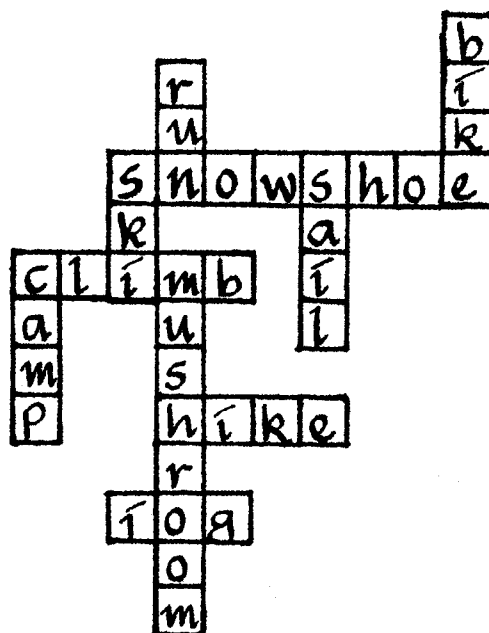


February 1981

HAIL, oh members of the Peninsula Wilderness Club! Although at times it may seem one faction or another is predominant in the club, on the whole we have a pretty diversified group of people. Probably at no other time than now, with such a paucity of snow, is this fact borne out. As the possibilities for skiing have dwindled down, it's truly delightful to see the alternative members have chosen to implement: hiking, ice skating, biking, sailing, roller skating, climbing...no one seems to be inactive! As a matter of fact, many members are active in more clubs than just the PWC as a result of their diverse interests. Later in this newsletter you can read several of the members comment on other clubs they belong to. Hope to see you at the February meeting!



An unfortunate mix-up in communications has resulted in the Gasherbrum IV slides being sent elsewhere. However, Jim Nelson from the Gasherbrum IV trip and Loren Foss of Aerie Northwest have been able to assemble a set of slides that will present a tantalizing look at the Cascades in Washington, plus difficult climbs on Mt. Stuart and Forbidden Peak in the Cascades and a first ascent of Mt. Salisbury in the Fairweather range of Alaska. Be sure to be on hand at the 9 February meeting.

TRIPS & EVENTS

It is the practice of the Peninsula Wilderness Club to promote trips in and around this area. Leaders of the trips advertised are members of the club who've had some experience and are willing to share some of their knowledge---as well as getting newcomers "hooked" on the wilderness. If you see an activity here in the newsletter or on the blackboard at a meeting, please don't hesitate to talk to the leader. Even if you don't wish to commit yourself at the present time, the earlier the leader knows who is interested, the better he or she will be able to accomodate those who express any interest at all.

7-8 February. A trip to Mt. Hood in Oregon for cross-country or alpine skiing or climbing. For details contact Steve David at 373-3737.

7-8 February. An ice-climbing seminar will be conducted by Area N.W.-- to take place in the Leavenworth area. Tuition will be \$85. Those interested may call Doug Vercoe at 871-5217.

9 February. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Peninsula Wilderness Club. The club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Art 103 of Olympic College. (See above article for entertainment.)

Trips & Events

12 February. Brown Bag Forum sponsored by Olympic College. 12 Noon- 1p.m. Thursday in the Rotunda. There is no charge for this presentation by Geology Professor, Tom Walker---"The Mountain Erupts: A slide presentation"

13-16 February. A cross-country ski adventure to Mt. Bachelor in Oregon. Two nights in a motel. For more information call Bill Watson at 876-4768 or Hank Moravec at 876-1211.

14-16 February. Cross-country ski trip to Garibaldi Park in Canada. This $5\frac{1}{2}$ mile trip is not very strenuous--making a 2000 ft. elevation gain. Camp will be made at a cabin. Call Joan or Bob at 479-4692.

22 February. The second annual Washington's Birthday climb of Mt. Washington. If interested call Dale Boyle at 377-9042. (Available at the 9 February meeting will be the newspaper account of last year's climb for those interested)

21-22 February. A family winter outting. 1-2 days--ski or snowshoe into Reflection Lakes (Mt. Ranier). Two miles of gentle skiing with excellent winter camping areas. Contact Charlie Miller at 479-0463.

February. The Mt. Constance Mt. Shoppe in the Redwood Plaza will begin sponsoring weekly "Sunday Runs". The aim of the shoppe is to help newcomers to the sport get started, providing them with information and advice--as well as furnishing runners in general an opportunity to socialize. For more information, call Pete or Judd at 377-0668.

9 March. The monthly meeting of the PWC meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a film and slide presentation on sailing.

17 March. The Kitsap American Red Cross is offering Mountaineering oriented First Aid classes (MOFA) beginning the 17th of March. The classes will be held at the 1st Lutheran Church in Poulsbo every Tues. and Thurs. evening from 7-10. The cost for this course is \$6.50. For more info. contact Jorgen Nelson at 275-2020.

