

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.

MONTHLY MEETING MONDAY 11 APRIL 1988 SEARCH AND RESCUE

As all of us gentleman and gentlewoman adventurers know, for those who are not careful, the wilderness can be dangerous. Skip McKenzie will speak about his experiences with Olympic Mountain Search and Rescue, and hopefully provide us with a few hints to help us avoid being in need of the services of himself and his comrades.

APRIL 20 7:00 PM SPECIAL PRESENTATION PAT O'HARA ON WILDERNESS PHOTOGRAPHY

The Peninsula Wilderness Club will sponsor world renowned wilderness photographer will be presenting a special program of his work at the Central Kitsap High school at 7:00 PM on April 20th. Pat's work ranges from the large such as vast mountain vistas. to the medium, such as rushing mountain streams on down to the very small, such as delicate leaves, pebbles and even clams. The program should be a special treat for both young and old.

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MOUNT HOOD CLIMB APRIL 9-10 or 16-17: The plan is to go up the west side Mt. Hood which means you do not get to go up the first 3,000 feet on the ski lift. The actual date will depend on the weather. The party expects to overnight at Illumination Rock at 9,500. Snow shoes, X-C Skis and an intermediate level of mountaineering skills is required. Call Doug Savage at 692-5933 or Dale Boyle at 377-9042. Doug is also contemplating a June climb of Mt. St. Hellens.

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OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

WILDLIFE PHOTO SHOW POINT DEFIANCE ZOO WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 7:00 PM

This presentation by wildlife photographer Art Wolf is being sponsored by the Tacoma Zoo Society. And while your going all that way to Tacoma, you may as well stop in early and talk to the animals.

OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN CLIMBING CLASS BEGINS 7 APRIL

For more information on registration and dates, call the Olympic College Physical Education Department at 478-4709. The weekly classes will include eight climbs.

BACKPACKING COURSE BY PENSTEMON GUIDE SERVICE BEGINS 13 APRIL

This course, designed to cover all of the basics will include both evening lectures and actual outings. For more information on exact dates and costs, call Penstemon at 377-9042, Mount Constance Mountain Shop, 377-0668 or the PSNS Recreation Services at 476-2673.

DAY CLIMB OF MT. BUCKHORN SUNDAY 24 APRIL

Mt. Buckhorn is located in the Olympics over near Quillicine. Essentially this is to be a Class I Climb (rock scramble) but given the season, an ice axe would be advised. It is also a good area for goats. For more information, call Dick at 297-2190.

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NEW NEWSLETTER STAFF NEEDED -- DESPERATELY

As I have previously noted, I have been considering the idea of relinquishing my duties on the Newsletter Editor for some time. At this point, however, we have a more immediate need. The Ladds, who have been faithfully serving the club on the staff for some time, including taking the responsibility for getting the Newsletter mailed and printed, have indicated that their other responsibilities will necessitate their dropping those duties.

Currently, getting out the newsletter consists of the following tasks. First, drafting and organizing the edition each month. I am currently getting some good contributions from the membership which helps. With a home wordprocessor the typing and printing is not too hard, provided the computer is working. Some additional time is required to maintain and update the membership mailing list and printing the mailing labels.

After that, the master copy of the newsletter needs to be delivered to the printer and then picked up again, the mailing labels and stamps affixed, and the batch then delivered to the post office.

Clint Porter

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FOR SALE : 205 cm KAZAMA TELECOMP SKIS with bindings. Good condition, \$75. New pair of CABLE STYLE TELEMARCK BINDINGS \$20. New pair Chavinard 3 PIN BINDINGS, \$25. San Marco SKI MOUNTAINEERING BOOTS, PLASTIC DOUBLE BOOT, size 11 1/2, \$40. Call Jim Groh, 779-5421.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING WITH ALICE SAVAGE

METHOW VALLEY JANUARY 18-20

Dick and Ann Sanborn and I were in Mazama for a two night stay at a home style lodge to take in some cross country skiing. This was a Sierra Club outing which included PWC members. The nine of us showed up at the North Cascades Camp owned by Dick and Sue Roberts, who made us feel at home. The lodge accommodates 20 people. The cost, which included three delicious meals a day, plus use of the hot tub, was \$40 per night.

The first day we arrived at 3 P.M. A sunny afternoon, the beautiful snowy countryside just sparkled as we headed out to get in some skiing. That first night the temperature dropped to 0 degrees fahrenheit. Needless to say, the skiing was great with dry beautiful snow and miles of groomed trails of your choosing at Twisp, Winthrop, Sun Mountain, and Mazama. The next day we packed a lunch at the lodge and set out for a full day of skiing. It was overcast and 29 degrees fahrenheit. Our last morning it snowed. We put in a couple hours skiing before heading home.

