



PENWICLE

PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB EVENTS



January 1991

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.

January 14th PWC Meeting

The entertainment for the January 14th PWC meeting will be provided by Marc Fournier. He will speak about and show slides of his recent visit to the Soviet Union.

Marc spent 1 1/2 months mountain climbing and traveling in the Soviet Union. His trip included a climb of the well known Mount Elbrus at 18,500 feet and another 23,500 foot peak.

Perhaps some of you remember Marc when he visited us in 1986 with slides of his climb on Mount McKinley. He was an Olympic Park Ranger at the time and spent his summers at Honeymoon Meadows. Mark now lives in Seattle with his wife, Mariana and we are looking forward to seeing him again.

Doug will be unlocking our meeting place about 7 PM. New and long time PWC's are encouraged to come early and get acquainted before the regular meeting.



Upcoming Activities

Interested Members Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th, 7 PM: There will be an interested members meeting at Doug Savage's house in Illahee. Upcoming events and outings will be planned. Contact Doug at 698-2277 for driving directions.

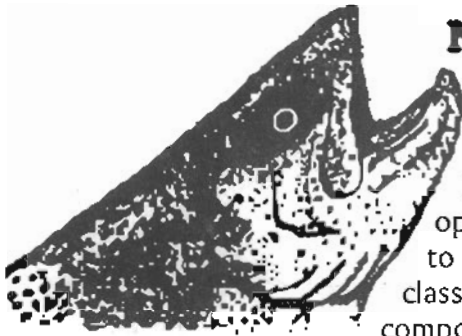
Learn to Turn

Sunday, January 16th: Doug Savage and Dale Boyle will be conducting a cross country ski class for those wishing to learn telemark turning methods. PWC members are welcome to join the

class free of charge. Give Doug a call at 698-2277 or Dale at 692-4014 if interested.

Beginning XC Ski Class

Saturday, February 3rd: Doug Savage and Dale Boyle will be conducting a cross country ski class suitable for beginners. PWC members are welcome to join the class free of charge. Give Doug a call at 698-2277 or Dale at 692-4014 if interested.



Not Mr. Wiggly!

By Don Paulson

I recently had the opportunity to attend a class on composting, one in a series of classes put on by Kitsap Master Recyclers. Much of the article on page 4 was based on information presented in this class.

The speaker, droning on about the role of MO on OM (micro organisms on organic matter), had long since lost my undivided attention. But then a guest speaker was introduced who spoke about "worm ranching", an alternative to composting as a means of getting rid of table scraps.

I was fascinated. The concept, he explained, was based on the book "WORMS EAT MY GARBAGE" (soon to be a best seller). The book explains how to build a worm box and how to keep your worms happy by making a bedding such as moistened newspaper. Just toss in the remains of a melon or yesterday's tossed salad and your new pets will eagerly turn them into highly prized worm castings (worm do-do) and more worms.

Ideas were beginning to form in my mind. Not about worm do-do, but about having all those worms as a ready supply of live bait! No more pawing through the compost for worms, better yet, no more rototilling the compost.

The next day I mentioned the idea of becoming a worm rancher to a fellow angler. Noting my enthusiasm, he expressed his reservations about my idea. He claimed I'd get carried away, and predicted that I'd soon be building

elaborate miniature worm apartments and naming my favorite worms. "And", he warned, "when it comes time to send Mr. Wiggly off to his watery grave, you'll choke up for sure and screw up an otherwise perfectly good fishing trip".

Perhaps it's better to stick with rototilling the compost, that way it keeps things impersonal between you and your worms.

Door Prize Winner

Linda Bothwell had just paid her \$12 annual dues to join PWC when her name was drawn for the December door prize; a set of Gipro telescopic ski poles valued at \$70. Congratulations Linda, and welcome to the Club.

The Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe donates the PWC door prize each month. Thank you Judd for such a generous donation.

New Members

The membership of the Peninsula Wilderness Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members.

Bill Bennett
Linda Bothwell
Carol & Steve Cobb
Linda Corpe
D. Patrick Gleason

The future just ain't what
it used to be.

