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## PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB EVENTS



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### March 1991

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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.

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### Next Meeting March 11th

The guest speaker for the March 11th PWC meeting is Dave Le Roux from Sequim. Dave will speak to us about efforts to stop a land deal in which much of Miller Peninsula State Park will be traded away to make way for a posh resort.

The Miller Peninsula lies between Discovery Bay and Sequim Bay on the Olympic Peninsula. Mitsubishi Corporation wants to put an 1800 acre posh destination resort there. State officials, anxious for tourist dollars, made a deal in which the heart of the State Park (645 acres of prime view) was traded away for up to a million dollars and 120 acres of interior land. Come to the March meeting to get the rest of the story about this sorry land grab. Also, an article on the subject was published in the February 1991 SIGNPOST.

### Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD: Dale Boyle will be instructing a class on telemark methods at Crystal Mountain. The class will be free to PWC members, but a lift ticket (\$18) will be required. The point of contact for the class is Doug Savage at 698-2277.

### 11th Annual Igloo Trip

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH:

Plan for some great family fun and join Ted Wiles, Larry Thomas, and other PWC members for a day of building Igloos at Paradise on Mt. Rainier. You can stay for just the day or spend the night in your creation. If you and your family are interested in joining this great PWC tradition, call Larry Thomas at 830-4456 or Ted Wiles at 876-5718.



### Interested Members Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH: Doug Savage will be hosting the PWC interested members meeting at his residence in Illahee. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan future PWC events and outings. The meeting will start at 7 PM. Call Doug at 692-2277 if you need driving directions. Hope to see you there.

### Beach Hike or ?

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH: Feel like getting out for a hike and aren't too fussy about where? Join Joe Weigel for a beach hike or a possible alternate hike elsewhere. At this point Joe is open for suggestions. If interested, give Joe a call at 871-0291.

## Upcoming Events (continued)

### Ski Paradise Glacier

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH: Doug Savage will be taking an intermediate level cross country ski trip to the Paradise Glacier. The trip entails climbing the moderately steep Mazama Ridge and then a gradual climb to the Paradise Glacier. The views are breathtaking on a clear day. Interested PWC members are welcome. Call Doug at 698-2277.

### Ice Axe Class on Mt. Ellinor

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD: Doug Savage will conduct a class on how to arrest a fall with an ice axe. The class will be conducted on the flanks of Mount Ellinor and will include a class 3 climb to the summit. Club members who would like to take the class or could assist in instructing should call Doug at 698-2277.

### Overnight Ski Trip to Table Mountain

WEEKEND OF MARCH 23 & 24: Brian Steely is going on an overnight cross country ski camping trip to Table Mountain in the North Cascades. Brian scouted out the trip and has picked a camp spot with spectacular views of Mount Shuksan and Baker. The trip is planned for the full moon so bring your camera. Climbing skins are a must for the climb to the ridge top. If interested in going, call Brian at 373-6494.

## Door Prize Winner

Brian Schladetzky claimed a Sierra Designs wind breaker complete with stuff sack at the last PWC meeting. The door prize is donated each month by the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe. Thanks Judd for the great donation, and congratulations Brian.

## New Members

The Peninsula Wilderness Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

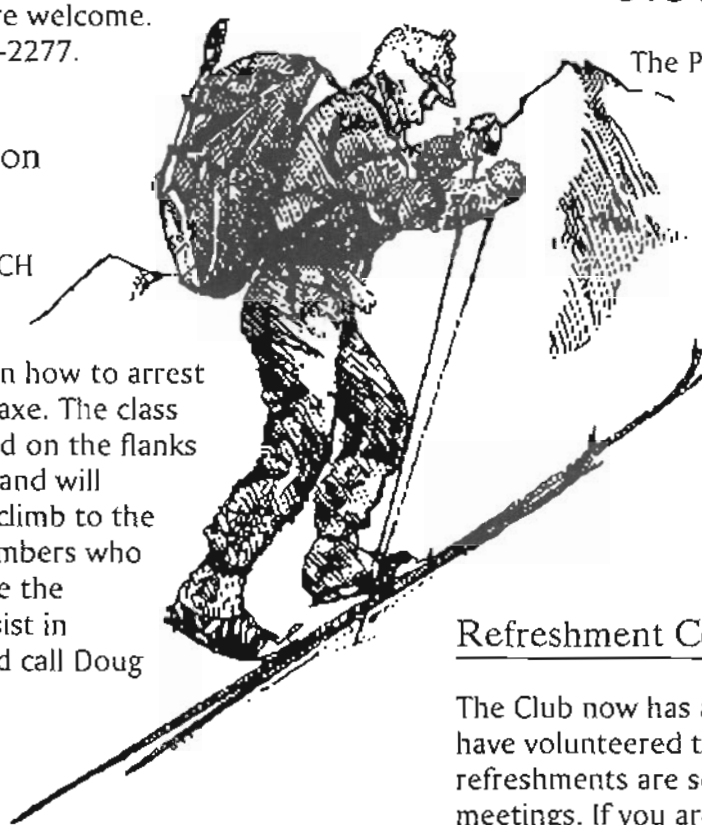
Al Chan  
Chesley Godfrey, Jr.  
Teresa Miller  
Rod Reid  
Sandra Sauer  
Matthew Sinn  
Dave Smith  
Carl & Donna Sprenkel

