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PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB EVENTS



November 1990

PWC meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Kitsap Unitarian Fellowship Church on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.



The next PWC meeting is one you won't want to miss. If you're not a club member, but have been thinking about joining, come join us at the November 12th meeting. Hundreds of

dollars worth of outdoor equipment and merchandise will be offered in a giant raffle. The Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe has donated a list of items valued at nearly \$700 (See back page for list of items).

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 per ticket. If your ticket number is called, you may choose any item remaining. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the purchase of a slide projector for the club. To make the raffle even more interesting, people coming to the meeting are asked to bring items of their own for the raffle. People donating items for the raffle will receive one free ticket. Hope to see you there.

PWC presents **Pat O'Hara**

The Peninsula Wilderness Club is hosting a free presentation featuring the work of nature photographer Pat O'Hara. The event will be 7 PM, November 8th, at the Central Kitsap High School and is open to

the public. Be sure to mark your calendar for this special event that you won't want to miss.

Charlie Pomfret made up and distributed posters for the event. Volunteers are still needed to help with advertising and with the show. If you can lend a hand please call Doug Savage at 698-2277.

Door Prize Winner

John Stamm was the lucky door prize winner at the October PWC meeting. The prize was a great looking compass donated by the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe. Judd from the Mountain Shoppe donates the door prize to the club each month. Thanks Judd, and congratulations to John.

New Members

The membership of the Peninsula Wilderness Club extends a warm welcome to new members Al Ponessa and Bob & Tricia Nixon.

Doing your part for
recycling?





Poulsbo residents can reach Seabury at 779-5588; Bainbridge Islanders, 842-5696; and the rest of you, 377-3711.

On February 22nd, 23rd, & 24th, there will be a club outing to Garrison Springs Lodge, a small ski-in lodge located 18 miles north of Ellensburg. The normal mid-winter ski-in from the sno-park is 3 miles but can be up to 5 miles during winter storms.

Accommodations at the lodge include bunks in the main house and beds in 3 cozy chalets. Jennifer, the owner, has reserved the entire place for us (12 people). There is also a wood fired sauna for after-ski relaxation. Jennifer's gourmet vegetarian cooking is the best.

There are miles of marked ski trails for all levels with loops of varying lengths. Rates vary depending on which accommodations you choose, but average \$40 per night including dinner and breakfast.

The point of contact for this trip is Doug Savage, 698-2277. Give Doug a call soon if your interested in going. Priority will be given to those wishing to spend both nights. A \$40 deposit per person is required by the December 10th PWC meeting.

Call-in Trail Conditions

Seabury Blair, outdoor writer for the Bremerton Sun, will be providing useful up-to-date information on trail conditions in his Monday column. He has asked that we give him a call whenever we get back from a hike on a nearby trail. He would like to know whether the trail is snowy, muddy, dry, or littered with deadfall.

Northwest Rivers Conference November 17 & 18 Mountaineers Clubhouse, Seattle

"Currents in the Rivers Movement" - a conference on river preservation, restoration, and recreation in the Pacific Northwest. This two day conference will include workshops on the status of state and federal efforts and environmental group activities. Noted author Rod Nash will be a featured speaker and presentations will be given by legislators and environmental leaders. Topics include: Natural history and pollution issues of rivers, restoration efforts, river recreation opportunities, and legal issues shaping rivers. Conference cost: \$25 includes Sat. dinner. Call the NW Rivers Council at (206) 547-7886 for reservations and a complete agenda and brochure.

Late Season Road Conditions

When planning a late season outing to the mountains, it's a good idea to call the district ranger station to assure that the Forest Service roads you intend to use are indeed open for travel. It is not uncommon for backcountry roads to be closed due to timber sales, construction, or mudslides etc. For example, FS 27 to the Mount Townsend trail will be closed for a reconstruction project sometime this winter. Also, FS 2680 to the Tubal Cain Mine trail is scheduled to be gated closed for the winter 3 miles from the trailhead (around the end of November depending on the weather conditions).

New Officers nominated

It's a done deal. Next year's club officers were named at the October meeting when only one person was nominated for each elected position. The new officers will guide PWC through 1991 starting in January.

Vice President Doug Savage will be making the step up to Club President. During his five years as a PWC member, Doug has devoted large amounts of time and energy to the club. When it comes to energy and enthusiasm, Doug has more than enough to go around. His energetic nature is contagious as many PWC'rs will attest.

Doug moved here from Richmond Virginia and currently works at the Shipyard as a Mechanical Engineer. His first love is backpacking but also enjoys skiing, bicycling, and photography. You can count on Doug to keep the club going and growing in 1991.