It is about a 6 - 7 hour drive to Mazama. We left a day early, spending the first night with Dick and Ann's son in Wenatchee to break up the trip.

SKI WEEKEND - LEAVENWORTH - FEBRUARY 26 - 28

Ten of us ended up at the Evergreen Inn in Leavenworth for a weekend of cross country skiing. Due to the unseasonably dry weather, we found a lot of sun but not much snow. We skied on Icicle Road, occasionally taking off the skies because of the bare patches. The temperature was 62 degrees and we just roasted, wishing that we had brought the proper footwear for some rock climbing or just hiking. It was fun though with a great time Saturday night as ten of us marched into one of the local restaurants for diner.

Sunday, we headed for Stevens Pass after first checking out Lake Wenatchee. No good skiing there either, but near the pass we found a good place with plenty of snow, so all was not in vain.

BUYING A BACKPACK (PART II) By Doug Savage

Part I of this article discussed what one should consider when choosing the type of backpack you will need. Now, let us assume that you are ready to head for the store. What features would you look for next?

COST: Decide how much you can afford to spend before you get to the store. Large specialty packs can cost over \$250, and unless he plans on going on a lengthy expedition, to discover King Solomon's Mines, for instance, the average backpacker doesn't need one. For 2-3 day trips, internal frame packs sized 4,000 to 5,500 cubic inches are usually sufficient. (Subtract 500 cubic inches for external frame packs) When buying a pack, shop around. Prices can vary greatly for the same pack from store to store. Don't be afraid to bargain with the store manager.

Most stores have a rent-to-buy policy, which allows you to try out your pack in the field before you purchase. If you decide to buy, the rental cost is often deducted from the purchase price. This is an excellent way to try out different styles of packs without a major outlay of cash.

SIZE AND FIT: When you try on a pack, the hip belt should ride on your pelvis, and the shoulder straps should be level or within two inches above the shoulder. Get the salesperson to help you adjust the pack to your body, then load it with sandbags or some other high density material. If it doesn't feel comfortable, don't buy it. With the loaded pack, drop one shoulder to make sure that the pack does not slide off your back. Also, make sure that the suspension system does not interfere with your arm motion.

PACK CONSTRUCTION: Before you leave the store, check the frames, seams, and zippers on your pack. Welds should be clean and even, the tubes shouldn't be nicked or burred. Seams should be stitched evenly and not too close to the material edge. Seams in high stress areas should be double stitched. Many packs have an extra heavy fabric on the bottom for better wear construction. Zippers should be made with large teeth and should open freely without sticking.

WATERPROOFING: Most packs are made with a water resistant fabric, but in a good Olympic shower, water can still get in through the zippers and seams. Lining the inside of your bag with a plastic bag or buying a waterproof pack cover may help.

CABIN CREEK X-C SKI REPORT 30 JANUARY 1988 By Doug Savage

It was a warm 28 degrees and snowing, but 9 PWC members made it to the Cabin Creek Road for a day of cross country skiing. Snow conditions were good, six inches of new snow on 24 inches of compact snow and ice. The road is at the novice/beginner level but takes endurance to complete. About two miles from the trail head there is an interesting hill where we practice snow plowing. We stopped 3 1/2 miles out and had a picnic lunch on the road overlooking the Yakima River. After lunch we continued down to the river, about another 1 1/2 miles. We returned along the same route.

To get to Cabin Creek cross Snoqualmie Summit on I-90 and drive on 10.5 miles down the freeway. Leave the freeway at exit 63, Cabin Creek Road. The trail head starts at the lower end of the snow-park.

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WRITING ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

You don't have to be a great author to write for our newsletter. You don't even have to be able to type or spell. Charlie, my computer, takes care of that. In order to write a good article first try to imagine that you are trying to tell the story or pass on the information to a friend. Then jot the ideas down in the order that you would express them orally. Normally you will want to tell the story in time sequence. Start with what happened first and end with what happened last. Ask yourself which aspects of your experience would be of most interest to the readership.

In telling the story, you will want to answer the following questions: Who, what, where, when, how, and why. The first five should be stated specifically. Sometimes why can only be implied. eg. "to have a good time." or "well, I saw it just sitting out there on the horizon and..."

Try to add a little human interest. "Two men met on a windswept ridge. Neither had ever before known of the other, but they both knew Doug Savage." (True story.) A little humor never did any harm either.