

THE PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB MEETS THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:30PM AT THE KITSAP UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH ON PERRY AVENUE IN EAST BREMERTON.

SHERPA DUTY FOR FLAPJACK LAKES 20 JUNE: This is an annual service project with which the club attempts to help out the Olympic National Park by helping to set up the backwoods ranger station at Flapjack Lakes. You can go up for the day or stay overnight. Call Jim Luddon at 373-0431 for more information.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC 19 JUNE: This year we are planning to hold our annual Friday evening get together on the evening of 19 June. This year's gathering of the faithful will be out at Scenic Beach Park down by Seabeck. Plan on an exciting evening of volleyball and other delights. The dinner will be a la Potluck so plan to bring your fair share, be it dessert, salad or main dish. Since this is a family affair, spouses, children and, naturally, potential recruits are all welcome.

MT. RAINIER CLIMB 2-5 JULY: call D. Savage at 692-5933 if you dare.

WHITE WATER RIVER TRIP ON THE SUIATTLE 11 or 12 JULY: Call Jim Groh at 779-5421 for more information about plans and costs.

MONTHLY MEETING MONDAY 8 JUNE 7:30 PM OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION

For our June meeting, Judd Flynn of the Mount Constance Mountain Shop will present a demonstration of the latest equipment for running, camping, mountaineering and biking. In August Dee Molenaar will entertain us with an account of the history of Mount Rainier. At this point we do not have a firm program for the month of July.

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## PERSHING (SOUTH PEAK)

By David Ladd

For those not already familiar with the geography of this area, Mt. Pershing is located on the eastern side of the Olympics, in the southeastern area of the park, just to the west of Mt. Elmer and Mt. Washington.

I had been within 40 feet of the summit two years ago and have been wanting to go back ever since. When Susan and I went up Mt. Washington to get a view of the route on Pershing, we ran into Arnie Bloomer and his daughter. I asked Arnie if he had been up Pershing and he said yes. It was not until later, when I looked at the Climber's Guide to the Olympic Mountains that I realized that he had made the very first ascent up Route 1 in 1966.

Three days later the weather cleared so I took off early and headed up Jefferson Creek. I wanted to do Route 7, but by the time I got through the woods to a clearing where I could see anything, I found that I had gotten all the way over to Route 1. I wondered if I had been meant to do this route after running into Arnie. I made my way up to the south end of the ridge and then had to go back and forth from east to west and along the ridge crest until I finally reached the summit. I was glad to have finally gotten there and find the register. Not too many people have been up there lately. Apparently only one person made it in 1986. I did not wish to go back the way I came so I more or less followed Route 7 and diagonalled back down toward the road. This was probably the thickest mess of undergrowth I have ever had to crawl through. Seven hours up to the summit and three hours down. I was exhausted but satisfied. The best time to do this climb is early in the season.

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