CONSERVATION CORNER

The Kitsap County Soil Conservation District will be having its annual plant sale March 9, 1991 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. If you have been considering doing some wildlife plantings, windbreaks, privacy screens or just general landscaping this would be a good sale to attend. Most of the plants are bare root and are sold at extremely reasonable rates.

Christmas is coming and along with the season comes all that packaging. Isn't that really just a big litter bag Santa lugs over his back? Now may be the time to consider the three R's of conservation. REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE. Reduce the amount of packaging for presents or buy products with minimal packaging. Reuse packaging materials such as those styrofoam packing peanuts and boxes; some post offices are setting out barrels of packing peanuts for the taking or filling. Reuse gift wrappings and tissues (not the Kleenex variety), boxes, and any other items you can think of. Lastly recycle those items that can no longer be used and next time buy gifts or wrappings that can be recycled.

The following items are accepted at various recycling centers in Kitsap County. 1- Glass, 2- Tin cans, 3 -Aluminum cans, 4- Newspaper, 5- Magazines, 6 -Cardboard, 7 -Plastic Milk & Water Jugs, 8- Plastic Pop and Liquor Bottles, 9 -Ferrous Metal, 10-Non-Ferrous Metal, 11- Appliances, 12-Car Batteries, 13-Office Paper, and 14-Phone Books.

Peninsula Recycling, 306 S. Montgomery Street Bremerton, 373-5378, accepts: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,12,13,14.

Wright Research Foundation, 5040 Lynwood Center Rd. Bainbridge Is. 842-2832, accepts: 1,2,3,4,5,6,10,12,13.

Kingston Recycling, off Bond Rd. 297-4154, accepts: 1,2,3,4,5,6,10,12,13.

Indianola Beach Improvement Club, Indianola, 297-3287, accepts: 1,2,3,4,6,14. Bangor Sub Base (I.D. required), Code N5R, Silverdale, 396-7005, accepts: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,13,14.

Navy City Metals, 3805 State Highway #3 W, Bremerton 373-6595, accepts: 3,9,10,11.

Jim's Auto Wrecking, 23719 Stottlemeyer Rd, Poulsbo, 779-3344, accepts: 3,12, also car bodies.

Olalla Transfer Station, Olalla, 857-5034, accepts: 1,2,4,12.

Used motor oil can be collected in clean containers and then covered. The following businesses accept the oil:

4x4 Shop, 5003 SE State Highway, Port Orchard, 871-6888.

Bethel Garage, 6750 Bethel Rd, Port Orchard, 876-2266.

George's Chevron, 9591 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, 692-1414.

Hansville Repair, 7338 Buck Lake Road, Hansville, 638-2372.

Mike's Westpark Chevrolet, 4399 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, 377-3501.

Sears Auto Center, 10315 NW Silverdale Way, Silverdale, 692-1515.

City of Poulsbo Public works, Behind Poulsbo Library, 779-4078.

Westbay Exxon, 1350 Bay Street Port, Orchard, 876-1355.

Regular batteries should not be thrown out with household trash but disposed as hazardous waste.

Any recycling questions or information about recycling centers in your area can be answered by calling the RECYCLING HOTLINE 1-800-732-9253.

Most of the above information was taken from the "Kitsap County Recycles" brochure available from the Kitsap County Public Works or the library.

Judy Guttormsen



What can I Compost?

By Don Paulson

Anything that was once alive (organic matter) can be composted. Yard wastes such as fallen leaves and grass clippings make excellent compost. However, some organic materials are better left out of your compost.

Meat, bones, and fatty foods (such as cheese, salad dressings, and leftover cooking oil) tend to smell bad and attract rodents and neighborhood dogs. An alternate means of disposal (other than your garbage can) is an "earth bank". Simply bury the wastes at least 8" deep and cover securely.

Large sticks and limbs take too long to decompose unless they are run through a shredder. Weeds with seed heads may cause you problems later if your compost does not get hot enough to kill the seeds. Diseased plants (e.g. fungus), if used, can also cause problems when spreading composted materials on your gardens. These plants can be layed on the ground elsewhere to decompose.