## Refreshment Committee Formed

The Club now has a group of people who have volunteered to see to it that refreshments are served at our monthly meetings. If you are willing to bring a goodie, or have an idea to share, contact the committee chairperson, Kerwin Lumpkins at 377-5319. Other committee members are Carol Cobb, Sandy Sauer, Janelle Castroni, and Teresa Miller.

### FOR SALE

REI Gortex raincoat & pants, like new, woman's small. \$150 OBO for both.  
Call 377-4507



## Horses in the Park

By Windy McClure

Last August Barb and I took a 3 day backpack trip up to Boulder Lake to explore the area. A man, his son and 3 horses were camped there also, letting their horses munch the vegetation along side the lake.

When I asked him about this practice, he assured me he had a "grazing permit" from the Park and that this was perfectly acceptable. However, when the group moved on, this grazed area was devastated. The grasses and flowers were down to an inch or so and, for the most part, only bare dirt remained. Later we saw them at Happy Lake, the horses munching away in a meadow area there, also.

I took pictures and wrote to the Superintendent of ONP. I asked what is really permitted as the Stock Use Regulations handout is vague in places and what, if anything could I do.

First of all, the Park does not issue "grazing permits" so the guy was feeding me a line. Second, and most important, if you think you have witnessed a violation of stock use regulations, you should contact a Ranger when you come out of the backcountry.

**Editor Note:** Park Regulations for pack animals are somewhat lax when it comes to protecting fragile alpine meadows from grazing damage. Grazing in meadows is not prohibited or restricted, except that pack animals are required to be kept away from streams or lake shores. Packing in unprocessed hay or feed is prohibited because non-native plants may grow as a result. Processed grain or pellet feed is acceptable, but is not required or even encouraged to be used.

Camping regulations for stock users are the same as for all other backcountry users, but there are special regulations regarding the means of confining stock as to avoid permanent damage to the campsite. Local horse clubs do a lot of volunteer work maintaining trails, cleaning camp sites, etc. and as such, are a powerful lobbying force for preserving the fairly unrestricted use of pack animals in the Park.

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## Orcas, Eagles and Islands

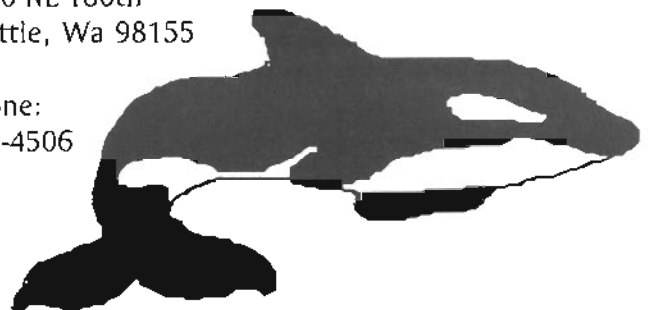
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The week I spent with Northern Lights in August of 1989 was a magical, fun filled adventure. Experiencing Orcas 'up-close and personnel' from a kayak was one of the highlights of the trip. For a brochure, contact:

Northern Lights Expeditions  
5220 NE 180th  
Seattle, Wa 98155

Phone:  
363-4506



## Deer Ridge Hike

By Wendy McClure

January 19 - A hike along the Deer Ridge Trail made Barb, Joanie and me wonder why it took us so long to discover the joys of hiking in January. Patches of snow gave way to extensive stretches of snow where the all up-hill trail rounds a point (about 3.5 miles) and we saw that first great unobstructed view up the Graywolf, Cameron, and Grand Rivers. Hard, crusty snow in the shade made for fairly easy walking but deeper snow in open, exposed areas soon had us post-holing.

Turn around time found us about a mile short of Deer Park so we climbed up to the ridge top and enjoyed perfect weather and splendid views of Mt. Baker, the Cascades, and the Olympics while we ate lunch.

A great hike. The only disappointment of the day was seeing the remnants of a campfire at Slab Camp that included a charred trail sign and outhouse door topped by a beer bottle.

## Pyramid Peak Hike

By Windy McClure

Pyramid Peak was our destination Saturday, February 9th. This trail, up the ridge on the north shore of Crescent Lake leads to a cabin at the summit which was used as an aircraft spotting station during World War II. The trail was still littered with branches and blowdowns from the winter storms so we attempted to clear as much debris as we could. Joanie inadvertently hand delivered a branch over the side with a spectacular cartwheel-style flip into the salal.

There are still big trees down on the trail so we had to go around, over, under, and

through several times. We also found an interesting big pile of scat with small animal bones fragments in it (coyote?).

