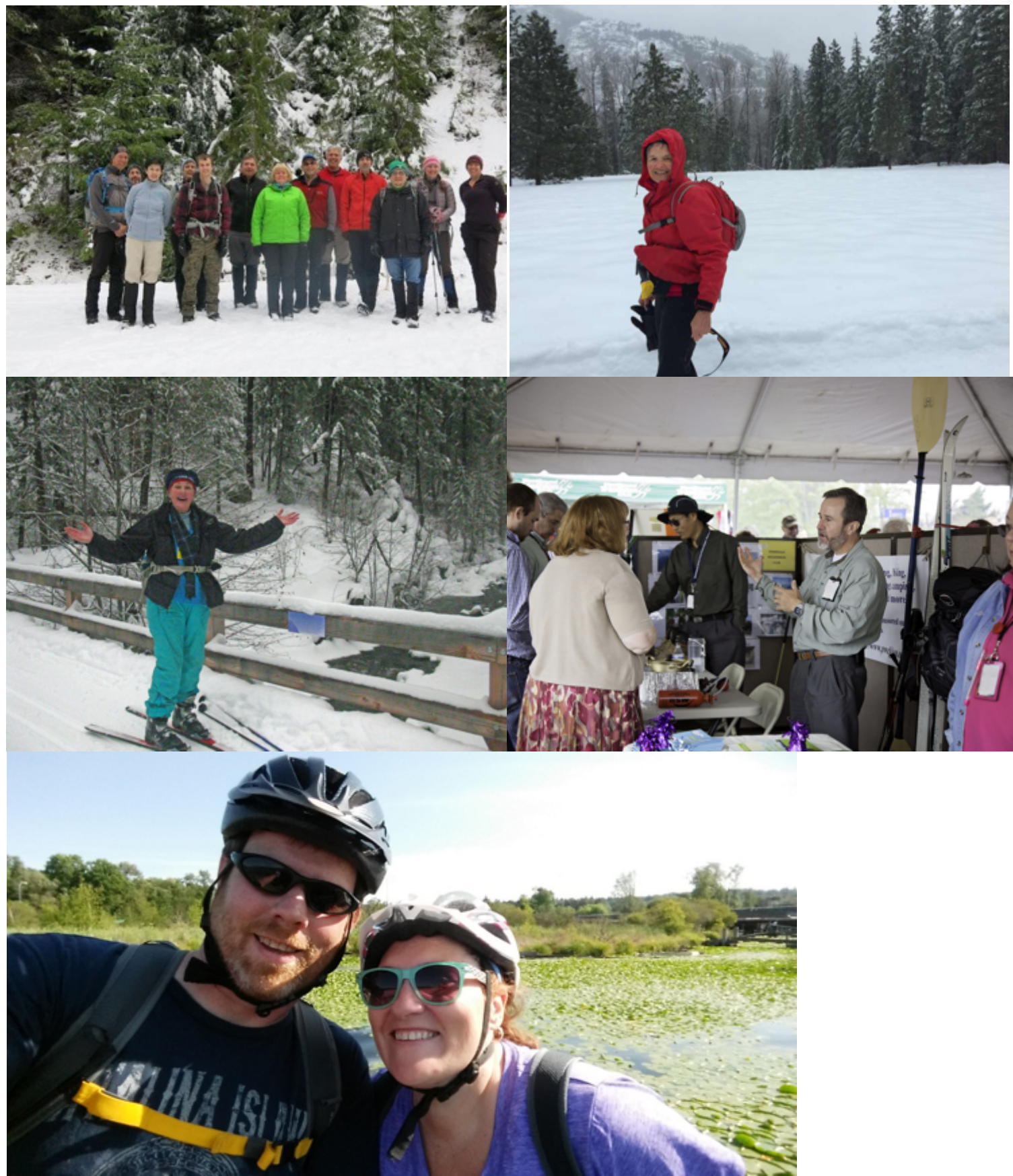
**Mt. Rainier Snowshoeing – 28 November**





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**A Few Classics From 2015... All the best in 2016!**



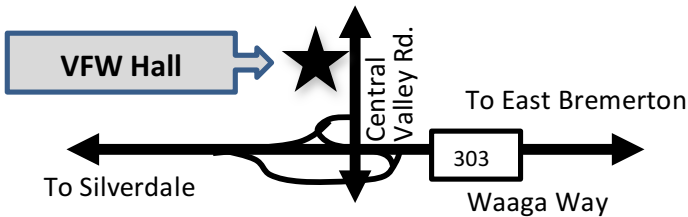
## Club News

### 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 who 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!

Thanks to everyone who brings snacks to meetings! Contact Doug Savage at 360-981-9333 or [thehiker@comcast.net](mailto:thehiker@comcast.net) if you would like to help bring snacks to the next 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, you can come to a MAP meeting to discuss your trip, you can fill out the form on our website, or you can email or call the info directly to our Calendar Editor, Emily Grice, at [emilykgrice@gmail.com](mailto:emilykgrice@gmail.com) (phone 206-842-7883), or to our Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at [pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dearmans@comcast.net).

## Club Business

### 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 Island, <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](mailto: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:

Peninsula Wilderness Club  
P.O. Box 323  
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

or email [pagervader@comcast.net](mailto:pagervader@comcast.net), or call 360-710-6363.

### PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Jerry Logan at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com).

### Officers and Staff

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## Join or Renew Membership

**PWC**

The Peninsula Wilderness Club (PWC) is an 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. Bring dues to a PWC General meeting, or 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? \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

NOTE: New members will receive the PENWICLE newsletter by email, or can download a copy via the PWC website.

☐ Check here if you do NOT wish any information to be included in the membership list distributed to members.

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