

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.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

5 NOVEMBER OZETTE TRANGLE DAY HIKE: This will be a day hike out to the ocean shores where one can, even in the worst weather see all sorts beach bumming fauna, ranging from eagles, deer, racoons, seals, and anemonie. Call Joe Wiegel at 871-0291.

12 NOVEMBER DAY HIKE LITTLE QUILICENE TRAIL/DIRTY FACE RIDGE: The trail starts near the Tubal Cain Trail and follows Dirty Face Ridge to the summit of Mount Townsend. It is 3.3 miles long, one way, 2100 feet of elevation gain and gives an excellent view of the Olympics. Contact D. Savage at 692-5933.

10 DECEMBER BEGINNER X/C COUNTRY SKI TRIP: This trip down Cabin Creek Road will be designed for the beginner X/C country skier who may yet be a little nervous about taking on the steeper roads and slopes. The 10 mile round trip is almost completely flat, except of course for the "Killer Hill". But Doug will see that you get back alive. For more information all Doug at 692-5933.

27-29 JANUARY LEAVENWORTH CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIP: The group will be planning to stay overnight for two nights in Leavenworth and spend the days X/C skiing on either local groomed trails or possibly up into the mountains via Icicle Creek. Reservations go fast so you need to make your plans early. Call Alace Savage at 638-2597 for more information.

#### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Larry Thomas	830-4456
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TREASURER	Kevin Kilbridge	871-2537

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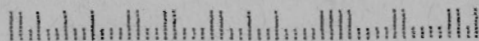
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MONTHLY MEETING MONDAY 14 NOV ROCKING AND ROLLING WITH JIM CHAMPA

No, our guest this month is not a rock star, or at least not that kind. He is in fact, associated with the University of Puget Sound as an expert in earthquakes and volcanoes. These are matters of serious concern to those responsible for civil defense in this region or just happen to live here. Included in his talk and slide show will be shots of Mt. St. Helens, both before and after.

NEW OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1989

During the October meeting the following members were nominated for club office:

PRESIDENT:	Skip McKenzie Dick Roehmer Lynn Howatt
VICE PRESIDENT:	Warren MacDowell (Note: The secret is now out. Everyone thought his name was Mac)
TREASURER:	Kevin Kilbridge
SECRETARY:	Barbara Luddon

Elections will be held during the November meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time.

Newsletter Editor Clint Porter expressed some concern about the future status of the newsletter as certain changes in his personal circumstances may require that he get out of town in a hurry.

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EXPLORER SEARCH AND RESCUE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD LADS AND LASSES : ESAR is a great youth oriented organization in Kitsap County. ESAR is for 14 year olds on up interested in the out of doors and service to the community. It is a co-ed branch of the Boy Scouts of America. We train in all weather and terrain the year round developing skills in orienteering, first aid, radio communications, rough country travel, searching and leadership.

ESAR participates in searches all over the state under the State Department of Emergency Management and the county Sheriff or ranger department in the area of the mission. For more information, contact Larry or Kathy Thomas at 830-4456.



## ANNUAL DUES COMING DUE

For many of us, our annual \$12 annual membership dues is coming due this month. If you are not certain, check your membership expiration date on the mailing label. "12/30/88" means that your membership is definitely due as of 30 December 1988. For those of you who have later membership dates, your membership would not come due until that date. Should your due date not be correct, and this happens sometimes, contact Treasurer Kevin Kilbridge. For those of us whose membership is coming due and who wish to renew our membership so that we can continue to meet and enjoy interesting programs, please complete the attached membership form so that we will be current about who you are and where you currently live out at. Club rules provide the couples need only take out a single membership.

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## MT CATHERINE LOOP X-C LOOP SKI TRAIL SYSTEM

Clint Porter

Reprinted from the April 1985 Newsletter

The Mount Catherine Loop X-C Ski Trail System covers the plateau and mountains directly above the Hyak and Ski Acres down hill ski areas. Up top there are plenty of scenic vistas and a wide variety of skiing terrain, all the way from reasonably gentle road grades to what I call bushwhacking.

Although this area is on the south side of I-90, the sno park is on the north side at the Hyak exit just beyond Snoqualmie Pass. This of course requires a Sno-Park Pass.

The easiest way to get into the area is by way of the Mount Catherine Loop Trail route. To find it, proceed to the east end of the Lower Hyak area parking lot, (On the north side of the freeway). There you will find a road which will lead you past the water treatment plant. This is where the trail and the blue diamond markers begin. The Mount Catherine Loop Trail provides the less advanced skier with a very pleasant six mile climb up to Windy Pass, a place well deserving of its name. The last few hundred yards may be a little difficult. The area beyond windy pass has been clear cut leaving a broad vista of mountain scenery and plenty of open area where a skier can practice his skills. If one is after a really spectacular view one can climb up the slopes of Silver Mountain to enjoy an impressive view to the north of Granite Mountain and other Cascade peaks or to gaze down into the deep valley of the South Fork of the Snoqualmie where cars and trucks chug up and down I-90.



If you are adventurous and wish to travel on, you may wish to ski down to Olallie Meadows where the trail divides, one branch leading up through Nordic Pass and the other down the Olallie Creek trail, which at this point is part of the Pacific Crest Trail. The Olallie Creek trail is narrow in parts, but not too bad. By contrast, the route up to Nordic Pass from the Meadows is essentially a bushwhacking trip through the trees. Extreme caution is indicated. Both Trails come together at the Three Forks Junction.

As an alternative to the Mount Catherine Loop Trail, you may wish to try the more challenging Hidden Valley Trail. Initially you follow the Mount Catherine Loop Trail. After you pass the power line, you take the first logging road to your right and follow it up as far as it goes. From there one basically follows one's nose up the left side of Mill Creek Valley. A descent through this area might be a lot of fun for a good telemarker. Once up into the plateau area, you will be able to observe a ski lift to your right. By following around the reserve side of the Hyak ski area, one will eventually hit a road on which one turns left and follows back to the three forks junction. DO NOT TURN RIGHT ON THIS ROAD! That way leads steeply down through the main Hyak Ski area where all the crazy down hillers are doing their thing. Only the BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE go that way.

Finally, there is the Three Forks trail itself. This one leads from a starting point between Hyak and Ski Acres up through the woods. In my view it is not really a trail but simply a series of little blue trail markers leading through the trees. You really need skins to go up it. As for going down it, I would recommend that only for the very best skiers, provided that they have all their life insurance premiums paid up.

I actually made three trips into the area during the winter of 1985 and enjoyed myself each time. Jim Groh had also been in the area but he apparently used the Ski Acres ski lift to get up there. There have always been a number of people out there so help is available if you get into trouble.

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#### NEW CLUB MEMBER ARRIVES

Members Jim Groh and Mary Swoboda-Groh have been pleased to announce the arrival of new club member Hilarie Lynn Groh, 6 pounds, 6 ounces on 24 September 1988. I am informed by a reliable source that Hilarie already owns a pair of hiking boots although it may be a while before she gets to use them. Our new member was not able to make the October meeting as she was on a day hike up to Hurricane Ridge. We will be expecting a trip report.

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#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

HILDEGARD STONE  
LAURA VEACH

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SPECIAL OFFER FOR PWC MEMBERS: MT. CONSTANCE MOUNTAIN SHOP is offering a 25% discount to all registered PWC members for putting their XC skis in order for the upcoming winter season.