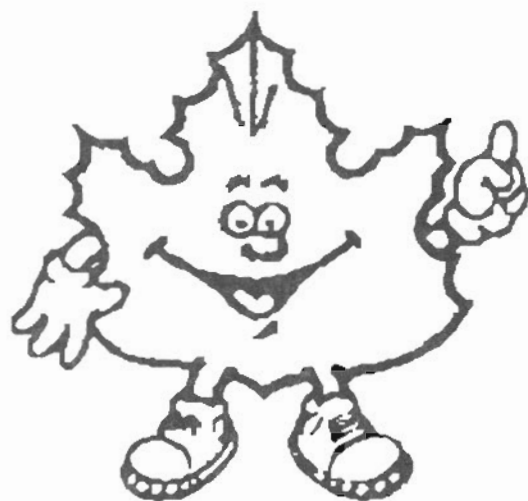
Dog or cat droppings, including kitty litter used by cats, may contain parasites and disease organisms transmittable to humans. Other forms of manure are great sources of nitrogen for your compost. Droppings from your pet rabbit or hamster along with the litter or wood shavings is great.

Shredded newsprint and brown paper bags will compost, but recycling is a better solution to disposal. Do not use colored newspaper or magazines as they contain chemicals which may harm your garden plants.

Kitchen scraps from fruits and vegetables make fine compost. Adding wood ash will

raise the Ph of your compost and is usually helpful for our acidic soils. Other kinds of ash may contain harmful or toxic chemicals.

Layering soil into your compost will provide the micro organisms needed to start the process. Straw or peatmoss can be helpful for aeration. The ideal compost will have approximately even proportions of "green things" such as grass clippings and weeds which supply nitrogen, and "brown things" such as fallen leaves or sawdust which supply carbon.



You Can Make a Difference

Landfills suffer from one inescapable weakness: limited capacity. Yard wastes make up approximately 20% by volume (16% by weight) of the waste stream in Kitsap County. With a combination of waste reduction, recycling, and composting we can extend the life of existing landfills and reduce the resulting environmental damage. Your efforts will make a difference.

Tips for Photographing Snow Scenes

A common problem for photographs of snow scenes is that the snow turns out to be a dirty grey color instead of the white. Here's what's going on and how to fix the problem.

Most cameras have built in exposure meters that measure the amount of light that is reflected from the scene you wish to photograph. Exposure meters are balanced for a typical scene that reflects an average amount of light such as a medium shade of grey. A scene is assumed to be average if 18 percent of the light falling on it is reflected.

Dark objects reflect less light and light objects reflect more light. A snow scene is very reflective, yet the exposure meter will continue to read the scene as if it had average reflectivity (18 percent). The result: underexposure, or gray snow).

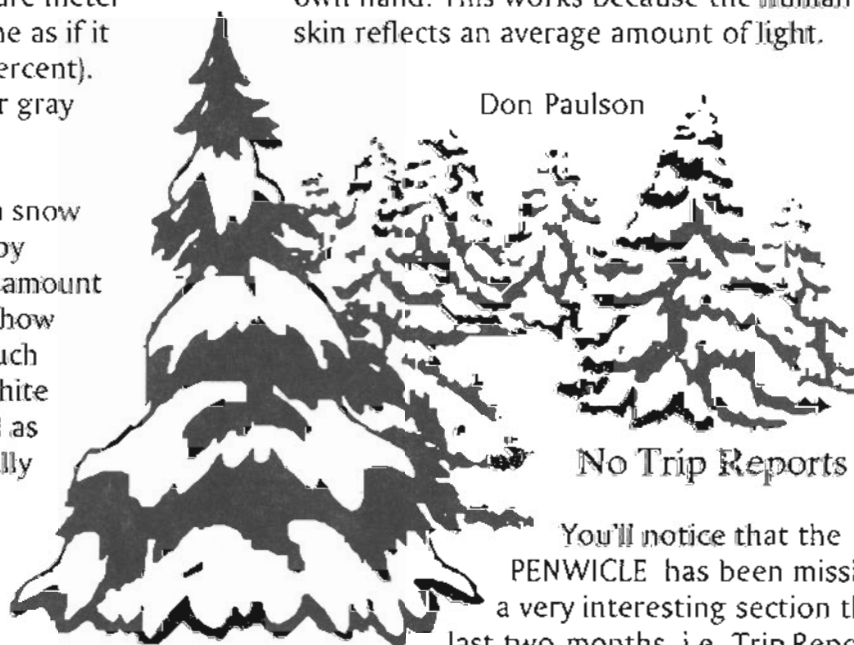
In order to properly expose a snow scene you must compensate by increasing the exposure. The amount of overexposure depends on how bright the scene is or how much snow is in the scene. An all white scene should be overexposed as much as 2 stops. I will generally overexpose a typical snowy mountain scene by 1 to 1 1/2 stops.

