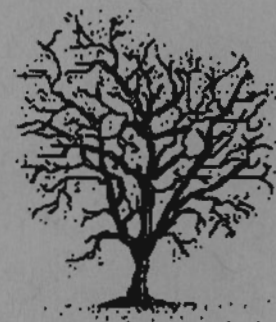




Peninsula Wilderness Club



March 1989

The Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM
at the Kitsap Unitarian Fellowship Church on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton

Monthly Meeting Monday, 13 March:

Attention all ye seafarers and landlubbers alike. This month's meeting promises to be an interesting one. Mr. Shane Baker will give a slide presentation on his sailing trip from Hawaii to San Francisco.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Climb for Leukemia.

Well, it isn't exactly outdoors but it certainly takes muscle power. How about challenging yourself by climbing or racing up 69 flights of stairs. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer and Benaroya Securities Company present the 3rd annual BIG CLIMB FOR LEUKEMIA. The big climb will take place at Seattle's highest building, the Columbia Seafirst Center, on Sunday, March 19, 1989. There will be two events held simultaneously. In one stairwell climbers will take part in an untimed climb to the 73rd floor observatory. In a second stairwell racers will be released at 10 second intervals to compete in a timed race to the 73rd floor. Proceeds will support the Leukemia Society of America's

research and patient aid programs. All participants will receive a Big Climb T-shirt at registration. It cost \$10.00 to enter. Entry forms can be picked up at Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe or by calling 1-628-0777. If you would like more information you can contact Jim Drannan (779-9481) or Don Paulson (692-5086).

8th Annual Igloo Trip, March 4th and 5th.

One last reminder for those who might be interested in learning how to build an igloo. You can spend the night in one or just see how they are built. This annual club outing will be held at Paradise on Mount Rainier and promises to be great fun. For more information contact Ted Wiles at 876-5718.

Last month's door prize winner.

New PWC member, Victor Bolon, received a nice surprise last month. He won several cans of high energy food donated by Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe. Congratulations, Victor.

Hut to Hut Ski Tour

by Don Paulson

Over Presidents' Day weekend Jim Drannan and I joined a group of people on a hut to hut ski tour in the mountains Northwest of Winthrop. There are four huts which can be reserved. Each hut has a wood stove for heating and a propane stove for cooking. Cooking and eating utensils are also provided. There is bunk space for about eight people which our group filled completely. Our trip started near Mazama on the Fawn Creek trail. Even though there was nearly two feet of new powder, the going was easy on the nicely groomed trail to our first night's stay at Fawn Hut. We had great fun claiming the best bunk, since it was first come, first serve.

At the hut we were treated to a splendid view of the Methow Valley below and peaks of the North Cascades beyond. The next morning before dawn we watched the lunar eclipse from the windows of the hut, and then the race was on for the best bunk at Cassel Hut. Because the ski between huts was less than two hours, we had plenty of time for exploring the trails and hills nearby. That evening we celebrated Jim's birthday in great style. Mindy dazzled us with her culinary skills by "baking" cheddar biscuits for all.

Our third night was spent at Rendezvous Hut. Again the view was tremendous. The highlight of the trip for me was the moon light ski that night. There was a full moon and a clear sky. We each had head lamps but found we didn't need them because it was so bright. A few

areas had a light ground fog which added an eerie touch to the beautiful scene. The snow was just about perfect, it was like skiing on talcum powder.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Hut to Hut Ski Tours can call Methow Valley Central Reservations at 1-800-422-3048.

Wilderness Ski Touring, Oregon Style by Jay Dee

Recently three of us had the pleasure of tracking up pristine virgin powder in Oregon's back country. The adventure began with breaking trail for seven miles and gaining two thousand feet elevation in thigh deep, dry, fluffy, powder. Our destination - McCully Creek Basin in the Eagle Cap Wilderness. After six hours of grueling labor, the "resort" came into view. The yurt was to be our dining room/lounge/social center for the next few days and the cabin tent our sanctum. Our guides, Dave and Tim ensured that we were amply feed hot food at the yurt and hearty cold lunches while on the alpine slopes of this 300,000 acre solitude. Time went much too quickly as one would expect. After two days of tele and sitz marking we had to return to civilization. We did however cap our trip by terrorizing the Anthony Lakes Ski area locals on our skinny skis.

New Club Members.

The PWC membership takes pleasure in extending a warm welcome to the following new members:

<i>Victor Bolon</i>	<i>John & Gerry Stamm</i>
<i>Carolyn Knox</i>	<i>Denis Stenwick</i>
<i>Karin Smith</i>	<i>Harley Unruh</i>

~ The Prez Sez ~

This is the first of what I hope is a series of inserts into the Newsletter that will allow me to express my concerns or opinions on subjects relating to the Peninsula Wilderness Club. After ten Years of involvement with the club I have seen enthusiasm come and go, get better and then people seem to loose the spark to keep things fired up. In general the club membership seems to be up and doing fine. The financial aspect is doing very well, thanks to some prudent years and a nice comfortable, inexpensive meeting location.

The PWC was organized to promote outdoor activity and as a way of getting people with the same interest together. Let's make the most of it so we all can enjoy the quality of outdoor recreation we have in Washington. I am not saying we should all be leading trips or making sure the entire population of Kitsap County is huffing and puffing down roads on bicycles or climbing every peak in Washington, lets just work together to keep our club strong, together and happy.

Thanks,
Skip

New Newsletter Staff.

Clint Porter and Jim Luddon have done a tremendous job putting together a great Newsletter over the years. Both Clint and Jim deserve a hearty "thank you" from the Club. Jim Ludden has volunteered to continue with preparing the mailing labels for the newsletter. Jim Drannan and myself (Don Paulson) hope to continue to provide the club members with a quality

newsletter, but we need your help. What Jim and I need to make the newsletter interesting are stories of your adventures in the outdoors or other articles of interest.

We would be happy to receive your story handwritten, typed, or even stored on a floppy disk (IBM) which ever is easiest for you. You can get your story or article to either of us at the monthly meeting or by mail to one of the addresses below.

Don Paulson
6720 Lois Drive N.W.
Silverdale, Wa. 98383

or

Jim Drannan
26643 Lofall Road
Poulsbo, Wa. 98370



Annual dues payment time for some.

Please take a moment and check the mailing label to see if it is time for you to renew your membership. The date shown is the membership expiration date. If your membership is about to expire or has expired, you can pay either in person to Kevin Kilbridge at the regular monthly meeting, or by mailing your check to Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, Wa. 98310-9998. The annual dues is still a low \$12.00 for you and your family.



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