21 March. Build an igloo at Paradise! Here's your chance to emulate the Eskimos by constructing your very own igloo! Learn interesting facts about ice architecture---facts like: "Why Eskimos rub noses", or "The technology of water beds in the Antarctic." Anyone wishing to join in the fun can call Ted Wiles at 857-2206.

25-26 April. A bike trip in the San Juan Islands. With any luck this date will be late enough to reduce the chance of rain and early enough to reduce the number of tourists. Accomodations should be available for both campers and those wishing to enjoy the quaint guest houses on the islands. A "sag wagon" will be available to carry supplies, tools, exhausted cyclists, etc. so the only equipment required is a bike and a set of willing legs. Interested members can call Steve Tontini at 479-3892.

9-10 May. A guided white-water trip in the Cascades. No experience or special equipment is necessary and the relaxing paddle on calm waters coupled with the thrill of the rapids can be enjoyed by all. Interested members can call Steve Tontini at 479-3892 as soon as possible in order to obtain a group discount.

31 May. This Sunday our yearly trek up to Muir is planned with the main purpose of skiing down on downhill or x-c equipment. ("Postholers" are welcome also!) We've done this in the past in June and everyone has had a great time. This year we've moved it up to May as an attempt to find more "corn" snow and less slush. If interested, call Sussette Tontini at 479-3892.

SPECIAL INTERESTS...

Various people in the club are involved in other organizations connected with the wilderness. The following is a series of articles written by some of these members.

Olympic Mountain Rescue

The Olympic Mountain Rescue is a volunteer organization composed of experienced climbers dedicated to saving lives through search, rescue and mountain safety education. In pursuance of this goal, OMR not only assists people in peril in all manner of steep terrain, be it a lost hiker, injured climber or down aircraft; but is also involved in such activities as showing films like By Nature's Rules, lecturing, and assisting with Olympic College's basic mountaineering class.

The members pay their own expenses and provide their personal equipment but such specialized items as radios and stretchers are purchased with donations. United Way provides some funds to this end.

The Olympics are OMR's home range but it often participates in missions in the Cascades and other ranges.

OMR is looking for volunteers. For further information, contact Roger Beckett at 373-8079 or Frank Chapin at 830-4121. **By Dale Boyle**

Astronomy*

Grant Newman

To the Stars, ... and Back

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I'm sure there has been a time in each one of our lives that we have found ourselves out in some wild and majestic place. A place to be quiet and reflect. A place to renew our spirits; to look inward as our eyes drink in a panorama untouched by the hand of man.

Perhaps at that time, the day is spent. The last rays from our sun have slipped away to another world. The first chill of evening makes us zip up our jackets and pull in our clothes for warmth. But...it's too beautiful to leave.

As the earth around us fades to a black silhouette our view moves upwards in search of something more to drink in.

As we gaze upward we are filled with a strange sense of forever. The stars at first appear slowly against a deep blue vault. Then almost imperceptibly the sky is filled with a magnificent sweep of stars.

What are your thoughts at a time like that? Do you see a birth place? A mystery of creation? The face of God? A time machine? A vast living place filled with other beings? A physics equation? Well of course it's all those things and more! It can be what you want it to be. A stage upon which our minds are free to act out our inner most longings and desires. It's called ASTRONOMY.

According to good ol' Webster's, Astronomy is defined as, "the science of the celestial bodies and of their magnitudes, motions, and constitution." Heady stuff. But if we look back to the Greeks who gave us the word, it breaks down to "Astro-nomia", or literally "star-knowledge". To know the stars. So here we are at an 'advanced age' (?), where the stars are pretty well understood... or are they? We can measure their size, weight, light output, age and where they are moving. Much equipment and clever techniques have been developed to extract this information. But there is still one question unanswered... why? A basic question that I believe will stand long after our time has past into oblivion. Why indeed. So simple, yet unanswerable. Here lies the real beauty in 'knowing the stars'. Because the answer lies within each of us. Try asking yourself that question next time you find yourself keeping company with the stars. The answer

is there, except it can't be expressed with human words. Let it flow through you. You'll return with a sense of peace.

If you'd like more information on the 'technicals' of astronomy, you can contact Richard Peel of the Olympic Astronomical Society. He's well versed in the subject and would be happy to fill you in. Phone: 377-1010.

Audubon

Bob Shaffer

"The club should get more active in conservation activities!", members frequently state. "Why should we, when the local Audubon and Sierra Clubs are much more effective than we could ever become?", I reply.

Audubon is one of the oldest and most respected and therefore influential conservation groups in the world. Audubon exists to educate its members and the public, to protect natural resources from ill considered actions and to promote enjoyment of the outdoors.

The 300 members of the Kitsap Audubon chapter work on local and national conservation problems such as: the pipeline, wilderness areas, Protection Island acquisitions, a Kitsap County natural area designation criteria guideline (one of two such guidelines in the U.S.), and local natural area maps. Over the years the local Audubon's reputation for objectivity insures that it will be asked to research and testify on important conservation issues before various government meetings in Kitsap County.