The method used for adjusting the amount of overexposure depends upon the features of the camera you are using. Most cameras will have an ISO/ASA setting for setting the camera to the speed of the film to be used. An overexposure can be forced by setting the ISO/ASA setting to a number lower than the actual film speed in use. For example, if ISO 100 film was loaded in the camera, set the ISO/ASA setting to 80. Be sure and reset the

ISO/ASA back to 100 when photographing other scenes.

Some cameras have an over/under exposure control which can be set to +1 or more. Also, opening the F-stop setting of your lens one or more stops than what the meter calls for will also work. A longer shutter speed can be employed as well.

If your scene includes a fellow skier, a good trick is to meter off the subject's face and use that setting, ignoring what your meter indicates when you back up to where you intend to take the photo. Alternately, you can simply use the meter reading off your own hand. This works because the human skin reflects an average amount of light.



You'll notice that the PENWICLE has been missing a very interesting section the last two months, i.e. Trip Reports.

That's because we haven't received any. The membership is interested in learning about your adventures in the outdoors. The PENWICLE is a good way to share information on places to go as well as trail or snow conditions. The best way to submit a Trip Report is to simply give it to me at the monthly meetings. You may also mail it to: Don Paulson, 6720 Lois Dr. NW, Silverdale, Wa 98383, before the 20th of the month.

Toll Free Numbers

EMERGENCY

Poison Control Center.....	1-800 732-6985
Washington State Patrol.....	1-800 283-7807
Oil or Chemical Spills.....	1-800 262-5990
National Emergency Oil Spill Response.....	1-800 424-8802
Forest Fire Report.....	1-800 562-6010
Poaching.....	1-800 477-6224
Whale Strandings or Sightings.....	1-800 562-8832
Drinking & Driving.....	1-800 22 DRUNK

GOVERNMENT & REPORTING

State Government Information.....	1-800 321-2808
State Legislative Hotline.....	1-800 562-6000
Puget Sound Water Quality Authority.....	1-800 54 Sound
Forest Practices Reporting & Permits.....	1-800 527-3305
Citizen Soundkeeper Water Quality Investigation.....	1-800 42-Puget
Red Tide Hotline.....	1-800 562-5632
Litter.....	1-800 548-8377
Hazardous Waste Disposal.....	1-800 633-7585
Underground Storage Tanks.....	1-800 826-7716
Hazardous Waste Cleanup.....	1-800 458-0920

HOUSEHOLD

Consumer Protection.....	1-800 551-4636
Recycling.....	1-800 732-9253
Household Hazardous Waste.....	1-800 732-9253
Woodsmoke Information (Fall & Winter Only).....	1-800 523-4636
Burning Permits.....	1-800 572-5973
Vehicle Emissions Testing.....	1-800 272-3780
Washington Energy Extension Service.....	1-800 962-9731
BPA Home Energy Efficiency.....	1-800 547-6048

SERVICES

Lawyer Referral Service.....	1-800 552-0787
Senior Environmental Corps.....	1-800 243-7890
Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction Project.....	1-800 545-5581
Washington State Ferries.....	1-800 542-0810
Wash. State Parks Reservations, May 1-Labor Day.....	1-800 562-0990

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

Olympic
Air Pollution Authority
1-800-422-5623

Northwest
Air Pollution Authority
1-800-622-4627

Puget Sound
Air Pollution Authority
1-800-552-3565

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