

The Peninsula Wilderness Club Presents:

***Atoms and Stars: A Journey into the Karakoram with  
Sue DeArman and Karla Piecuch***

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



Concordia, K2, Karakoram, Pakistan .... Are there more alluring words than these? Not for us! We'd read the mountaineering, expedition, and early exploration accounts and had held the dream of walking the mighty Baltoro Glacier for years, decades actually. In June and July of 2019, this dream became a reality.

We felt lucky to get a personal introduction to climber Dan Mazur and to then be attached as trekkers to his 2019 expedition to climb Broad Peak, neighbor of K2. And so, in mid-June, we were off to Islamabad where we spent a couple of days. We then traveled by plane to the frontier town of Skardu and spent a few more days exploring the area before traveling by land cruiser on the gorgeous-but-sometimes-terrifying road to Askole, where the trek begins. After Askole, there are no further settlements. One walks for two long days before climbing onto the snout of the glacier. There, we walked among giants...Uli Biaho, Trango Towers, the Cathedrals, the Lobsangs, the Gasherbrums, Chogolisa, Mitre Peak, the Masherbrums, and finally K2... as we traveled up and down, in and out, around and through the ever-changing landscape of the Baltoro Glacier.

The mountains of the Himalaya are beautiful, but the mountains of the Karakoram are something more. We hope you can join us to get taste of our experience and a glimpse of what makes them so special.

**MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9 p.m.

Hosted by: Kevin & Maria Koski

Contact: Kevin at 360-373-1371

Help schedule PWC events and outings, and discuss club business at our MAP meeting. All invited. BYOB and snacks to share.

**Monthly Potluck**

Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 – 9:00

Hosted by: TBD

Contact:

Enjoy great food, meet others, share trail stories and learn more about the club. Host provides dessert; we bring an entrée or side dish and drinks to share.

**Events and Activities**

Please visit the PWC calendar at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/events-calendar/> for activities, trips, and updates.

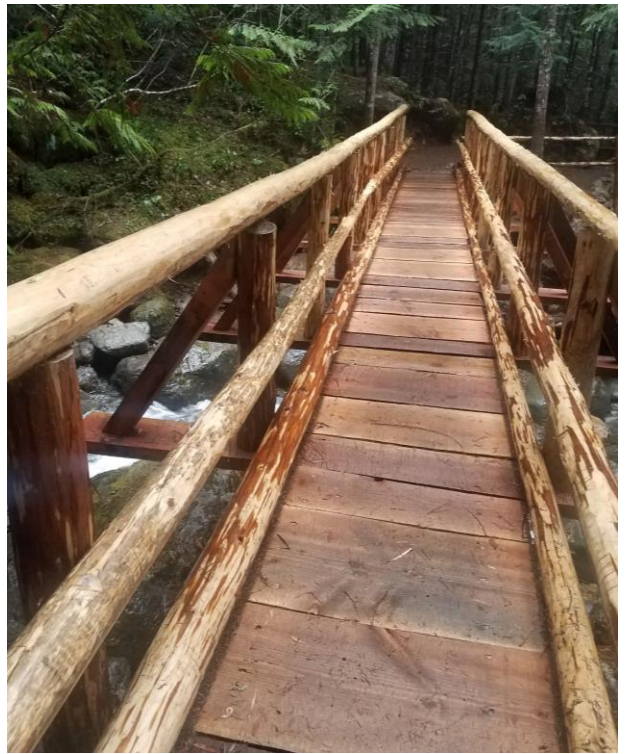
January 1, 2020	New Year's Day Ramble	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
January 11, 2020	MTTA: Snow Bowl	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
January 11, 2020	Duckabush Hike	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
January 15, 2020	PWC MAP Meeting	Kevin Koski		
January 18, 2020	MTTA: Yurt	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
January 24, 2020	PWC Monthly Potluck	HOST TBD		
January 25, 2020	Dosewallips Road Walk	Jay Thompson		jaythom1@hotmail.com
February 8, 2020	MTTA: Snow Bowl	Samuel Canfield	360-649-6949	samuelcanfield1@gmail.com
February 19, 2020	PWC MAP Meeting	HOST TBD		

**About PWC Activities and Outings:**

- PWC outings and other activities are open to everyone. If you enjoy our club and what we do, please become a member! For \$25 a year, your membership helps pay the bills and keeps the club moving forward.
- As a courtesy to the sponsor of the outing you are joining, please call with cancellations or requests 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 alternate plans should a trip need to be canceled or changed for any reason.
- Please leave pets at home unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.
- **Carpool and Ride Sharing.** We strongly encourage carpooling and ride-sharing to reduce impact to trailheads, minimize our environmental footprint, and reduce costs. Please be considerate of your drivers, including situations when you ride with different drivers in each direction. The amount you contribute to your driver should reflect the distance driven, the cost of gas, tolls, and parking fees.
- For liability reasons, trip sponsors should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your ability to participate in an activity, discuss the trip thoroughly with the sponsor, but the responsibility for your safety is yours. Each participant is responsible for their own comfort, safety and route finding. ***Always carry the 10 essentials!***
  - ✓ Navigation (map, altimeter, compass, GPS device, etc., and extra batteries or battery pack)
  - ✓ Headlamp (plus extra batteries)
  - ✓ Sun protection (sunglasses, sun-protective clothes, and sunscreen)
  - ✓ First aid (including foot care and insect repellent (if required))
  - ✓ Knife
  - ✓ Fire (matches, lighter and tinder, or stove as appropriate)
  - ✓ Shelter (carried at all times (can be light emergency bivvy))
  - ✓ Extra food (beyond minimum expectation)
  - ✓ Extra water (beyond minimum expectation, or the means to purify)
  - ✓ Extra clothes (beyond minimum expectation)