About a third of the way up, a section of the trail has washed down the mountainside. Footing was tricky but we were able to kick steps into the soft earth. Barb & I had been turned back at this point a couple years ago when the area was very dry as no footholds were possible. It didn't look like any attempt had been made to reconstruct the trail since then.

About two thirds of the way up, there is an unobstructed view of the Straits thanks to a clearcut in the National Forest which borders the Park along the ridge. The fog hovering over the lake cleared while we ate lunch by the cabin so we were rewarded with views of Lake Crescent, Mt. Storm King, Lake Sutherland, Happy Lake Ridge, and Mt. Baker. It was a good winter hike - even if it seemed steeper than I remembered it.

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## A Day on the Ridge

By Don Paulson

On an exceptionally clear day in February, Jay Dee and I got an early start for Hurricane Ridge. Our morning objective was to climb Steeple Rock, two miles out the Obstruction Point Road. The snow was as hard as concrete and we simply walked to the base of the peak without hardly leaving a track in the snow.

Crampons were a must for making the steep ascent to the ridge line. We crossed over to the north side of the ridge and circled around to the summit, thus avoiding the class 5 rock facing the road. We crossed a couple of avalanche tracks on the north slope with jumbles of snow blocks completely frozen in place. I would not

## A Day on the Ridge (continued)

recommend this route in unstable snow conditions.

The views were nothing short of incredible. I've never experienced such unlimited visibility. Jay Dee was itching to head back for some afternoon skiing but patiently waited while I took numerous photographs from the summit.

We were back to the car by noon and were soon speeding down "Chicken Eater Hill" toward the "Toilet Bowl", a steep hill side near the public restrooms for the Hurricane Hill picnic area. The sun had failed to soften the "Puget Plaster" even in the slightest.

The afternoon skiing was tricky at best so I eventually parked on a sunny rock and took a few more photos. Jay Dee, a much more accomplished skier, made graceful arcs down the icy hill side until the lowering sun signaled it was time to head back.

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## Recycle codes for plastics

All plastics are recyclable, but because plans for collection, processing, and secondary use are not in place, some plastics still go in the garbage. There are seven types of plastic resins. A new identifying code, which will be mandatory by 1992, is frequently on the bottom of containers. Here are the seven codes and some primary uses.



PETE or PET (polyethylene terephthalate). All 2-liter pop bottles, many other containers formerly made of glass. Currently being recycled.



HDPE (high-density polyethylene). Milk jugs, detergent bottles, motor oil containers. Currently being recycled.



V (vinyl, polyvinyl chloride). Meat wrappers, many other translucent or clear containers. It is estimated that PVC takes approximately 1,500 years to break down in a landfill.



LDPE (low-density polyethylene). Shopping bags, bread wrappers, shrink wrap packaging. Garbage bags take about 100 years to break down in a landfill.



PP (polypropylene). Margarine tubs, straws, plastic bottle caps, rope, and twine.



PS (polystyrene). Styrene foam cartons, packing peanuts, clear containers for salad, plates, bowls.



OTHER. Hybrid packaging, multilayered, mixed material like squeezable bottles. Decidedly nonrecyclable to date.

Condensed from Sunset Magazine, February 1991.

## RECREATION SUMMIT

Doug Savage will be representing our Club in the Kitsap County Recreation Summit on March 9th. The purpose of the Summit is to begin developing a county-wide vision for parks and recreation. The kinds of recreation facilities needed now and in the future will be discussed. Please contact Doug at 698-2277 if you have a viewpoint that you would like to be expressed at the Summit.

## Tips for Winter Photography

By Don Paulson

A winter trip into the mountains can provide some excellent photographic opportunities, but there are challenges too. In sub-freezing conditions, camera shutters become sluggish and unreliable. Lens diaphragms and auto focus mechanisms stiffen. Batteries for flash units, motor drives, and exposure systems lose efficiency and may fail completely. Cold temperatures may reduce the effective film speed and alter the color balance of color films. In extreme cold, film becomes brittle and may break in the camera.

These adverse effects can be minimized by keeping your film and camera warm under your jacket. It's a good idea to carry extra batteries and keep them warm, since cold temperatures will exaggerate power drain. Lithium batteries have an operating range of

158 to -40 degrees F and may be the best performers in the cold as compared to alkaline or silver-oxide batteries.

Another way to keep your camera working is to attach a small chemical hand warmer to the outside of the battery housing. At night I keep my camera, lenses and film in the bottom of my sleeping bag, keeping things reliable for those sunrise shots you won't want to miss the next morning.

You may want to consider taking a selection of single focal-length lenses such as a 28 mm, 55 mm and 135 mm lenses rather than a zoom lens. A zoom lens may freeze up more quickly than single focal-length lenses because of the extra lubrication and moving parts.

Take lots of film on your next winter adventure, you will find new picture opportunities everywhere you look.

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