Audubon meets at 8 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Bremerton library or in the Poulsbo Marine Science Center. For membership info call Jeanne Snouwaert at 779-2926 and for a more complete run-down on Audubon's projects call Don Davidson at 779-9374. For field trips call Ruth Quam at 871-0803.

Mycology **Rosalie Colton**

The Kitsap Peninsula Mycological Society was organized ten years ago for the purpose of understanding and appreciating the wild mushroom. Efforts of the organization are directed into educational, social and informational activities. Emphasis is placed as much as possible on the fungus as a part of the balance and beauty of nature, and to identify and classify wild mushrooms, especially so as to inform the membership of the pleasures and risks of using wild mushrooms for food.

Field trips are scheduled during the mushroom growing season. An annual exhibit is held each October for the information of the public. An annual "survivors" banquet is held each March and a picnic in July.

Meetings are held the third Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Chico Fire Hall, 8919 Kitsap Way. Visitors are welcome.

For further information, if interested, call Fran Thomas 275-5396 or Glen Beckett, 373-0626.

Biking

Werner Kripl

If not inclined to travel long distances or endure unstable weather conditions for an outing in the Cascades or Olympics cycling may be an answer for those wanting to get some exercise. Kitsap and adjacent counties offer many fine opportunities for scenic bike rides away from busy highways and springtime is an especially good time to enjoy this form of recreation. The fledgling Kitsap Bicycle Club offers several rides in the springtime in the Kitsap County area, it also offers an overnight trip to Ft. Flagler State Park in Jefferson County with food, lodging and sagwagon provided for a modest fee. Although there are no regularly scheduled meetings, information on upcoming rides and activities may be obtained from Mike Kalmbach at the Bike Pedaler in Silverdale 692-5650, who is also a good source of information on local bike tours and other interested local cyclists.

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Continuing Education

Several ski and mountain shops in the area offer free or relatively inexpensive clinics to anyone interested. Topics include running, wilderness route finding and survival, x-c skiing, avalanche safety, ...even sportsmassage for skiers. For a current schedule of planned events contact the following sources:

Pete and Judd Flynn
 Mt. Constance Mt. Shoppe
 The Redwood Plaza
 1550 N.E. Riddell Rd.
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Ton Hutchison
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Let Lying Wax Cans Lay!

Bob Shaffer

At Paradise one morning I found 16 inches of powder at 17° under a still blue sky. So I found my unused green swix wax can, which says: "Fur neu und feinkornigen Schnee 23° F to 14° F". After corking two 36 inch coats under each ski per the book, I struggled up to Alta Vista with no tangible means of traction. Skiing was much easier after adding a thin layer of blue. According to the book a half inch layer of snow should've been sticking to my skis. Blue wax has never given much traction at 26 to 30° as advertised either---a thin layer of violet always worked better.

Am I incapable of waxing and/or skiing properly? Do wax charts and wax cans lie? I debated the possibilities until I recently found a chart with very different recommendations, but much closer to my own experiences. **THE DIFFERENCE:** Most charts and cans are for wooden skis. Courtesy of North Country Inc., the recommendations for synthetic skis and swix wax are:

New snow - over 36° - Red Klister; 30-36° - Red Special; 23-30° - Blue Extra; 10-23° - Blue; Below - Green.

Old snow - over 35° - Red Klister; 25-35° - Red special; 14-25° - blue Extra; -3 to 14° - Blue; Below -3° - Green.

Additional personal recommendations are to use violet wax around 28-32°. If in doubt when starting, wax colder. If your wax is slippery, lengthen the wax zone and make it thicker. Keep your scraper sharp, and be sure your next skis are waxless!

...More Trips

16 February. President's Day trip. A day trip with two options: Either a cross-country trip to Whitepass; or a climb up Mt. Lincoln. If interested, call Jorgen Nelson at 275-2020.

20-28 June. Backpacking and/or climbing in the Cascade Pass area. Time options include full week or just the weekend. Base camp will be made at Boston Basin which is several miles in. Call Steve at 373-3737.

27-28 June. A weekend on Mt. Hood in Oregon. This trip will include an opportunity for a refresher session in the use of ice axe, crampons, ropes and crevasse rescue techniques; cross-country skiing and a shot at the world's 2nd most frequently climbed mountain. For further information, especially regarding accomodations, call Steve or Sussette at 479-3892.

For Sale: Size 11 climbing boots; 3/4 shank; \$20.00. Large Wilderness Experience pack, internal frame, soft pack, \$75.00. Call Steve at 373-3737.

Fly the Friendly Skies...

Scenic flights over the Cascades, Olympics or other areas may be arranged through Doug Vercoe. Call Doug at 871-5217 for details.

AVALANCHE NOTES

Due to limited space, "Avalanche Notes" was not printed this month. The third article will appear in March's issue of the newsletter.

Marquis dePortago's Dictum:

"There are only three real sports; bullfighting, motor-racing and mountain climbing."