Club Vice President will be Harry Wilson. Harry has been a PWC member for about three years and is currently Chair of the Twanoh Group Sierra Club. He enjoys day hiking, backpacking, and snowshoeing. Being retired military, Harry spends about 3 days a week doing volunteer work for environmental groups.

Kathy Weigel accepted the nomination for a second term as Secretary. Kathy has been a PWC'r for about 6 years. She enjoys day hiking and backpacking. Kathy is a rural mail carrier in the Port Orchard area and is a mother of three.

Kevin Kilbridge has been the PWC treasurer for the past four years and was nominated

for a fifth term. Needless to say, the club has been quite pleased with Kevin's financial expertise. Kevin's interests include backpacking and cross country skiing. Kevin is employed as a business manager at the Peninsula Lodge, a mental health facility in Bremerton.

North Cascades Loop Trip

By Steve Fohn

With a dusting of new snow in the Cascades and the promise of good weather, Ken Giffin and I set out early Columbus Day morning to do a different kind of day "loop trip". With the Subaru packed with hiking and mountain biking gear, we make the long drive to the Cutthroat Creek trailhead just off the North Cascades Highway.

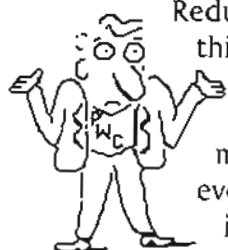
We hiked the gentle 2 mile trail to Cutthroat Lake where we saw the first of many larch trees which glowed brilliant orange when backlit by the sun. The scenery at the lake was superb; sunshine, larch, a dusting of snow, and no bugs or people. From there views broadened and the snow deepened as we climbed 3 1/2 miles to Cutthroat Pass (elev 6860). Standing in calf deep snow and with snow covered peaks all around, it was evident that winter had returned to the North Cascades.

We continued our loop with a hasty 5 mile descent along the Crest Trail to Rainy Pass where our mountain bikes were waiting. With Mountaineering boots in the toe straps, we labored up the highway back to Washington Pass (1000 ft gain in 5 Mi). From there it was an exhilarating high speed (and chilly) 6 mile descent back to the car to complete the 21 mile, 6 hour loop.

It's Not Over Till It's Over

The idea was simple enough: check the "hunting reg's" to find out if (a) hunting season is closed, or (b) hunting season is open, in which case a word of caution would be in order for us hikers.

The first clue that my basic idea was wildly over simplified, was when I obtained a 'Pamphlet Edition' of the Washington Department of Complexity 1990-91 Hunting Seasons and Rules, Regulations, Ordinances, Decrees, Practices, Policies, Axioms, and Rules of Thumbs (unabridged editions available from the Department of



Redundancy Department). Indeed this was a "pamphlet" of colossal proportions; a virtual masterpiece of complexity, meticulously designed to baffle even those with a Master's Degree in Hunting Seasonology.

It was soon clear that hunting season isn't simply open or closed. Oh no! There are infinitely varying degrees of openness or closedness. The elaborate formula for determining the degree of openness for any given instant is based on variables such as the species to be stalked, method of stalking, time of day, the phase of the moon, and (I'm not making this up) the number of foot pounds of energy your weapon delivers at 100 yards using an 85 grain or heavier mushrooming or expanding bullet.

I figure at best there will be a small percentage of hunters with merely average intelligence who will err in calculating foot pounds of energy and will be out there looking for something to kill even if there is a significant degree of closedness to the season. So wear your hottest neon day glow hat and jacket and have a great hike.

Don Paulson

Goat Rocks Wilderness Area

by Lynn Howat

The first weekend of August at the peak of the wildflower bloom, Doug Savage and I spent 4 leisurely days in the Goat Rocks. One can make a 13 mile loop trip which would be a comfortable weekend backpack trip. However, by allowing at least 3 days there's time to scramble up some of the peaks (Gilbert Peak, Mt Ives, and Old Snowy).



We scrambled up the talus slopes of Mt Ives and had lunch in the sun at the top. We then traversed loose talus slopes to Old Snowy only to discover we should have dropped back down to the Pacific Crest Trail and hiked it to the 7600 foot shoulder of Old Snowy. Since I'd inadvertently left my hiking boots at home and was in tennis shoes that weekend, we didn't attempt Mt. Gilbert.

The area is open with spectacular views of Mt Adams, St Helens, and Mt Rainier. The meadows at Snowgrass Flat and parklands above are filled with masses of flowers. I would recommend starting the loop from Berry Patch, up trail 95, via Goat Ridge and Goat Lake, and coming out on the Snowgrass Flat trail. By traveling in that direction, you reach open meadows in about 2 miles. The trails are good, the hiking easy, and the scenery fantastic. As a result, this is not an area where you'll find solitude. However, it's a big area and campers do spread out.