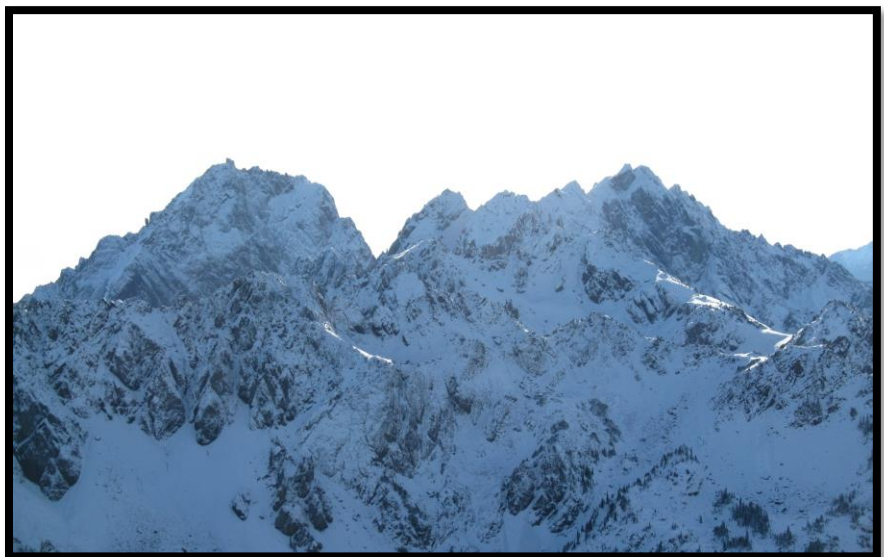


Upper Big Creek – Jayson Shoecraft





Buckhorn Creek – John Howard





**Green Mountain Solstice Hike – Jay Thompson, Steve Osburn**





**Illahee Preserve – Paul Gervais**





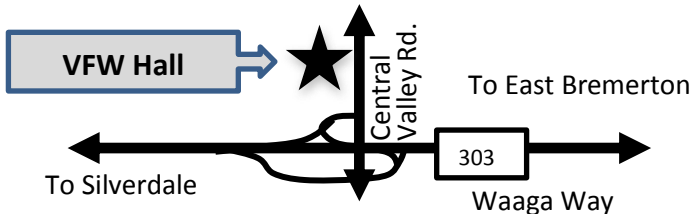
## Club News

### 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 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall at 9981 Central Valley Road in Bremerton WA.



**WELCOME FRIENDS!!!** 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 who share your interests. However, to really get to know us – come to a potluck or go on an outing with us!

- 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, or fill out the form on our website, or email or call the info 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 [pwadmin@pwckitsap.org](mailto:pwadmin@pwckitsap.org) (phone 360-307-0037).

- We Need Your House!

The club's Monthly Activities Planning (MAP) meetings and potluck dinners are held at a member's home. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the Calendar Editor, Emily Grice, at 206-842-7883.

- PENWICLE Submissions

Email your PENWICLE submission by the deadline to ensure it is included 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 the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at [pwadmin@pwckitsap.org](mailto:pwadmin@pwckitsap.org)*

- Your Trip Photos Wanted!

Do you have some great PWC trip pictures you'd like to share? 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 Dropbox manager, to find out how!

## Club Business

- Email, Address or Phone Number Changes

Send changes to the PWC Treasurer, Sandy Schaut at:

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

- 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/>
- Wilderrest and The Gear Stash, Bainbridge Island  
<http://wilderrestoutdoorstore.com>
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo,  
<http://www.poulsborunning.com>
- Back of Beyond, Bainbridge Is.,  
<http://www.tothebackofbeyond.com>

- Business Briefs:

PWC Website Changes. Exciting changes are happening!! The PWC Webmaster, Jay Thompson, is making magical fun changes to our website! Go to <http://www.pwckitsap.org/> and scroll down to see some of the fun articles, photos, and events happening in the PWC!

- PWC Officers and Staff

President.....	Doug Savage.....	360-981-9333
Vice President.....	Samuel Canfield.....	360-649-6949
Secretary.....	Megan Thompson.....	360-871-6014
Treasurer.....	Sandy Schaut.....	360-373-2293
President Emeritus.....	Paul Gervais.....	360-710-6363
Members at Large.....	Christine Plepys.....	859-240-2704
	Jenny Lymangrover.....	
	Peter Kalmar.....	360-286-0328
Entertainment.....	Jay Thompson.....	360-307-0037
Annual Picnic.....	Samuel Canfield.....	360-649-6949
Refreshments.....	Tina Fox.....	
Membership Database.....	Sandy Schaut.....	360-373-2293
Webmaster.....	Jay Thompson.....	360-307-0037
Calendar Editor.....	Emily Grice.....	206-842-7883
Dropbox Manager.....	Jay Thompson.....	360-307-0037
PWC Historian.....	Margaret Poshusta.....	360-692-0126

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, snowshoeing, 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 practice responsible environmental stewardship and 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:

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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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