For Sale

Hiking boots, Merrell,
size 10 1/2. Used very little
Roger Gray 373-6642



BACKCOUNTRY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

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| — boots, socks | — backpack, pack cover | — salt, pepper, sugar |
| — running shoes | — daypack, fanny pack | — cooking oil, butter |
| — gaiters, supergaiters | — tent, vestibule, stakes | — spices |
| — overboots | — tent brush, rag | — cold drink mixes |
| — booties, mukluks | — ground cloth, tarp | — hot drink mixes |
| — mitts, gloves | — bivy sack | — alcoholic beverage |
| — hat, visor | — sleeping pad | — vitamins |
| — balaclava, facemask | — sleeping bag | — |
| — bandana | — sleeping bag liner | — |
| — pants | — pillow | — cards, games |
| — shorts | — sit pad | — personal stereo |
| — swimsuit | — | — books, magazines |
| — shirts | — | — guidebooks |
| — long underwear | — first aid kit | — |
| — vest | — prescription medications | — |
| — parka | — water purification | — repair kit, tool kit |
| — insulated pants | — electrolyte tabs or powder | — nylon line, wire |
| — windbreaker, windpants | — toiletries kit | — duct tape, epoxy |
| — raincoat, rainpants | — toilet paper, tampons | — |
| — | — kleenex | — |
| — | — soap, towelettes | — skis, poles, ski boots |
| — flashlight, headlamp | — washcloth, towel | — wax kit, climbing skins |
| — extra batteries | — hand cream | — snowshoes |
| — glasses, contact lenses | — tooth brush, floss | — snow shovel |
| — sunglasses, goggles | — | — avalanche beacon |
| — sunscreen | — | — snow pickets, flukes |
| — lip protection | — stove, fuel | — wands |
| — insect repellent | — matches, lighter | — crampons |
| — handwarmer | — firestarter | — ice axe, basket |
| — knife | — lantern, candles | — ice hammer |
| — maps, map case | — kitchen kit | — helmet |
| — compass | — tableware | — harness |
| — altimeter | — large spoon, turner | — carabiners |
| — signal mirror, flares | — can opener, corkscrew | — rope, slings |
| — radio | — cook pots, cups, plates | — chocks, ice screws |
| — thermometer | — water bottles | — etriers, prussiks |
| — watch, clock | — water bottle insulator | — belay device |
| — monocular, binoculars | — poly bags, aluminum foil | — chalk bag |
| — camera, tripod, film | — scouring pad, sponge | — rock shoes |
| — | — paper towels | — |
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CONSERVATION CORNER



The D.C. Scene... (Judy Guttormsen)

Two bills concerning northwest ancient forests (old growth) are now before congress. The "Ancient Forests Protection Act" (HR4492) would protect corridors connecting ancient forests, creating an "ancient forest reserve system". This "reserve" would include all the remaining old growth (about two million acres) and second growth forest, on national public lands, that links together the pockets of ancient forests. Linking of ancient forests gives wildlife a travel corridor from pocket to pocket of ancient forest. This act would also promote the creation of sustainable forest-based industries from the current timber based industries. The second bill was introduced by Bruce Vento and we are trying to find out more about it. If you are concerned about protecting ancient forests write your Representative and ask them to co-sponsor this bill and urge your Senator to introduce similar legislation.

Another bill, introduced by Congressman Silvio Conte, is the "Antarctic Protection and Conservation Act of 1990" (H.R.3977) and the companion Senate Bill, S.2575. If this legislation is passed it would limit prospecting, exploration, and development of mineral resources by the United States citizens and its jurisdictions. Additionally this bill would mandate the Secretary of State to negotiate with all Antarctic Treaty Parties to enter an agreement to permanently ban Antarctic mineral resource activities by all nations and permanently conserve the environment of Antarctica.

The State Scene... (Rob Shope)

Environmentalists have written Initiative Measure 547 because they are disappointed with the 1990 growth management act. Over 150 outdoor groups, community councils, and grass roots organizations support it. Their motto is: "Let's keep Washington Livable." They want to prevent Washington from becoming "another Los Angeles".

Initiative 547 empowers a 16 member state panel to selectively allocate \$80 million between 1991 and 1996 to those local governments who meet state goals preventing urban sprawl through careful planning. The panel may even stop development in certain extreme cases as a last resort.

Many developers object to the measure. Only 2 members of the panel may derive substantial income through development. The other 14 panel members must have a "demonstrated commitment to protecting the environmental heritage of Washington". Also, Developers will be required to pay impact fees for roads and community infrastructures as they build new areas.

For further information you may contact the headquarters for those sponsoring the initiative at (206) 527-7909, or Secretary of State Ralph Munro's office for a Voter's Pamphlet at (206) 753-7121.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT? CALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL HOTLINE NUMBER 1 800-447-3330.

Did you know that recycling one ton of paper would save enough energy to power the average house for six months?



Enchantment in the Fall

By Don Paulson Oct 5-8, 1990

The windshield wipers could hardly keep up with the torrents of rain as Jay Dee and I headed up Stevens Pass on our way to Enchantment Lakes. Much of the season's first snowfall a few days earlier was now on its way down swollen rivers. The Ranger warned us that the rotten bridge over Mountaineer Creek had been taken out and that fording the knee deep (or worse) water would be required.

We camped near the trailhead under clearing skies. The next morning we were on the trail to Colchuck Lake at the first sign of light. When we reached the dreaded Mountaineer Creek we found a log jam just down stream which afforded an easy and dry crossing. Above Colchuck Lake, the route over Aasgard Pass was quite icy. Several hours of careful route finding brought us safely over the pass to Isolation Lake where we set up camp. I headed for the lake with fly rod in hand but the rod guides quickly turned to ice after only a few casts.

After a troutless dinner, we climbed a nearby peak to watch the sunset. It was a long and cold night as the temperature dipped into the teens. Camera gear and water bottles went in the sleeping bags to keep them from freezing. Jay Dee filled quart size water bottles with boiling water to serve as foot warmers for the night.

The following day we explored the mid and lower Enchantment Lakes area. Cobalt blue skies and golden larch trees created excellent photo opportunities. Some of the smaller lakes and tarns were frozen, and a dusting of new snow covered some areas. We ran into two hearty PWC'rs who were day hiking the entire 26 mile trek across the Enchantments.

After a full day of picture book scenery, we returned to our base camp for another troutless dinner. By this time Jay Dee expressed serious doubts about my fishing abilities and wondered why I had failed to outwit even one trout, given the size of the human brain versus the size of the trout brain. Faced with such irrefutable logic, I cleverly defended my competence by giving him a blank stare and scratching at the matted hair under my wool hat.

Jay Dee, tired from these mental gymnastics, decided to climb nearby Little Annapurna while I headed in the opposite direction for Enchantment Peak. Both peaks provided great vantage points for watching the sunset.

The trip out the next day was not fun. Aasgard pass had iced over even more the last couple of days, making for a difficult climb down. Our legs and feet were thoroughly trashed from the 4400 foot elevation drop to the trailhead, but the good memories will last a lot longer than the aching legs.

Mushroom permits needed

Permits to pick mushrooms in national forests are now required. The free permits allow individuals to take up to 50 pounds of mushrooms for personal or family use and are available at any Olympic National Forest ranger station. Permits aren't required for incidental gathering of fewer than 20 mushrooms.

For permits or information, call the Hoodspport Ranger Station on weekdays, 1-877-5254.

Mountain Shoppe Donations

Here's the list of items generously donated by Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe for the November raffle.

Walrus Solo Plus tent	\$150.00
Gortex Jacket	\$74.95
Gipron Probe 2 piece ski poles	\$69.95
Whisper Lite stove	\$45.95
Zoom head lamp	\$35.00
Outdoor Research hat	\$34.95
Custom Correct map set	\$29.95
Swiss army knife	\$22.95
J/S Springbreak day pack	\$19.50
1.5 liter Stainless cook pot	\$15.99
72" RidgeRest sleeping pad	\$15.95
Candle lantern	\$14.95
Glacier glasses	\$14.95
Bakepacker	\$12.95
J/S 5th Ave. fanny pack	\$12.95
Olympic Mtn. Trail Guide	\$12.95
Pear shaped carabiner	\$12.00
Mt. Shoppe hat	\$11.95

50 Hikes - Mt. Rainier (book)	\$9.95
ERG energy drink	\$9.00
Stuff sack	\$7.50
Hiking socks (2 pair)	\$6.25 ea
Stuff sack	\$5.95
MSR fuel bottles (2 each)	\$5.95 ea
Pack towel	\$4.99
Insect repellent	\$4.99
Aloe Balm chap stick	\$3.75
Water bottle (2 each)	\$3.49 ea
Salt/pepper shaker	\$1.50

THANKS!!

Special thanks goes to Judd and the Mountain Shoppe for the generous donations toward our fund raiser.

Thank you Dale Boyle for hosting the free two day ice climbing seminar in September.

Thanks to Dee Molenaar for conducting the free geological field trip in October.

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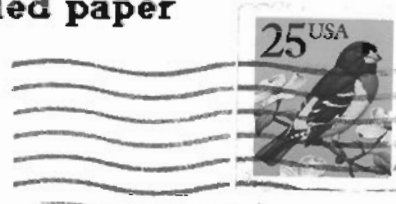
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